



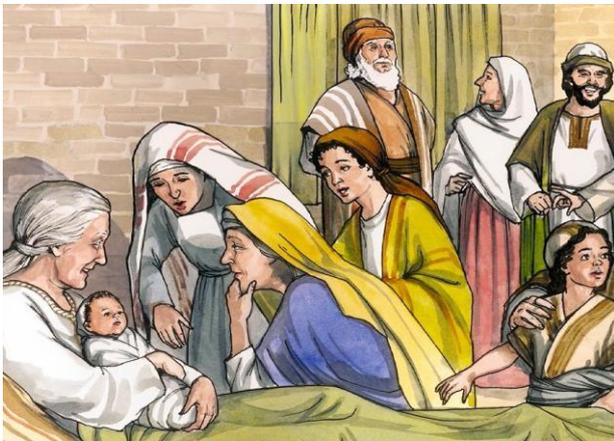
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Sunday, 24 June 2018

The Nativity Of Saint John The Baptist



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Today's liturgical commemoration of the Birth of John the Baptist reminds us that it is only six months to go until Christmas.... but well before then, there are several events coming up that I would like to draw to your notice:

29th June is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, a feast day when we especially celebrate our communion with the Church of Rome founded on these two Apostles;

30th June will be a special celebration for our neighbours in St Peter's parish, Surry hills as they celebrate their Centenary. Details are given elsewhere in this bulletin;

1st July is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday when we especially acknowledge and celebrate the traditional owners of the land where we live and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation;

8th July is our Annual Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows, which will take place at the 10.30 Mass that Sunday. Again, further details are given elsewhere in the bulletin.

The coming and going of these special days and anniversaries, however, should not lull us into a false sense of security. St John the Baptist cries out “Christ is coming!” There are some reading these words who will be dead before Christmas. The time to repent of sin and live a holy life is today, not tomorrow.

With those happy thoughts, may you have a blessed week ahead!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean



Liturgy...

First Reading Is 49:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name. He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing'; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Liturgy...

Responsorial Psalm Ps 138:1-3. 13-15. R. v.14

(R.) I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

1. O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you. (R.)

2. For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation. (R.)

3. Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth. (R.)



Second Reading Acts 13:22-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, "I have elected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Liturgy...

Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:76

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

Alleluia!



Gospel Lk 1:57-66. 80

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

John is his name.

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ





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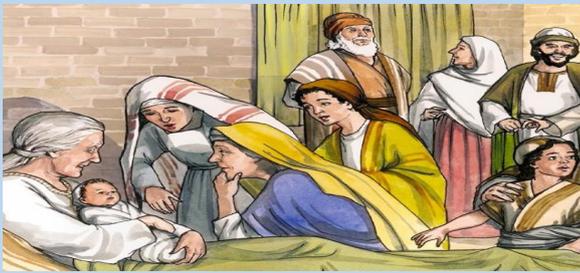
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Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12noon Latin Mass in the extraordinary form; 6.00pm Mass
Weekday Mass	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (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 Sacrament)

****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.**



CATHEDRAL NOTICES

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS SERIES.

Wednesday, 04 July 7.00pm - The concert series continues with our own Simon Niemiński (organ) joined by Anna Sandstrom (soprano.) Anna helps to train our probationer choristers, as well as being a singer with an international reputation. Music by Handel, Purcell and Vierne, and some Americana for the 4th July: Copland, Gershwin, and more! Our first concert of 2018 had an audience of around 200, including many parishioners, and we are grateful for your support! **Free admission.**

TOURS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL:

Our tour guides would love to take you through the history of our mother church in Sydney on **weekdays at 10am, 10.30am and a visit at 1.45pm or 2pm.** Please give the Cathedral office a call on **(02) 9220 0400** to book your tour. Please note: minimum tour group numbers of 10 required; also no tours on Fridays as the Crypt can be closed at short notice.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

NSW Invites you to a Formation Day with the inspired preacher Fr. Roni George of the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby on **June 30, from 10 am to 4 pm.** Theme; "Three Major Weapons in His Vineyard". **St. Joseph's Church Hall, Gordon St. Rozelle. Register by 27 June** at CCR Centre **9810 2499** or **email@ccrnsw.org.au.** Cost by donation. Lunch provided

