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Sunday, 12 Aug 2018
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Today I am writing about money, as pastors sometimes do. But first let me remind you that this Wednesday, 15th August, is Assumption Day, and is a Holy Day of Obligation, so you must attend Mass. For those who live or work in the city, Masses at the Cathedral will be at 6.45am, 1.10pm and 5.30pm.

Special Appeal

- Last Wednesday was the feast of St Mary of the Cross

(MacKillop), and so it is timely that this weekend we are having an Appeal for Mary MacKillop International, the international aid and development agency of the Sisters of St Joseph.

- St Mary MacKillop and her Sisters of St Joseph served all over Australia; St Mary's legacy has been taken to some of the most remote parts of Australia and beyond our shores in Timor-Leste, Peru and Papua New Guinea. Through tertiary scholarships for Indigenous Students, teacher training, parent education and the development of literacy resources, Mary MacKillop International are opening up doors of education, promoting good health and opportunities for creating a sustainable income for those the most neglected parts of God's vineyard.
- You will find special envelopes available for this collection.

Cashless Donation

- Since being appointed Dean of the Cathedral I have been looking at ways to make it easier for you, parishioners and visitors, to offer financial support. We all carry around less cash than we used to, and have grown more and more used to paying electronically or by card.
- I am pleased to announce that we are introducing “tap and go” donation terminals in the cathedral to make it easy for visitors, worshippers, and tourists, to make a donation to St Mary’s Cathedral. These terminals will be near the votive candles, where you can make a \$2 donation per “tap”, and near the doors and some other places, where you can donate \$5 per “tap” of your credit card. (You may, of course, tap more than once!)
- Soon we will also have “tap and go” collection plates at Mass, so that you can either put cash in the plate or tap your card on the plate to make your contribution. Some people may take a while to get used to this technology inside a church, but I think it is absolutely vital that we provide you with these options for making your offerings to support the ministry and the maintenance of St Mary’s Cathedral.

God bless,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean



Liturgy...

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Liturgy...

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*

2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. *(R.)*

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. *(R.)*

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. *(R.)*



Second Reading Eph 4:30 – 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



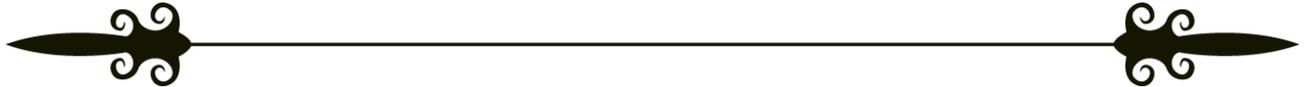
Liturgy...

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!



Gospel Jn 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ





CATHEDRAL CLERGY

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 Father Donald Richardson, Dean
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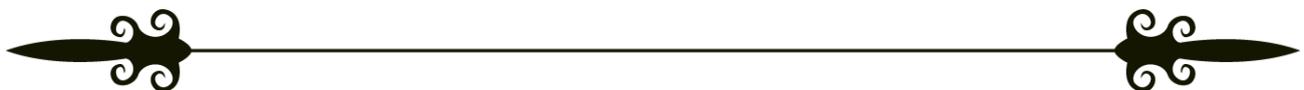
CATHEDRAL STAFF

*Chris Backhouse- Cathedral Sacristan
 Thomas Wilson – Director of Music
 Helen Morassut – General Manager, St Marys
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A COPY OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$2

Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12.15pm 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 - 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

CITY2SURF ROAD CLOSURE, 12 August 2018 – City of Sydney Notice: Major roads along the event course will be closed. Key roads around the start line including **College St and Macquarie St will be closed between 3:30am and 11am. Park St and William St will be closed between 3:30am and 12midday** Access across key intersections along the course will be available until 7:30am on William St at Crown St, Darlinghurst. After this time there is no entry or exit until roads have reopened. Darlinghurst Rd and Victoria St will remain open. Please familiarise yourself with the road closure and clearway locations and timings before heading out for the day. If you need to drive on event day ensure you park your vehicle outside of the event course as vehicles entering or parked on closed roads will be fined. For more information visit **www.livetraffic.com or call 132 701.** For all event enquiries or concerns, contact the **Event Information Line on 1800 555 514.**

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN. Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual *Memorial Mass for the Unborn* on **Wednesday, 29 August - 7.00pm** at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 74 candles will be bought forward in remembrance of the 74 lives lost to abortion

each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: **9307 8400** or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Statement on Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Fees

As Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS), I wish to assure all families considering a Catholic education for their children of the following three key priorities.

As a system of schools, we are committed to maintaining low-fee affordability for all families seeking an enrolment in a systemic school in the Archdiocese.

The Board of Sydney Catholic Schools has determined to keep fee increases to a minimum. We anticipate that over the next three years, increases across the system will be on average three to four per cent, with lower increases in the areas of greatest need.

The Archdiocesan Catholic Education Foundation provides significant fee assistance (bursaries) to eligible Catholic families who require fee relief. Some criteria for low income families could include those who live in government housing and are on a Centrelink healthcard. Bursaries are also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and refugee families.

To enquire about enrolment at your local Catholic school, or to find out more about our bursary and fee assistance program, please contact the school Principal who will be pleased to talk to you about a Catholic school education for your child.

With warmest wishes

Dr Dan White
Executive Director: Sydney Catholic Schools

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 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;@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org).

TOUR 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 email the Cathedral office info@stmaryscathedral.org.au 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.

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 **12 August**, Embrace will hear Fr Emmanuel's vocations story then view the movie: *The Blood and The Rose - a movie on Our Lady of Guadalupe*. You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.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/>.

WRITE TO SENATORS TO OPPOSE

EUTHANASIA. The Senate will this week vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the

Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message

<http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

LIFECHOICE AUSTRALIA is running pro-life training for young people on **Saturday, 25 August**. Two international speakers will run the workshops - Brendan Malone from New Zealand and Lia Mills from Canada. This will be a great opportunity for young people to learn how to argue against abortion with intelligence and compassion. Tickets are only \$30 and the event will be held in Sydney. More information and to **register:** www.LifeChoice.org.au.

SOCIAL JUSTICE – Tridiocesan Celebration.

Join Catholics from the Archdiocese of Sydney, Parramatta Diocese and the Diocese of Broken Bay for a prayerful dinner event to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the theme of this year's Social Justice Statement: *"Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy"*. **22 August 2018, 6.30pm – 9.00pm. Venue:** Caroline Chisholm Centre, Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills (entry via City View Rd). **RSVP: 16 Aug 2018** (indicate dietary requirement). Free, limited space bookings essential to your respective diocesan staff member: kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org, louise.mckeogh@parracatholic.org, faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au.

FAMILY SPIRIT (BY CATHOLIC CARE SYDNEY AND MARIST180).

Could you provide short-term help for long-term memories? As a new agency, combining the strengths of Marist180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. Come to our information night: **Tuesday, 14 August 2018 5.30-8pm**, CatholicCare 2C West St (cnr Thomas St) Lewisham NSW 2049. Call **CCareline** on **131819** to secure your place.

FEAST OF SAINT MARY MACKILLOP.

As part of the celebrations please consider making a donation (envelopes provided) or visit www.marymackilloptoday.org.au. Your generous donation to Mary MacKillop Today will support thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia with education, health, finance and livelihood opportunities, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.