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Sunday, 1 April 2018 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

On behalf of the Cathedral clergy and staff I wish you all the joy of Easter.

The liturgical ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter at St Mary's Cathedral are always well attended, and thanks to the work of many people they are conducted with dignity and immersed in beauty, a glimpse of the far greater beauty and joy which awaits us.

We have our troubles in the world today, as always, but the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ are the Good News we proclaim. Times change, but the need for God's grace is constant.

I thought many of you may be interested in these excerpts from a letter about the celebration of Easter on this very site back in 1857, in the first St Mary's, presided over by our first Archbishop and some of the venerable pioneer priests of the Church in Australia, and attended, even then, by large crowds. The letter was apparently written by a visitor from overseas, and published in the *Freeman's Journal* of 18 April, 1857, (with the disclaimer "We are not responsible for the opinions and comments of our correspondents.")

... Perhaps, then, it would be permitted a traveller from a land far up in the northern seas, to give a feeble expression to the feelings of pleasure and surprise with which he was present in the sunny city of Sydney at, the ritual observances of Holy Week in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Sydney has many charms for the lover of nature, and when the sun pours its early light or when its last beam lingers on bay and cliff, the sight would repay a tedious journey over sea and land; but to the Catholic, the glory and magnificence of the spouse of the Lamb is the dearest object of his thoughts and his affections....

...On Easter Sunday the consoling mystery of our Redeemer's Resurrection was commemorated with a solemn and impressive grandeur for which I was not prepared, even after the ceremonial magnificence of the past week. High Mass was celebrated by his Grace the Archbishop, and, as the visitor looked on the mild countenance of his Grace, the calm features of the Venerable Archdeacon M'Encroe, and the Very Rev. the Vicar-General who assisted in his robes as Mitered Abbot, and that oldest labourer in God's Church in Australia, Father Therry, who laid the first stone of the noble structure in which we were then present, I thought how these four must now rejoice that, in the church where for so many years they toiled, watched, and prayed, the progress of the Catholic religion was shown by the magnificence of her rites, and by the fervour of the congregation that assembled to adore God in spirit, and truth, — where, less than half a century ago, the wild bird screamed, and the kangaroo bounded.

More than eight hundred devout communicants at St. Mary's, and proportionate numbers at St. Patrick's, St. Benedict's, and the Church of the Sacred Heart, on that bright Easter morning clearly demonstrated that the labourers in this portion of God's Church have borne 'the burthen of the day, and the heat,' and that the fervour of Catholic devotion is kept alive by the Bread of Life.

I have not undertaken to explain, or defend the rites of the Catholic Church; I wished merely to state how a stranger thought and felt during last Holy Week. It was an exile from a Catholic Nation who looked and wondered, and while the recollection of his own dear land, with her fervent faith, her cheering hope, and burning charity, threw a gloom over his soul ; the consciousness that, altho' seas separated him from 'the old house at home,' he knelt amidst so many brothers in Christ, cheered and consoled him. He praised God that Holy Church in the far south displayed the gorgeousness of her ceremonial, and thereby raised to the beautiful heaven the hearts of her children. His heart beat quickly as the pealing organ rolled its thrilling sounds through the crowded church, and the full choir poured out its notes of joy and sang the Victor's song in a manner so sublime and touching, that he felt he was approaching nearer to happy Sion, where the 'spirits of the just made perfect bless and praise the Lamb that was slain from the beginning.'

- "VIATOR"

Even taking into account the flowery 19th Century language, that's quite a legacy for us all, parishioners and clergy, to live up to!

May God bless us, and keep all travellers safe, in these Easter days!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean



Liturgy...

At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, the following Readings are proclaimed:

First Reading Genesis 1:1 – 2:2

God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.

Second Reading Genesis 22:1-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Third Reading Exodus 14:15 – 15:1

The sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea.

Fourth Reading Isaiah 55:1-11

Come to me and your soul will live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.

Epistle Romans 6:3-11

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

Gospel Mark 16:1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

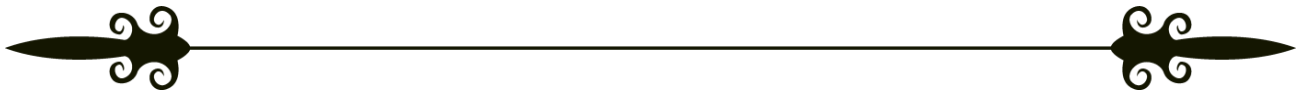
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The word of the Lord.

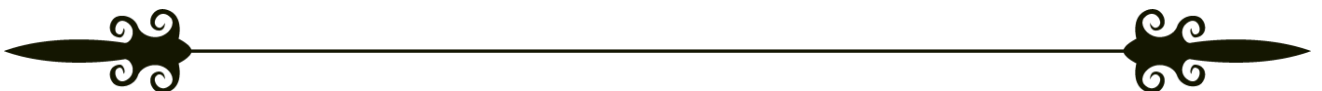
Response: Thanks be to God!



Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: ‘His love has no end.’ **(R.)**
2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**



Liturgy...

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.'

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!





Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!





Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Liturgy...

Gospel

Mk 16:1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, ‘There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.”’

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

OR

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!



