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**Sunday, 25 Nov 2018**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B**

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Today the Church celebrates the last Sunday of the liturgical year with the feast of Christ the King. This commemoration is to draw our hearts and minds towards the ultimate fulfilment of all things in Christ.

Each Sunday we say together in the Creed that we believe that Jesus Christ "will come again in glory," but how should we understand this, and how does it pertain to Christ's "Mystical Body", the Church? For in a way, Christ's kingly reign and triumph is already present among us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains:

## I. He Will Come Again in Glory

Christ already reigns through the Church. . .

668 "Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living." (Rom 14:9) Christ's Ascension into heaven signifies his participation, in his humanity, in God's power and authority. Jesus Christ is Lord: he possesses all power in heaven and on earth. He is "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion", for the Father "has put all things under his feet." (Eph 1:20-22) Christ is Lord of the cosmos and of history. In him human history and indeed all creation are "set forth" and transcendentally fulfilled. (Eph 1:10; cf. 4:10; 1 Cor 15:24, 27-28)

669 As Lord, Christ is also head of the Church, which is his Body. (Eph 1:22) Taken up to heaven and glorified after he had thus fully accomplished his mission, Christ dwells on earth in his Church. The redemption is the source of the authority that Christ, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, exercises over the Church. "The kingdom of Christ (is) already present in mystery", "on earth, the seed and the beginning of the kingdom". (Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium* 3; 5; cf. Eph 4:11-13)

670 Since the Ascension God's plan has entered into its fulfilment. We are already at "the last hour". (Jn 2:18; cf. I Pt 4:7) "Already the final age of the world is with us, and the renewal of the world is irrevocably under way; it is even now anticipated in a certain real way, for the Church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real but imperfect." (LG 48 # 3; cf. I Cor 10:11.) Christ's kingdom already manifests its presence through the miraculous signs that attend its proclamation by the Church. (Cf. Mk 16:17-18, 20.)

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671 Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth. (Lk 21:27; cf. Mt 25:31.) This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. (Cf. 2 Th 2:7) Until everything is subject to him, "until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God." (LG 48 # 3; cf. 2 Pt 3:13; Rom 8:19-22; I Cor 15:28.) That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: (Cf. I Cor 11:26; 2 Pt 3:11-12). Maranatha! "Our Lord, come!" (1 Cor 16:22; Rev 22:17, 20.)

And so we will take up the cry, "Come, Lord!" next Sunday, as the time of Advent begins.

May you all have a happy and fulfilling week ahead.

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*

*Liturgy...*

**First Reading Dn 7:13-14**

**A reading from the book of Daniel**

***His sovereignty is eternal.***

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**



**Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1**

***(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.***

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. *(R)*

2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. *(R)*

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. *(R)*



*Liturgy...*

**Second Reading Rv 1:5-8**

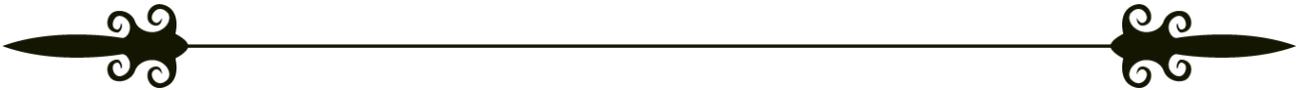
**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**



**Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9, 10**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Alleluia!**



*Liturgy...*

**Gospel Jn 18:33-37**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*You say that I am a king.*

‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?’ Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So you are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it’ answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



<b>Weekend Mass</b>	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
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Monday-Friday: 12noon - 1.00pm & 5.00pm - 5.25pm Saturday: 11.30am - 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Vespers (Evening Prayer)</b>	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.

<b>CATHEDRAL CLERGY</b> <i>Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP</i> <i>Father Donald Richardson, Dean</i> <i>Father Brendan Purcell</i> <i>Father Emmanuel Yoon Jae Seo</i> <i>Father Pierluigi Passoni</i>	<b>CATHEDRAL STAFF</b> <i>Chris Backhouse – Cathedral Sacristan</i> <i>Thomas Wilson – Director of Music</i> <i>Helen Morassut – General Manager,</i> <i>St Mary’s Cathedral Precinct</i>
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**ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES**

The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this mass.



