



St Mary's Cathedral

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Sunday, 16 Dec 2018
Third Sunday of Advent - Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Last Saturday's commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the blessing of the foundation stone of the St Mary's was both prayerful and enjoyable, and the cathedral's place in the spiritual and cultural life of our city got a bit of newspaper and TV recognition, which was very encouraging. My sincere thanks to our staff who worked hard to prepare things for the celebration, and to those of you who were able to gather for the Mass and commemoration ceremony.

Preparations for Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral are well underway and the Schedule for Masses and Confessions is now available. This afternoon (Sunday) at 5.00pm we will have our annual Carols Service in place of Vespers.

Today at the 10.30 Mass we will be marking the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human rights, with the assistance of the United Nations Association of Australia. The true significance of this landmark declaration has been somewhat overlooked in recent times, but as Archbishop Bernadito Auza, the Vatican's diplomatic representative to the United Nations, has observed, "Human rights are premised on the existence of a nature objectively shared by all members of the human race by the very fact of their humanity. From that nature flows human dignity, which refers to the intrinsic worth of every person, no matter one's circumstances, no matter how old or young, rich or poor, strong or vulnerable, healthy or sick, wanted or undesired, economically productive or incapacitated, politically influential or insignificant." The world has changed a lot in the past 70 years, and perhaps many have lost touch with just how precious the recognition human rights grounded in our very humanity is, and how deeply resonant with divine revelation!

May the God who made humankind in his own image bless you during the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading Zep 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm Ps Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

(R) *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **(R)**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **(R)**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

Liturgy...

Second Reading Phil 4:4-7

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

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!



Liturgy...

Gospel Lk 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, ‘What must we do?’ he answered, ‘If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.’ There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, ‘Master, what must we do?’ He said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What about us? What must we do?’ He said to them, ‘No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!’

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’ As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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**

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) Please Note: Thursday, 13 Dec 5.30pm Mass held in the Crypt Friday, 14 Dec: All Masses will be held in the Crypt
Reconciliation	Monday-Friday: 12noon - 1.00pm & 5.00pm - 5.25pm Saturday: 11.30am - 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm Please Note: Thursday, 13 Dec 5.00pm Reconciliation held in the Crypt Friday, 14 Dec: Reconciliation held in the Crypt
Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Monday to Thursday: 5.00pm Saturday: 5.30pm Sunday: 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament) Please Note: Thursday, 13 Dec: Vespers in the Crypt Friday, 14 Dec: Vespers in the Crypt Sunday, 16 Dec: Cathedral Carol Service instead of Vespers
Adoration	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.

CATHEDRAL CLERGY <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>	CATHEDRAL STAFF <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
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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

MESSAGE FROM FR GERRY GLEESON, VICAR GENERAL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

You may have heard discussion in the media about the Church's participation in the National Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse. The Archdiocese is committed to joining this Scheme. Senior church officials have spent the past few months finalising the procedures and documentation required for all dioceses linked to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to join the Scheme. This has been a complex process both for Church entities and for the Commonwealth Government.

A special company has been established, Australian Catholic Redress Ltd, by which dioceses will interact with the Redress Scheme. This week the bishops of Australia are signing the Participation Deeds by which their dioceses will join the Company and hence the Redress Scheme. It is anticipated that the various legal formalities will be completed in the coming weeks thereby allowing survivors of child abuse in Catholic parishes and institutions to apply for redress.

A number of Catholic religious congregations have indicated that they will separately join the National Scheme.

The Catholic Church, like other bodies and indeed some State governments, is not delaying its participation in the Redress Scheme, but simply taking the necessary time in conjunction with the Commonwealth to put the most appropriate procedures in place.

Survivors of institutional child sexual abuse are encouraged to approach the Redress Scheme or to approach the Church directly should they wish to do so.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARKING INFORMATION. Enacon Public Parking Station (Cathedral Square) will remain open till 2.00am on Christmas Eve but closed on Christmas Day.

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 or by visiting <https://cathedralchoir.sydney/about/choristers/>. www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc for more information.

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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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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!

ARCHDIOCESE OF HOBART - MATRIMONIUM SUMMER SCHOOL, 21-25 JANUARY 2019 . The Matrimonium Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified faculty, group discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family. Archbishop Julian Porteus will take an active part in the Summer School to contribute his wisdom and passion for forming young people in the Church's vision for marriage and family. For more information please visit www.hobart.catholic.org.au/content/matrimonium-summer-school-2019.