

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

LIVING AND SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A GROWING PARISH FAMILY

Alfords Point Bangor Barden Ridge Illawong Lucas Heights Menai Woronora West



## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3 August 2025 Year C/1—Divine office Psalter Week 2

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes  
(Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23)

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised,

or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 12:13-21)

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Parish Office hours:**  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 4pm

**Mass Timings:**  
Weekday: Tue - Sat 9.15am  
1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm  
Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm  
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

**Blessed Sacrament Exposition**

Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am  
Fri - 8.30am Laud's music  
8.45am Divine Mercy Chaplet  
9am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)

**Lauds** Tue, Wed and Thu - 8.45am

**Reconciliation:** Sat: 4.30 - 5.15pm  
Or by appointment.

**Holy Communion or Visit at Home:**  
Please contact the parish office to arrange a time.

**Baptisms:** 1st Sunday during 10am Mass and every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11.15am (no baptisms during Lent)

**Baptism Preparation Program:**  
11am on the 1st Sat of each month.

*In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our Holy Family community:*

Finley(2year old), Patrick O'Sullivan, Robert Haymes, Lila Diakos, Doris Attard, Lena Galdes, Marko Petrak, Peter Kaye, Lynette Rocca, Marie Gonsalvez, Victoriano Mendoza, Jan Kurianski, Bernadette O'Brien, Ivan David, Tony Trainor, Ilse Von Stamm, Anthony Mifsud, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Sandra Thomas, Frances Rupolo, Matthew McLachlan, Mark F, Robbert A, Carlos Simoes, Beatrice Gonsalvez, Matilda Oliver-Nalder, Angela Symons, Carol Galdes, Julie Gonsalvez, Robert Nicholls, Brad Jory, Jayden, Natividad Sora, Bernard Aclan, Julius Aclan, Jean Aclan, Geoff Eastgate, Joanne Mannah and Chris Halvey.

*We remember those whose Anniversaries and Special Prayers have been requested :*

Peter Damian Netto, Theo Fernandes, Faten Harb, Gary McGuiness, Joseph and Nancy Doyle, Izabela Domino, Wladyslaw Domino, Janina Kwiatkowska, Stanislaw Kwiatkowski, Widad Francis, Marilyn Nicholls, Johanna Nicholls, Barry Walley, Justin Oliffe, Ken Howell, Peter Howlett, Bruce Tyson, Joseph Alam, Angela Marinucci , Arturo Marinucci ,George Gioiello, Wilfred D'Souza, Canale Family, Philippe Senat, Paul O'Sullivan, Eugene Doherty and Julia Gawlowski.

*Recently Deceased.*

Fr Chris Riley, Michael Fallon, Anne Colthart, Maria Guidi, Janet Haymes, and Amy McLachlan Wright.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. - Amen -*

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

**(all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**You have given us, O Lord,  
bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights  
and sweetness in every  
taste.**

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

## PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

# What's on at Holy Family Parish

† **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** - Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am

† **Morning Prayer (Lauds)** - Tue - Thu 8.45am.

† **Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** - Fri 8.45am

1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)

† **Rosary** - Sat - 8.45am.

† **Mass** - Tue - Sat 9.15am, during Lent Wed 7.30pm and Fri 7pm (Confession available during Adoration)

† **Children's Liturgy** - Sun - 8.30am Mass (Not during school holidays)

† **Daily Rosary, Rosary** at 8-8.30pm on Zoom, please text (ROSARY) to 0418 433 333 to receive the link.

**St Vincent de Paul meeting** - Tue 12 August, 7pm

**Parish Pastoral meeting** - Tue 19 August, 7.30pm

**St Vincent de Paul meeting** - Sat 23 August, 3pm

## THE Catholic Weekly

SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST 2025

### PULPIT POINTS

- ♦ Experts mourn the closure of UK Anscombe Bioethics Centre
- ♦ Joy as two new Jesuits are ordained in Sydney
- ♦ Senators pay papal tributes as parliament opens
- ♦ Deaf community delighted by Alpha launch in Auslan
- ♦ Don't just take photos: encounter Christ, Pope Leo tells pilgrims
- ♦ Opinion: Court-ordered abortion for 12 year old is doubly tragic

Available to purchase in the foyer. **Only \$2 please leave the money in the box provided.** Thank you.