ST. PETER'S SURRY HILLS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS. Join us at some special events! Beginning on the **30 June** with a Centenary Parish Dinner **6.30pm** followed by a concert on **01 July: 3pm.** Concert featuring Charpentier's Te Deum and selected Petrine works. St Peter's Choir and Soloists with Artes Christi and orchestra. <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=387811&> All events at **St Peter's Parish Church, 235 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills 2010.**

WORLD YOUTH JANUARY 2019. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to pre-register for the WYD2019 Panama via Washington DC pilgrimage, which will be led by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Pilgrims wishing to accept the offer of a subsidy need to pre-register by depositing a minimum, non-refundable deposit of \$1,000. The deposit will confirm your place on the pilgrimage. The Archdiocese will then add \$1,000 to your account. The Indicative cost of the pilgrimage is \$8,686. For pilgrims considering the optional Mexico extension, the indicative total cost is \$9,786. Note that should the pilgrimage not go ahead as planned, all deposits shall be returned in full. For more information and deposit details please contact [abbel.gaspi;@svdneycatholic.org](mailto:abbel.gaspi@svdneycatholic.org).

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 at St Mary's Cathedral House, adjacent to the Cathedral, after the 6.00pm Mass.** Our activities and youth projects are designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of our faith. For **24 June**, Embrace will celebrate their fellowship in the Church with a group dinner You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

2018 HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL Our parish will hold the Holy Father's Appeal next weekend for which we'll ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

"A DAY OF HEALING" with Sr Margaret Scully RSC. **Saturday, 14 July 2018.** 9am to 4.30pm **Cost: Free.** Tea and coffee provided. Bring your own lunch. Catholic Charismatic Renewal centre. 19A Quirk St. Rozelle. Sydney. Prayer for Inner healing, Healing of the family tree, The healing Power of Forgiveness. **Registration essential:** CCR Centre: **9810 2499** or email: mccully@ccrnsw.org.au.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – 21-26 AUGUST 2018 Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from **21-26 August 2018**. Guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”. Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. For further information: <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life’s changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. **Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm** Morning tea provided. For further information, please contact **96466908** or email bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS. The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday, 08 July** at **St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney**, at **10.30 am**. All married couples are welcome. Please register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP: Applications now open. The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 23rd July 2018. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

LESSONS FROM THE LONG PADDOCK WORKSHOP Lessons from the Long Paddock offers perspectives from outback and rural NSW on faith and spiritual life. Fr Richard Leonard SJ, Sr Michele Connolly RSJ and Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE reflect on stories from people in the Diocese and explore the lived experiences of faith in the bush. **Thursday, 09 August 2018 9.30am - 12.30** at the Ron Dyer Centre Our Lady of the Way Parish, St Mary’s North Sydney - Admission Free. For enquiries ring Kate Englebrecht on 0420 309 689 or visit <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au> for more information.

CATHOLICCARE SYDNEY Could you provide short-term help for long-term memories? As a new agency combining the strengths of Marist 180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more come to our information night Tuesday, **03 July 2018**, 5.30-8.00pm Suite 301, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St, Bankstown NSW 2200. Ring **CCareline** on **13 18 19** to reserve your place.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY Applications are invited for the position of Executive Assistant to the General Counsel (Maternity Leave cover – 12 months) For further information, the advertisements for these positions can be viewed at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

CHIEF OPERATIONS MANAGER, DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG. Full-time position and based in Wollongong. For further information, please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close **Monday, 2 July 2018**.

CATHOLICCARE SYDNEY Join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team to raise funds for CatholicCare Sydney’s HOPE program in this year’s City2Surf. We’re aiming to raise \$75,000 to help vulnerable young mothers and their babies. Challenge yourself and run for HOPE! Register online at <https://fundraise.catholiccare.org/city2surf> and join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team today! For further information please contact Ashleigh Green on 0419 954 839 or at community@catholiccare.org.au