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Sunday, 29 April 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter– Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The Gospel passage for this Sunday, John 15.1-8, contains the beautiful imagery used by Christ: “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.”

One of the several facets of this image of the vine is the sense of the unity of the Church, the oneness of the vine and branches.

The Church’s Founder and Head, Jesus Christ re-established the unity of all people in one body. As the Church’s soul, the Holy Spirit unites all the faithful in communion with Christ. The Church has but one faith, one sacramental life, one apostolic succession, one common hope, and one and the same charity. (cf. Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 161)

“It is to the glory of my father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples” said Jesus.(John 15.8) What a marvellous thing to live and work for!

Fr Don Richardson

Liturgy...

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live forever and ever! (R.)

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

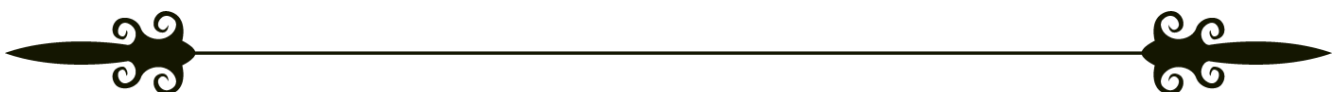


Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!



Liturgy...

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

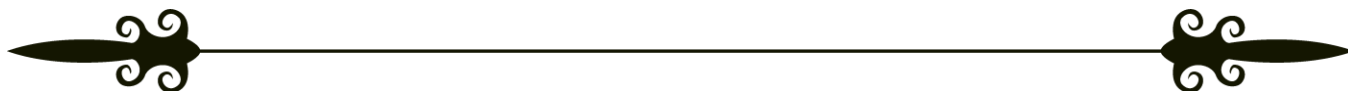
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

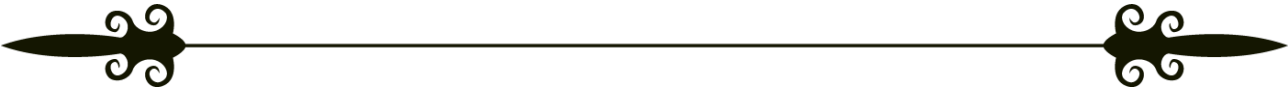
Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!





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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)



****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

WORLD YOUTH DAY 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

MASS TO MARK 200 YEARS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN AUSTRALIA
200 years ago, Father Jeremiah O'Flynn – the unofficial Catholic chaplain to Australia – was arrested and shipped back home because his credentials had not arrived. By accident or design, he left behind a pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament. Next **Sunday, 6 May**, the Australian Catholic Bishops will come together to concelebrate a Mass marking the 200th anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament being preserved in Australia. **12pm, St Patrick's Catholic Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks.** All are welcome.

NAPPA (NSW ASSOCIATION OF PASTORS, PASTORAL ASSOCIATES AND PARISH WORKERS) "Forming Missionary Disciples "Renewing our Baptismal call. Enabling our gifts in parish and school life. Keynote Fr Paul Roberts, Director of Institute for Mission and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our day includes networking with ministry leaders around NSW and two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners who offer strategies for forming missionary disciples. Date: **Tuesday 1 May 2018, 9.30am to 4.30pm** - Optional Mass and Dinner. Venue: **Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe.** Cost: \$65 excludes dinner. Enquiries & Dietary Requests: Tanya Quinn (02) 8838 3441 or send an email to tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org. To register visit trybooking.com/twad. Organised by NAPPA (NSW Association of pastors, pastoral associates and parish workers)

ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING 'Caring for God's Creation, Caring for God's People' Come and join us for our first Social Justice Gathering for 2018! We are thrilled to announce our speakers for the anti-slavery panel are Alison Rahill, from The Freedom Partnership to End Modern Slavery, Salvation Army, Katherine Maloney from the Sydney Archdiocese Anti-Slavery Taskforce and Sr Noelene Simmons from Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH). Felicity Wade from the Justice and Peace Office will also present about "Caring for Creation through Solar". There will be a mix of practical and informative sessions and we will have some time to hear from existing leaders about how to start and run a social justice group in your parish. There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. There is plenty of street parking and the venue is easily accessible by public transport as well. All most welcome! When: **Saturday 5th May 2018, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm.** Where: **St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North Cost.** Free. RSVP: Essential for catering: email jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org or call **9307 8465**

THE ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY - WAVERLEY COLLEGE The Annual Procession in Honour of Our Lady will be held on Sunday, **6 May 2018 at 12.00 p.m.** It will commence in the College grounds in **Birrell Street** with seating available in the College Quadrangle. All Old Boys and the College community are invited to be part of this event and join the Brothers, staff, students and parents in this act of devotion to the Mother of Jesus. **131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024. Ph: 9369 0600.**

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA AUST. INC. SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE COMMITTEE invite you to attend our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on the **12th of May.** To commence at **11.30am** with entrance procession (in the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the Immaculate Heart. Fr. Peter Joseph will be Principal Celebrant. Holy Mass will commence at **12 Noon.** Further enquiries please contact Rosetta on **0403578994** or Rosa on **9984-8988.**

THE BISHOP'S BLEND: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Tuesday, 22nd May 2018 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://bishopsblendfourthedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at bishopsblend@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 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 **29 April**, Embrace will reflect on Discerning God's Will and Voice. You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION : Rachel's Vineyard, Sydney is hosting a workshop with Jessica Lockhart, author of *The Woman at the Tomb, Abortion and Redemption*. Come to Rachel's Vineyard Retreat ministry to hear about spiritual and emotional healing after an abortion. All welcome - priests, pastoral carers, parish teams, professional health practitioners and those suffering post abortion stress in their own life. Date: **Saturday 12 May, 10am - 3.30pm**. Venue: **Good Samaritan Centre, 2 Avenue Rd. Glebe**. Free - Limited numbers, RSVP essential for catering. Details: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au Email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or **Phone: 0400 092 555**

CATHOLIC CARE SYDNEY Looking for parenting support? CatholicCare has an online parenting resource providing information and tips to build positive parent – child relationships. Go to www.catholiccare.org and click on the Parenting Hub icon

GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE – Celebrating 50 years of Humane vitae. Chris Gordon from the Life, Marriage and Family Centre will speak on this topic at various locations across Sydney. What did God intend for human sexuality? How can we change our cultural attitude around sex, the transmission of life, marriage, providence and babies? All welcome. Plenty of time for questions. For dates, locations or any other information, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or call **9307 8402**.

SHOAL MEMORIAL SERVICE The Australian Council of Christians and Jews are holding their Annual Shoah Memorial Service. For Christians and all people of compassion to remember 1933-1945. Date: **8 May 2018** Time: **6pm**. Venue: **St Mary's Cathedral Crypt**

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE. A Retreat Facilitated by Carmel Posa sgs. Throughout the ages there have been many Benedictine women who have shared the wisdom they have acquired in their search for God. This weekend retreat will reflect on this wisdom using the writing and lives of St Scholastica, sister of St Benedict, St Leoba German Benedictine missionary of the 8th Century, Heloise of the Paraclete, acclaimed abbess of the 12th Century, Dorothy Day, Benedictine Oblate and Peace activist of the 20th Century and Joan Chittester, Benedictine of our time. **18 May- Sunday 20 May**. Cost: \$300 (Includes all meals, program materials and accommodation for 2 nights). email: mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au Phone: **8752 5390** Where: **449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Road**. Bookings by: **Friday 11 May**

FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Archdiocese value the contribution that our volunteers make but more are needed to assist us from time to time. Our volunteers help us with the mailing of appeals and notices about our pilgrimages and special events as well as other duties. Please phone Amanda on **1800 753 959** or email fundraising@sydneycatholic.org for more information.