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Sunday, 26 Aug 2018
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



St. Barbara

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

During the week I blessed the tunnelling equipment and the workers at the construction site of the new Pitt Street Metro Station. It is customary among tunnelers and miners to invoke the intercession of St Barbara as they commence their work each day, and a small statue of the saint was blessed to keep on site while the work is underway. Such construction work is inherently dangerous for the workers, despite all the care and safety procedures in place, and there are many major construction sites all over Sydney, so I would ask you to stop and pray for all who are working in these big infrastructure projects that they will return safe and healthy to their families at the end of each shift.

There was some mud underfoot at the construction site, due to the little bit of rain on Friday morning : a reminder to keep the current drought in mind and to keep praying for rain where it is needed - although not so much rain here that it delays the laying of the new slates on the roof of the cathedral, as work on the College Street side of the Nave roof has now begun!

Next Sunday is a day of special significance for us, liturgically: the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral. You will notice candles lit at the crosses on the walls which mark where the walls were anointed with holy oil at its dedication. This celebration supplants the prayers and readings of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and replaces them with a special “propers.” The physical building of the consecrated Cathedral symbolises for us the spiritual temple which is the Church, with us as its living stones. I hope you are able to come and pray with us in the cathedral next Sunday – pray for the Church in Sydney and around the world!

God bless,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean



Liturgy...

First Reading Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Liturgy...

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. 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. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

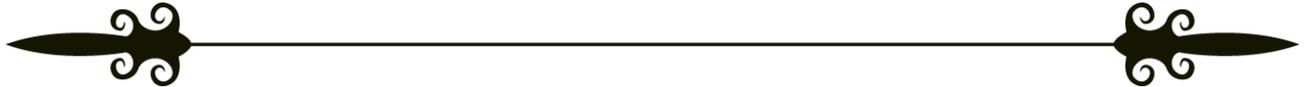
Liturgy...

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!



Gospel Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, ‘This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?’ Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, ‘Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?’

‘It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

‘But there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, ‘This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.’ After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.’

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*

CATHEDRAL STAFF

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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) PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO EVENING VESPERS ON TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER



****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

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.

CENTUM OCTOGINTA LECTURE II OF XII. To celebrate the 180th Anniversary of St Benedict's Parish, Broadway, the second of the twelve lectures titled '*Integrating the Sacred Liturgy (Opus Dei) in daily life*' will be given by Notre Dame Prior - Fr. Pius Mary Noonan OSB. The lecture will be on **Thursday, 30 August** in St Benedict's Building-Level 2 Theatre starting at 7pm. RSVP for catering purposes: <https://goo.gl/cdPKXE>.

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.

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.*

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 **26 August**, Embrace will view Part 2 of the movie: *Restless Heart (The Confessions of St Augustine)*. You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

CATHOLICCARE. Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? To assist seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence contact CCareline on **13 18 19**.

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL.

“Archbishop Anthony Fisher invites you to a public lecture entitled Faith, Reason and Love to be delivered by Prof. Tracey Rowland. Join us **in the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt** from **6.30pm on Thursday, 06 September** for refreshments. The lecture will begin promptly at **7.00pm.**”

FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS TO ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL COLLEGE.

Boys currently in year 2 are invited to audition as members of the prestigious St. Mary's Cathedral Choir to begin in 2019. All students receive full-tuition scholarships to St Mary's Cathedral College when placed as Cathedral Choristers. Please contact our Music Administrator to arrange an audition or for more information at music@stmaryscathedral.org.au or by visiting <https://cathedralchoir.sydney/about/choristers/>.

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>

PLENARY COUNCIL. Why not be involved? The 2020 Plenary Council is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. You are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda, by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. To be involved, visit <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> Become an Ambassador, facilitating listening and dialogue groups in your parish. If you want to know more, please speak with your Parish Priest, contact **9390 5100** or email plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org.

WORLD ROSARY. 07 October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies. The World Rosary will **start** with a '54-day Novena' on **15 August** (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) **until** the feast of the Holy Rosary on the **7 October**. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. The website to register your involvement for the world rosary is holyleagueofnations.com. **To Register in Australia:** <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contest-us-and-participate> ./Jane, OzRosary, **0476 535 59.**

CATHOLIC MEN'S

CONFERENCE. Holiness is for everyone! All men (married, single, divorced) are called to be spiritual leaders in their families, workplaces, parishes and communities. Don't make this journey alone! Come to the inaugural Australian Catholic Men's Conference on **Saturday, 01 September** this year! Includes great speakers, lunch, Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the chance to connect with other Catholic men. Only **\$48 per person (early bird) or \$60 (standard)**. For full details and to book visit www.trybooking.com/vdgl Numbers limited to 100 – be quick! The conference schedule can be found at www.sydneycatholicmen/conference.

BE AWAKE NATIONAL MEN'S

CONFERENCE. The Life Marriage and Family Centre and Sydney Catholic Youth are partnering with Young Men of God and Men Alive in a conference to provide valuable input, opportunities for prayer, reflection and fellowship for men of all ages. To be held on 19 – 21 October at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre, Sydney. To register contact www.menalive.org.au or www.ymgmovement.org.