



# St Mary's Cathedral

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**Sunday, 09 Dec 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Advent - Year C**

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with John the Baptist who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent.

The Holy Spirit filled John the Baptist, who was the last prophet of the Old Testament. Under his inspiration John was sent to “prepare for the Lord a people well disposed” (Luke 1:17). He was to proclaim the coming of Christ, the Son of God. \*

John appears in the liturgy of this Sunday through St Luke’s Gospel, with his call to repentance and preparation for the coming of the Lord. He was a truly remarkable man, a prophet even before his mother Elizabeth had given birth to him. His joyful pre-birth wriggling in the presence of Mary and Jesus, and his adult pointing out of Christ, the Lamb of God, are messages for us today too.

This week, may we each be attentive to John’s voice, and examine our conscience, and prepare a pathway for the Lord to enter our hearts and minds.

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*

\* cP. Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church 102, 141

*Liturgy...*

**First Reading Bar 5:1-9**

**A reading from the prophet Baruch**

*Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**



Liturgy...

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3**

**(R)** *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R)**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R)**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R)**



**Second Reading Phil 1:3-6. 8-11**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

***Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.***

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**



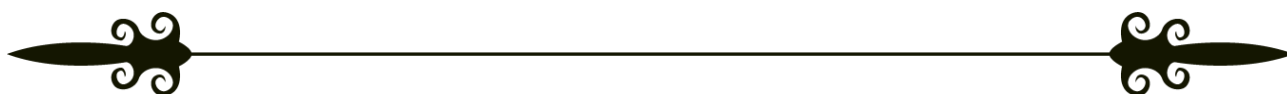
*Liturgy...*

**Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4.6**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**



**Gospel Lk 3:1-6**

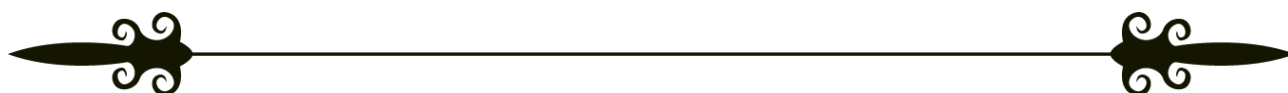
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

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



**Cathedral & Store Opening Hours  
December 2018  
05 – 23 December 6.30am to 10.00pm**

<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>Please Note:</b> <b>Thursday, 13 Dec 5.30pm Mass held in the Crypt</b> <b>Friday, 14 Dec: All Masses will be held in the Crypt</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Monday-Friday: 12noon - 1.00pm & 5.00pm - 5.25pm Saturday: 11.30am - 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm  <b>Please Note:</b> <b>Thursday, 13 Dec 5.00pm Reconciliation held in the Crypt</b> <b>Friday, 14 Dec: Reconciliation held in the Crypt</b>
<b>Vespers (Evening Prayer)</b>	Monday to Thursday: 5.00pm Saturday: 5.30pm Sunday: 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)  <b>Please Note:</b> <b>Thursday, 13 Dec: Vespers in the Crypt</b> <b>Friday, 14 Dec: Vespers in the Crypt</b> <b>Sunday, 16 Dec: Cathedral Carol Service instead of Vespers</b>
<b>Adoration</b>	There will be no Adoration on Friday, 14 December 2018.

**\*\*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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**SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEW LOOK CATHOLIC WEEKLY  
OR PURCHASE A COPY FOR \$2.**

## ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES

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



Please note: you can continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.

### CATHEDRAL NOTICES .....

**THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS** . Celebrate the season at Sydney's most popular Christmas lights show from **05 December to 25 December 2018** at St Mary's Cathedral.

**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.

**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 **09 Dec** Embrace will host their annual Christmas Party to close the year. 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).

**AN ADVENT APP FOR CHRISTMAS! – Meet Me in the Silence.** Walk the journey to Advent on your mobile device. Each day delivers a new video, podcast or written feature to assist you prepare for Christmas and meet Jesus in the silence, despite the busyness of the Christmas season. The Advent Calendar App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent)

**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 [abbel.gaspi;@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org).

### **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).

**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).

**FAMILY SPIRIT (by CatholicCare Sydney and Marist 180).** 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. To learn more, come to our information night: Tuesday, **11 December 2018 5.30-8pm**. Marist180, 36 First Avenue, Blacktown NSW 2148. Call **CCareline** on **13 18 19** to secure your place.

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.** Applications are invited for the opportunity to undertake the role of Property Officer, part of the Chancer 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**.

**FREE SUNDAY TOUR OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL:** Our tour guides would love to take you through the history of the Mother Church for Australian Catholics with a **free tour every Sunday after the 10:30am Solemn Choral Mass**. Please look out for the tour guide next to the organ console after Mass. All are welcome!

**WALK THE CAMINO PORTUGUÉS.** Catholic Mission 17-day Pilgrimage: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: **May 2019 and June 2019**. Small group led by Sr Veronica, OP, **(0451 387 906)**. For more information visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues>

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA – Twilight Carols.** Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria warmly invites you and your family to join them at the annual Twilight Carols. Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery. Thursday, **13 December 2018**. Commencing at **6:30pm**. Fireworks at 9pm.

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