### TAX RECEIPTS

It's tax time!...and this means it's time for us to distribute annual tax receipts for giving and donations to our planned givers. Receipts can be emailed to parishioners or collected from Parish office. Either way, if you would like a copy of your tax receipt please email [admin@holymenai.org.au](mailto:admin@holymenai.org.au) Thank you.



### READERS NEEDED FOR MASS

Ideally, we would like to have **3 readers** for each Mass.

If you're interested in reading, please:

- Put your name down for any Mass that currently has **only 2 readers**, or
- **Contact Emma Gioiello directly at 0416 247 912**

**Thank you so much for your support!**

*Emma Gioiello*



**The Gospel of John Bible Study** continues on

**Friday 8th August at 7.30pm.**

*Chapter 10*

Speaker will be **Adrian D'Mello.**

| ROSTER FOR<br>9/10 AUGUST<br>(2ND WEEKEND)<br>19TH SUNDAY IN<br>ORDINARY TIME |                           | 5.30pm                                      | 8:30am  | 10am                                   | OTHER   |
|---|---------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|   | ACOLYTES/<br>SERVERS      | Ivan David                                  | Acolyte Needed                                    | Adrian D'Mello                         | Counters:<br>Allen Oliver's Team              |
|   | READERS                   | Luce Dunn<br>Hastie Family<br>Bridget Nappa | Allen Oliver<br>Maguy Nakhl<br>Georgette Roumanos | Julie or Michael Monk<br>John Shanahan | Children's Liturgy:<br>Michelle and Sophie    |
|   | COMMENTATOR<br>/ANNOUNCER | Lesley David                                | Jeff Low  | Emma Gioiello                          | Aeralife Aged Care:<br>Adam                   |
|   | WARDENS                   | Charlie Zammit/Benny Falls                  | George Szymura/Jim Montague                       | Cosimo Gioiello                        | Barden Lodge Aged Care:<br>Linda and Margaret |
|   | MUSICIANS                 | Parish Choir                                | Jeff and Sue Low                                  | Emma (PowerPoint MP3)                  |   |
|   | PIETY STALL               | Michelle                                    | Roslyn  | Dianna                                 |   |



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



## National Vocations Awareness Week

Fr Daniel Russo, Director of Vocations in the Archdiocese of Sydney at the request of our Archbishop Anthony Fisher, is trying to build up a culture of vocations in our Archdiocese and in our parishes. As Australia (Sydney) is looking forward to hosting the 54<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, we are reminded of the precious place of the priesthood in the life of the Church. It is from the hands of the priest that we receive the Eucharist, and it is before the Eucharist that we pray for priests.

The work of promoting vocations is not only the duty of the priests but every baptized Catholic. Our voice can become His instrument in the calling of a young man to the priesthood or in inviting the Church to pray for more priestly vocations.

Towards this our parish will specially pray for new vocations for priesthood and pray for our seminarians at Good Shepherd Seminary at Homebush in the Masses during the Weekend and weekday masses with a VOTIVE CANDLE FOR VOCATIONS.

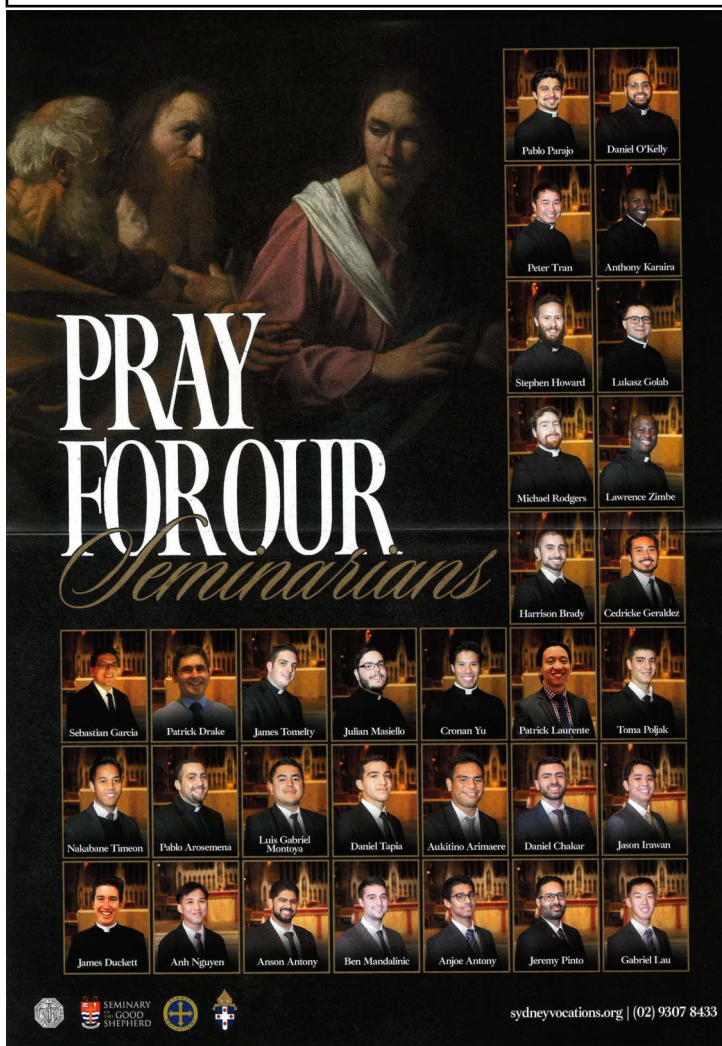
## Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

