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Sunday, 22 July 2018
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Ten years ago, on 19th July 2008, Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass here in St Mary's Cathedral, solemnly consecrated the new freestanding altar. It was a remarkable occasion, and Pope Benedict gave a marvellous homily in which he reflected on the significance of the Altar and reminded us that we, too, have been consecrated:

...every altar is a symbol of Jesus Christ, present in the midst of his Church as priest, altar and victim (cf. *Preface of Easter V*). Crucified, buried and raised from the dead, given life in the Spirit and seated at the right hand of the Father, Christ has become our great high priest, eternally making intercession for us. In the Church's liturgy, and above all in the sacrifice of the Mass consummated on the altars of the world, he invites us, the members of his mystical Body, to share in his self-oblation. He calls us, as the priestly people of the new and eternal covenant, to offer, in union with him, our own daily sacrifices for the salvation of the world...

... We know that in the end – as Saint Ignatius of Loyola saw so clearly – the only real “standard” against which all human reality can be measured is the Cross and its message of an unmerited love which triumphs over evil, sin and death, creating new life and unfading joy. The Cross reveals that we find ourselves only by giving our lives away, receiving God's love as an unmerited gift and working to draw all men and women into the beauty of that love and the light of the truth which alone brings salvation to the world.

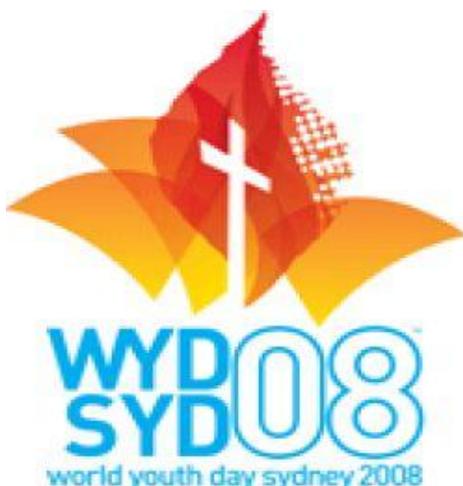
It is in this truth – this mystery of faith – that we have been “consecrated” (cf. *Jn* 17:17-19), and it is in this truth that we are called to grow, with the help of God’s grace, in daily fidelity to his word, within the life-giving communion of the Church. Yet how difficult is this path of consecration! It demands continual “conversion”, a sacrificial death to self which is the condition for belonging fully to God, a change of mind and heart which brings true freedom and a new breadth of vision. Today’s liturgy offers an eloquent symbol of that progressive spiritual transformation to which each of us is called. From the sprinkling of water, the proclamation of God’s word and the invocation of all the saints, to the prayer of consecration, the anointing and washing of the altar, its being clothed in white and apparelled in light – all these rites invite us to re-live our own consecration in Baptism. They invite us to reject sin and its false allure, and to drink ever more deeply from the life-giving springs of God’s grace.

May those springs of divine grace flow to each of you in the week ahead,

With every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

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Liturgy...

First Reading Jer 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Liturgy...

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever. (R.)



Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Liturgy...

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!



Gospel Mk 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ





CATHEDRAL CLERGY
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
Father Donald Richardson, Dean
Father Brendan Purcell
Father Emmanuel Yoon Jae Seo
Father Pierluigi Passoni

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Chris Backhouse- Cathedral Sacristan
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Helen Morassut – General Manager, St Marys Cathedral Precinct



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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 Friday: NO VESPERS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – 19 TO 24 JULY 2018 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.



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 **22 July**, Embrace will host *Father Epeli Qimaqima* (Vocations Director, Vocation Centre) who will give a talk on **'How to Hear God's Voice' (Pt 2)**. You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

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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 send a request to info@stmaryscathedral.org.au or call **(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.*

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@sydneycatholic.org.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – REDFERN.

Over the last 20 years, St Vincent de Paul Society has been running the Sharing of the Meal at SVDP Catholic Church in Redfern - 117 Redfern St Redfern. **Every Tuesday and Friday from 8.45am to 10.45am.** We are looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested we would love to hear from you. It could be a once a month support or every week. Please call **Jenny Carter** on **0407 977 180** if you are interested. It is a gathering place for the homeless and disadvantaged in the community of Redfern.

CATHOLICCARE SYDNEY. Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. **Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.**

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/>.

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN. “Go out to all the world and tell the good news” (Mark 16:15). How does a Diocesan Priest live this mission? Find out more by attending this upcoming retreat on **3 - 5 August 2018**. This retreat is **for all men (18 – 35 yrs. old)** considering a vocation to the Priesthood spending time in prayerful silence with Daily Mass, Rosary, Prayer of the Church, Adoration and much more. This will be led by Fr. Epeli Qimaqima – Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Sydney. **The cost of the retreat is \$75. RSVP: Wed 01 August 2018.**

For online registration:

<http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/silent-retreat-for-men-2018/>

Registration/Enquiries:

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9307 8424 or Email

vocations@sydneycatholic.org

COMMUNICATING HOPE AND TRUST:

How can we share the message of Christ and his Gospel in contemporary Australia?

Speakers from here and abroad will challenge delegates at the Australian Catholic

Communications Congress to take up Pope Francis' call for Catholics to “communicate hope and trust”. **September 5-7 in Brisbane.**

All are welcome. Find out more and register at www.catholic.org.au/accc.

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>

LIFECHOICE AUSTRALIA is running pro-life training for young people on **Saturday 25th 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.

LESSONS FROM THE LONG PADDOCK WORKSHOP Lessons from the Long Paddock offers perspectives from outback and rural NSW on faith and spiritual life including stories from people in the Diocese and exploring 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 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

DOES THE FOREST PRAY? Saturday, 28 July 2018. Presenter: Sr Veronica OSB. Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo, 695 Jamberoo Mt Road, Jamberoo 2533. Bookings: 02 4236 0533 / corrageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au . Cost: \$30. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Bring your own lunch.

180TH ANNIVERSARY - St Benedict's Parish, Chippendale (Broadway). As part of the 180th Anniversary celebration, the first of the twelve lectures, given by Prof. Tracey Rowland, will be on the Benedictine Roots of Western Civilisation & its relevance in Evangelisation in the 3rd Millennium. Join us on Thurs, **26 July at 7pm** in St Benedict's Hall to hear how the Rule of St Benedict is still relevant to us now! RSVP for catering <http://tinyurl.com/stbenlectureseries1>