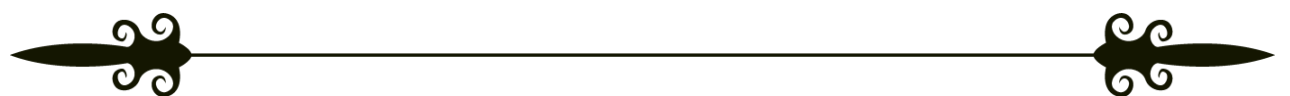
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Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12noon Latin Mass in the extraordinary form; 6.00pm Mass
Weekday Mass	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
Reconciliation	Monday-Friday: 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 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)
Easter Monday	Public Holiday: 1 Mass only at 9.00am. Cathedral opening hours remain unchanged.



****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

JOIN POPE FRANCIS IN PANAMA FOR THE 34TH WORLD YOUTH DAY IN JANUARY 2019. Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd.

GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS

wanted for adults who are to be baptised or received into the Church at Easter at St Mary's Cathedral. We are looking for mature Catholic adults who are willing to befriend and help new Catholics. Training given. For more information, please contact the RCIA team: godparents@mailforce.net / **0410 659 908** or speak with Fr Emmanuel or Fr Don.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR CELEBRATES BICENTENARY IN ROME 15-22 May 2018. This is an opportunity for you to join Dean of St Mary's Cathedral Fr Don Richardson on a special pilgrimage to Rome. The Cathedral Choir is the oldest surviving of its kind in Australia and in 2018; to celebrate their bicentenary Rome Pilgrimages has created an exciting itinerary which includes both tour favourites and special additions. For full details phone **1800 753 959** or email pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org.

NEW LOOK ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL WEBSITE, FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM PAGES Come visit our new website: www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/ like our facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryssydney/ and follow our new Instagram page: [stmaryscathedralsydney](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryscathedralsydney/) for all the up-to-date news and events that will be happening at the Cathedral in 2018!

Y-FACTOR 2018. TO THE HEIGHTS will be held at St Gregory's College Campbelltown from **16-19 April**. Open to all teens and students in Years 7 – 12. \$250 (includes accommodation, meals, transport & activities). For more information contact Sydney Catholic Youth on **02 9307 8152** or Info@sydneycatholicyouth.org.

CATHEDRAL - NEW ORGANIST FREE CONCERT. Simon Niemiński the Assistant Director of Music, has moved here all the way from Edinburgh; from Scottish snow to sweltering Sydney! Simon will be playing a free concert on Wednesday, 04 April at 7.00pm as an introduction. There will be music from Poland (Chopin) and Japan to reflect Simon's ancestry, from Scotland and Australia for his old and new homes, some Bach, and some pedal fireworks to watch. In addition to the Grand Organ, the new chamber organ will be featured. The concert will last for one hour and there will be refreshments afterwards. All are welcome!

A MASS AND BLESSING FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM. Sunday, **08 April 2018** at 2.00pm. In celebration of Autism Awareness Month and to honour all those in our community with autism, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the annual Mass and Blessing for People with Autism, to be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. St Benedict's Church, Broadway. For enquiries or to **RSVP** by Tuesday, **03 April** please contact LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or phone **(02) 9307 8404**.

EMBRACE. Embrace is St Mary's group for young adults aged 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 01 April, Embrace's program proper is taking a break to make way for Easter Sunday celebrations. However, young adults who want to celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection together as a group, are welcome to gather at the East side of the Cathedral after mass. Embrace contact: **0404 008 870** or email: embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

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; no tours on Fridays as the Crypt can be closed at short notice.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN |

6-8 April 2018. A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q & A with seminarians and discussions. Keynote opening address with Bishop Tony Randazzo. Where: Little Sisters of the Poor, Mt St Joseph's Home, 70 Market Street, Randwick. Cost: \$99. For more information contact us at vocations@sydneycatholic.org or **02 9307 8424**. For program details and to register visit our website via: <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/discernment-retreat-for-men-2018/>.

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Community Participation Leader – NSW/Eastern Region, Caritas Australia. Full time position, Sydney based. To enquire about this role, please contact Fr George Sigamony on **+61 499 022 915**. Applications close **3 April 2018**.

GOLDEN JUBILEE – SCHOENSTATT SHRINE, Mulgoa Pentecost Sunday, 20

May and annual May pilgrimage. For more information please contact info@schoenstatt.org.au/ 02 4773 8338 or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au

SHALOM LONG LUNCH - Aboriginal Spirituality in the Catholic Church. Sunday, **8 April** at 12:00pm - 3:00pm. Shalom House of Prayer 7 Collins St, CARCOAR. Suggested Donation: Lunch \$40 per person (3 courses). Come along and enjoy an interesting Sunday afternoon talk and a wonderful three-course meal. Speaker: Auntie Elsie A WOMAN of ACTION... DEEP FAITH... STRONG IDENTITY. Elsie Heiss was born into the Wiradjuri Nation and spent most of her early days in Cowra and Griffith in NSW. Elsie is a respected elder in her community and has represented NSW on the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) since 1999 and is a former Chairperson. Her talk will focus on, Aboriginal Spirituality in the Catholic Church - giving an overview of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and exploring culture, healing and reconciliation. To Book for the Lunch please phone: **(02) 63673058** or email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com.

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SISTERS OF CHARITY OUTREACH,

based at St Vincent's Hospital, is seeking casual drivers for its Country Care Link program. Drivers must have their own fully comprehensively insured vehicle and volunteers can receive a kilometre allowance for trips undertaken. For enquiries phone **8382 6430** or Jo Moore at jmoore@outreach.net.au.

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