



St Mary's Cathedral

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Sunday, 30 June 2019

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time – Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors

Last Sunday afternoon I enjoyed giving a special tour and talk for the Friends of St Mary's Cathedral about the history and art of the crypt, and especially the symbol and design of the beautiful floor. Preparing to give such talks always renews in me the sense of amazement at the rich heritage of art and spirituality that has been passed on to us in this cathedral. More than just colour and mood, the mosaics, carvings and stained glass of St Mary's convey a detailed Catholic appreciation of divine

revelation in Scripture and Tradition, a view of creation and of human life which is infused with the grace of God. In Christian art and architecture human genius and skill has expressed visibly those invisible spiritual realities to which the words of Bible and Catechism attest. It really is worth taking the time to feed your spiritual imagination and allow yourself to be distracted by the beautiful things our Catholic forebears have given us. Before and after Mass, of course, and not during the homily!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

Liturgy...

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

A reading from the book of Kings

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**The word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God**



Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5

(R) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.**(R)**

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.**(R)**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.**(R)**

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever.**(R)**



Liturgy...

Second Reading Gal 5:1. 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God



Liturgy...

Gospel Acclamation 1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia



Gospel Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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)	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.

CATHEDRAL CLERGY <i>Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP</i> <i>Father Donald Richardson, Dean</i> <i>Father Brendan Purcell</i> <i>Father Gerard Woo Ling</i> <i>Father Lewi Barakat</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

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. Outreaching to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Enquiries: Ph. 02 9307 8300 Email: admin@sydneytribunal.org.au.

TALK AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PADDINGTON – “My Faith In The Wake Of The Royal Commission A Reflection”
By Robert Fitzgerald AM. Former Commissioner to the Royal Commission on Institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse. Friday, **05 July** at St Francis Of Assisi Paddington. **7.00pm** in the Church followed by supper. Free event however registrations are requested. Please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/my-faith-in-the-wake-of-the-royal-commission-tickets-62686966404>.

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 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.*

WALK WITH CHRIST In light of it being the Feast of Corpus Christi we ask all parishioners to save the date for a very special celebration for all Sydney Catholics. Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the **Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm**. Thousands of people took part in last year’s joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ’s blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the **corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm**.

MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS. This annual event of The Archdiocese of Sydney in conjunction with St Mary’s Cathedral will take place on **Sunday, 21 July 2019** during the 10.30am Solemn Mass. **For couples celebrating 50, 55, 60 and 65 years of marriage, RSVPs are essential for the purpose of arranging a special certificate from His Grace, The Archbishop, Anthony Fisher OP.** For more information and to **RSVP** please contact the **Life, Marriage & Family Centre** on **02 9307 8400** or lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org.

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!

PRAISE & WORSHIP, DIVINE MERCY AND HEALING MASS - First Thursday of every month at St. Joseph church Camperdown. There will be Praise & Worship, Divine Mercy and Healing Mass - First Thursday of every month at St. Joseph church, 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050 from **7pm to 8:45pm**.

EMBRACE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.

Embrace, St Mary's Cathedral young adult group is for young people of 18-35 yrs old from all cultures and backgrounds. We meet every Sunday after the 6.00pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral House, adjacent to the Cathedral. Our activities and youth projects are designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of our faith. For **30 June** Embrace will reflect on the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with Make My Heart Like Unto Thine: Part 1 - Humility**. You are welcome to join. For more information: please write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

'OF LIFE AND LOVE' - MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays. 2019 dates include: **16, 23, 30 October** (The Assisi Centre, Lidcombe). To book online visit <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or contact LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org.

POSITION VACANT – SURRY HILLS. We currently have a secretarial position available in the Surry Hill Parishes. Days of work are negotiable. Need PACS and MYOB experience in addition to Administrative duties. If you are interested, please send your updated resume and cover letter to parish.support@sydneycatholic.org.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO SENIORS?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework. Call **CCareline** on **13 18 19** to find out more.

PLENARY COUNCIL. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks. Find out more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

COUNSELLING AVAILABLE WITH NO WAITLIST. Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have just joined our CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence. Call **CCareline** on **13 18 19** to find out more.

BILLINGS LIFE. The Billings Ovulation Method® can assist you in having the baby of your dreams. If you have been trying to have a baby without success, our teachers can provide essential information, which will give you the best chance to achieve your pregnancy naturally. Please call Billings LIFE on **1800 335 860** or check our website - www.billings.life and shop <https://billings.ecwid.com/>.

RETREAT WEEKEND. 19-21 July 2019 - \$230 Contemplation for the Professional Person: Mr Lou Nulley. Primarily directed at the lay-person or professional who would like to lead a more contemplative life amidst the pressures of every day responsibilities and commitments, this retreat will provide some valuable insights and methods to allow you to live a more contemplative life through prayer, mindfulness and meditation practices. It will also provide a framework to enable you to experience a more balanced life, achieving what's most important to you. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, **RSVP Ph: 4630 0233** or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

The Inaugural Archbishop's Prize for New Composers



Compose a choral piece of music set to a poem by Australia's greatest contemporary poet **Les Murray**.

Have your work performed at the 2019 Christmas Concert at St Mary's Cathedral.

Win prizes of up to \$2500.

For further information visit:

sydneycatholic.org/about-us/awards/

Applications Close: Monday 30 September