God our Father,  
From eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son  
to be the High Priest of the human race.  
Pour forth, we beseech You,  
Your Holy Spirit upon our families,  
that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied.  
Lord Jesus, give us holy priests:  
To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass;  
To lead the little ones to You;  
To strengthen the faith of believers;  
To preach the Gospel to all peoples;  
To bring forgiveness to sinners;  
To feed souls the Bread of Life;  
To comfort the suffering & dying, and  
To spread Your Kingdom in our midst.  
Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and  
obtain for us an increase of holy priests.

Amen



[sydneyvocations.org](http://sydneyvocations.org) | (02) 9307 8433



## NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

### FAMILY DAY

### ST KEVIN'S EASTWOOD

AUGUST 3RD

9.30AM HOLY MASS

10.30AM BBQ & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

12.30PM FATHERS VERSUS SPIRITUAL FATHERS SOCCER GAME

## PILGRIMAGE FOR VOCATIONS

AUGUST 9TH

9AM HOLY MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

10AM START OF THE PILGRIMAGE

12PM ARRIVE AT MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

12.30PM PICNIC NEAR LAVENDER BAY (BYO LUNCH)

## SPOUSE OF THE CHURCH

MEN'S SILENT DISCERNMENT RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 26-28

ST MARY'S TOWERS, DOUGLAS PARK

DIRECTED BY FR JOHN BURNS AND FR DANIELE RUSSO





# Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

2 and 3 August 2025

The CWF is the charity of the Catholic community in Sydney and your local parish. Together, we bring hope and care to those who need it most.



Give generously.  
Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.

To donate:  
Scan the QR code  
Visit: [www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf)  
Call: 1800 753 959  
Or complete the parish envelope.

Scan to Give



**Menai Parish Target is \$11,300**



## Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

### Our Pilgrimage to Mount Schoenstatt Shrine

230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

A Day of Renewal, Reflection, and Spiritual Growth

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

#### Program Schedule:

- 9:00AM - Depart Holy Family Car Park by bus
- 11:00 AM - Arrival  
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Shrine*  
*Confessions available in the Pilgrim Centre*
- 11:30 AM - Holy Mass (in the Shrine)
- 12:30 PM - Lunch (served in the Pilgrim Centre)
- 1:30 PM - Talk  
*Presented by a Schoenstatt Sister in the Pilgrim Centre*
- 2:00 PM - Free Time  
*(Explore the grounds, pray the Stations of the Cross, or rest in quiet reflection)*
- 3:00 PM - Rosary (in the Shrine)
- Approx. 4:00 PM - Departure
- Arrive approximately 5:00PM back to Holy Family Car Park



Cost: \$25

**Minimum 15 people required to book.**

Please register your interest by 24<sup>th</sup> August, so we can confirm numbers and secure the group booking. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

*All are welcome - come and be renewed in hope.*

Our thanks go to all who opened their hearts and gave generously to the **Holy Father's Appeal**. Through your gift, you have given hope to those in most need of our compassion.

If you missed our appeal weekend, it is not too late to give.

