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Sunday, 28 January 2018
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This Friday, 2nd February, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commemorating the bringing of the Christ-child into the temple in Jerusalem. It is customary on that day to bless the candles that will be used in prayer through the year. If you wish, you may bring to the Cathedral on Friday your candles from home you that you will light for family or individual prayers during the year, and have them blessed at the beginning of the 5.30pm Mass.

I am excited to say that I am hoping to lead a Cathedral pilgrimage to Rome in May this year . Exact dates and costs will be available very soon, but we're looking at around 15 to 22 May (with Pentecost Sunday in Rome), visiting various Basilicas and churches, the papal apartments at Castelgandolfo, the Vatican gardens, and the Titular churches of some our former Cardinal Archbishops of Sydney: Santa Maria in Vallicella (one of the largest and most beautiful churches in Rome, which was assigned to Cardinal Clancy) and the Church of the Four Crowned Martyrs (one of Rome's oldest, which was assigned to Cardinal Gilroy.) And we may have an optional extra couple of days to visit to Padua and Venice. Cost will be in the order of \$2,000 plus airfares. If you're interested in coming along, you could leave your contact details with the Cathedral office, so that we can forward to you more precise details as soon as available.

I hope and pray this week, when school starts back and trains and roads may be "challenging," will not be too stressful for you all.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading Dt 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

**The word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God!**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Liturgy...

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!



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Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12noon Latin Mass in the extraordinary form; 6.00pm Mass
Weekday Mass	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
Reconciliation	Monday-Friday: 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 5.25pm Saturday 11.30am- 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Monday to Thursday: 5.00pm; Saturday 5.30pm; Sunday 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacraments) NOTE: There are <u>NO</u> Weekday Vespers during the month of January.

****COELIACS: Special Provision is made for Coeliacs at the Cathedral. Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion either from the Chalice or with a gluten low host. Application should be made to the Sacristan before Mass.**