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or pass the plate on.



## CATHEDRAL NOTICES .....

### LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS 05

**DECEMBER.** Come and celebrate with Bishop Richard Umbers and Gary Pinto the end of the Year of Youth and the Launch of the Lights of Christmas. Join us on **05 December** for: **5:30PM** Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers. **6:30PM** Concert on the Cathedral steps featuring Gary Pinto. **7:30PM** Lights of Christmas celebration followed by official opening with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian. A great way to spend your Wednesday evening by joining the thousands of Sydney-siders for the opening of the Lights of Christmas.

### 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 visit [music@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:music@stmaryscathedral.org.au) or by visiting <https://cathedralchoir.sydney/about/choristers/>. [www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc](http://www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc) for more information. [www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc](http://www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc) for more information.

**RED WEDNESDAY MASS and Interfaith Gathering - 28 November 5.30pm.** Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It is a day to gather and pray in solidarity with all those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their peacefully held religious beliefs. The Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney and followed by an interfaith gathering in the Crypt attended by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and leaders from various faith groups. The evening will conclude with St Mary's Cathedral façade being floodlit in red light. For further information visit: [www.redwednesday.org](http://www.redwednesday.org).

### 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 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 [abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.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 **25 Nov** Embrace will celebrate their fellowship in the Church with a group dinner. All are welcome to join. Please ring/text the Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to [embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au)

**A CHORAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.** On **Friday, 14 December** St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate this special time of year with carols and an overwhelming feeling of Christmas joy for the annual, and much anticipated **A Choral Christmas Celebration concert.** There will be two performances at **11am & 7pm** with tickets starting at \$20. Visit [www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc](http://www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc) for more information.

**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](mailto:plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org).

**DAY OF HEALING WITH SR MARGARET SCULLY RSC.** To be held on **Saturday, 01 December 2018** at the **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Centre, 19A Quirk Street, Rozelle** from **9am to 4.30pm**. The session includes, Prayer for Inner Healing, Healing of the Family Tree and the Healing Power of Forgiveness. Tea and coffee to be provided, please bring your own lunch. Registration is essential. Please contact the CCR Centre on **9810 2499** or email [mscully@ccrns.org.au](mailto:mscully@ccrns.org.au)

**VOLUNTEERING WITH CATHOLICCARE. Wellbeing callers.** Interested in volunteering to help seniors? Based at our Liverpool office, we need callers to phone people waiting for government funded home care to check on their wellbeing. **Hope helpers.** Interested in volunteering to help

children? Based at our Lewisham office, we need people to help at playgroups for young vulnerable mothers and their babies. For more information please contact **CCareline** on **13 18 19**.

**ROME PILGRIMAGE - 16 to 23 May 2019.** To celebrate our Cathedral's 150 years it would be a great opportunity to join Fr Don Richardson, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral on a unique tour of Rome. Get your free pilgrimage kit today by ringing Rome Pilgrimages on **1800 753 959** or Email: [pilgrimages@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:pilgrimages@sydneycatholic.org).

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.** Applications are invited for the opportunity to undertake the role of Property Officer, part of the Chancery Team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For further information, the advertisement for this role can be viewed at <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/property-officer-sydney/>

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA – GLOBAL GIFT CHRISTMAS CARDS.** To share the joy this Christmas you can do this through the Caritas Christmas card Global Gifts campaign, where you can purchase cards for family and friends, with proceeds going directly towards Caritas Australia's work for the poor and vulnerable many of whom are separated from their families at this holy time. The Global Gift Christmas cards can be ordered online at: [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) or by calling: **1800 024 413**.

**CENTUM OCTOGINTA LECTURE V OF XII – Study: The Academic Contemplation of God.** Speaker – Fr James Baxter OP. **Thursday, 29 November. 6.45pm, registrations & refreshments and 7.00pm talk.** St Benedict's Parish Broadway. Level 2 Theatre, St Benedict's Building, 104 Broadway, Chippendale. Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/stbenedictlecture5> Enquiries: [stbenedictsyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictsyoungadults@gmail.com)

**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 contact the Cathedral office at [info@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:info@stmaryscathedral.org.au) or ring **(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.**