### 3 Ways to Donate

#### 1) Scan to give



#### 2) Online:

[www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal)

#### 3) Phone: 1800 753 959

## Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH MENAI

## Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy

In honour of Our Lady of Fatima



### Monday 13 October

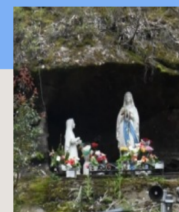
Cost \$25 per person

#### Program

- 8am Depart Holy Family car park
- 10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
- 10:30am Rosary
- 11am Solemn Mass
- 12 noon Lunch BYO
- 1:30 pm Eucharistic Procession to the Grotto while reciting the Rosary.
- 2pm Prayers and Devotions at the Grotto, and blessing of pilgrims.
- 3pm Return to bus.

Please register your interest by 15<sup>th</sup> September, so we can confirm numbers and secure the bus. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

Join us in a spiritual journey to Penrose Park.





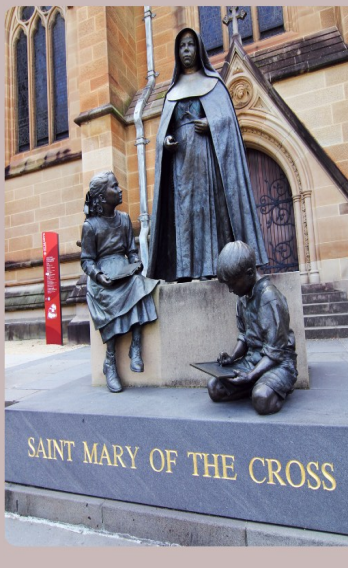
Please join us to

## CELEBRATING ST. MARY OF THE CROSS SOLEMNITY

Friday 8 August

Masses at 9.15am & 7pm

Honoring St. Mary of the Cross,  
a special day in the church  
calendar for her significant  
contributions and impact.



## JOIN US FOR ALPHA NIGHT!



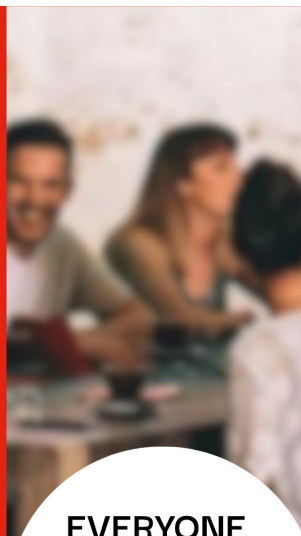
### DISCOVER A WARM AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Come and see what  
we're all about  
on

**Wednesday, 13th  
August at 7pm.**

**'A taste of Alpha' for  
all who would like to  
understand what  
Alpha is.**

Includes: fingerfood, wine,  
cheese, video and  
discussion



**EVERYONE  
IS  
WELCOME!**

FOR CATERING  
PURPOSES, PLEASE  
REGISTER YOUR  
INTEREST ON THE SIGN  
UP SHEET IN THE FOYER.  
THANK YOU.

## SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING



at all Masses this weekend 2/3 August,  
for all couples celebrating their Wedding  
Anniversary during the month of August.



## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY | 15, AUGUST | MASSES AT 9.15AM & 7PM

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Please join us*



*Holy Family Catholic Church Menai,  
1D Anzac Road, Menai 2234*

# Teachers Mass

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August  
5:30pm Vigil Mass**

**Welcome Bishop Tony Percy**

**Join us and the teachers in our parish as we  
pray for them and their important vocation.**



**SYDNEY  
SYNOD**  
2026  
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

ARCHBISHOP FISHER HAS CONVOKED AN ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD FOR 2026 IN RESPONSE TO HOLY SPIRIT-INSPIRED LONGINGS FROM SYDNEY CATHOLICS FOR **MORE PRAYERFUL LITURGIES, MORE CHRIST-CENTRED COMMUNITIES, AND A MORE MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCH.**

IN PREPARATION, THE ARCHBISHOP INVITES YOU TO SHARE YOUR POSITIVE, FAITHFUL, AND PRACTICAL IDEAS ON HOW THESE LONGINGS CAN BE MET, BY ATTENDING ANY OF THE **THREE REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS:**

**SATURDAY 30 AUGUST 9AM - 12PM, HOLY FAMILY MENAI (JP11 HALL)**

**TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 6 - 9PM, CATHEDRAL**

**THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 6 - 9PM, LIVERPOOL**

**TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER:** BROCHURES AND PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME IN THE FOYER.