



Cathedral Notices.....

NEW LOOK ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL WEBSITE, FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM PAGES Come visit our new website: www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/ like our facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryssydney/ and follow our new Instagram page: [@stmaryscathedralsydney](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryscathedralsydney) for all the up-to-date news and events that will be happening at the Cathedral in 2018!

CATHOLICCARE - Support Coordination helps families with a child living with a disability put in place their NDIS plan. To find out more about CatholicCare's Support Coordination services please call our friendly CCareline Team on **13 18 19** or email connect@catholiccare.org

HOUSEKEEPER - St Francis Xavier Lurnea, Presbytery and office. **5 – 8 hours a week** Days and times negotiable. Cleaning & cooking required. Experience preferred Applications close: **Friday 2 February 2018**. Please contact Mary-Ann on **9607 8760** or admin@sfxlurnea.org.au

SYDNEY MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES - CARE WORKERS NEEDED - Sydney Multicultural Community Services specialises in the provision of support services to members of our multicultural communities. We currently have a number of casual positions available for **Care Workers** who speak a second language to provide support services to older people in their own homes who come from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds (CALD). For more information please phone: **(02) 9663 3922** or email info@sydneymcs.org.au

FEAST DAY OF ST BAKHITA

Sydney Catholics are warmly invited to join the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, at St Mary's Cathedral at **5.30pm** on **8 February** to celebrate the Feast Day of St Bakhita, the patron saint of South Sudan and Human Trafficking.

The Archbishop will also launch the Archdiocese's Anti-Slavery Taskforce, its strategy and initiatives in respect to supply chains, education and wider community engagement, all directed toward the eradication of modern-slavery and human trafficking.

The announcement of the taskforce and its initiatives follows the Archbishop's evidence before the NSW Legislative Council inquiry into human trafficking last year and calls from Pope Francis for increased efforts to end human trafficking and slavery-proof supply chains. The Archbishop is encouraging every parish to mark the feast day of St Bakhita with a Mass on the day for those who cannot attend the cathedral.

TELL YOUR MPs: HANDS OFF OUR FREEDOMS! Take action to defend religious freedom and parental rights over the education their children receive. Contact your local federal MP today to demand your freedoms are protected in any legislation for same-sex marriage. For more information and to contact your MP got to: www.marriagealliance.com.au

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTIONS MORNINGS. Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: **(02) 9646 6908** bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS wanted for adults who are to be baptised or received into the Church at Easter at St Mary's Cathedral. We are looking for mature Catholic adults who are willing to befriend and help new Catholics. Training given. For more information, please contact the RCIA team: godparents@mailforce.net / 0410 659 908 or speak with Fr Emmanuel or Fr Don.

ST VINCENT'S COLLEGE POTTS POINT will be celebrating their 160th Anniversary in 2018. A calendar of events will be published on the website www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au. The College, Ex-Students' Union and the Foundation are working together to document their rich history and conduct the Vinnies' Census of Alumnae and Community. All former students, staff and families are invited and encouraged to participate in the census via www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please phone Amanda on 1800 753 959 or email fundraising@sydneycatholic.org for more information.

ST BAKHITA CENTRE, HOMEBUSH WEST – Childminding volunteers required. Hours: 9.30am – 12.30pm **Wed, Thurs & Fri mornings** during school term. For more information please visit www.stbakhitacentre.com.

EMBRACE, YOUNG ADULTS GROUP. Embrace is St Mary's group for young people of 18-35 yrs old from all cultures and backgrounds. We meet every Sunday after the 6.00pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral House, adjacent to the Cathedral. Our activities and youth projects are designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of our faith. Embrace will commence its weekly meetings on **4 February**. You are welcome to join. For additional information: embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

FREE SUNDAY TOUR OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL. Our tour guides would love to take you through the history of our mother church in Sydney for Australian Catholics with a free tour every Sunday after the 10.30am Solemn Choral Mass. Please look out for the tour guide next to the organ console after Mass. All welcome!

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES is looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. For more information and application forms please contact The Manager NFS (02) 9509 1222.

"WALK WITH ME" - Verbum Dei Missionaries Lent retreat: **Sunday, 11 February** 9.30am – 3.00pm. **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville** and cost \$30. Please BYO lunch. For more information contact Kylie 0403 453 620 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com.

PALMS ENCOUNTERS are ethically run group tours that provide participants with authentic, hard to come by experiences. The tours have been carefully designed to give you an insight into the daily life of people of another culture, an understanding of sustainable approaches to reducing poverty, and an insight into the life and work of Palms development volunteers. We still have **limited places** available for our next trip to **Timor-Leste 11-23 March** if you book by **5pm Thursday 25 January**. Please contact Palms on 02 9560 5333 or see www.palms.org.au/encounters