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Sunday, 6 May 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter– Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Our Cathedral Choir have now left for their overseas trip and as well as various concerts and liturgies will be singing in Rome at the Papal Mass on Pentecost Sunday. It is a wonderful way to celebrate the Choir's bicentenary!

I will be heading over to be at the Choir's Roman concert and the Pentecost Sunday Mass. (We didn't get enough takers for the proposed parish pilgrimage to Rome for Pentecost to be viable, but plans are afoot for a pilgrimage after Easter next year, so start saving up.)

If you are visiting the cathedral during the week you may notice a little non-liturgical noise and activity up on the sanctuary. A narrow section of the spectacular mosaic floor is being repaired and stabilised. The sanctuary was extended in length in the early 1900's, and over the past century some minor fracturing has occurred where the original floor and the extension meet. It isn't a major structural problem, but it has led to some of the mosaic being dislodged, so the time has come for skilled intervention to prevent any further damage to the mosaic.

You may also see a "scissor-lift" inside the cathedral over the next little while: this is to enable an inspection of our magnificent Stations of the Cross to assess how much restoration work they each need.

Finally, a reminder that the month of May is customarily dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a good time to refresh your sense of devotion to Our Lady. Pope Francis has instigated a new liturgical commemoration of “Mary, Mother of the Church” to be celebrated annually on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, which this year is 21st May. Also, 24th May is the Solemnity of “Mary, Help of Christians”, the Patroness of Australia and of this Cathedral, and 31st May is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayerful best wishes to you for the week ahead,
Fr Don Richardson, Dean.



Liturgy...

First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R.v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

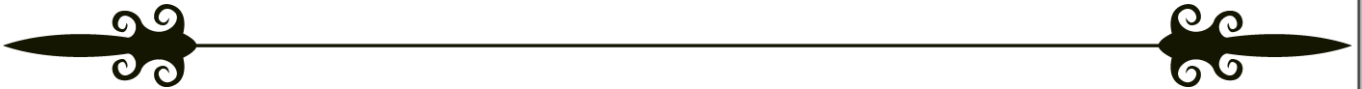
A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

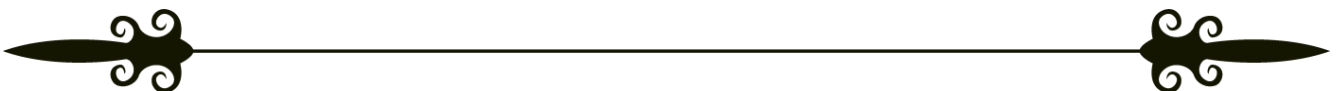


Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!



Liturgy...

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

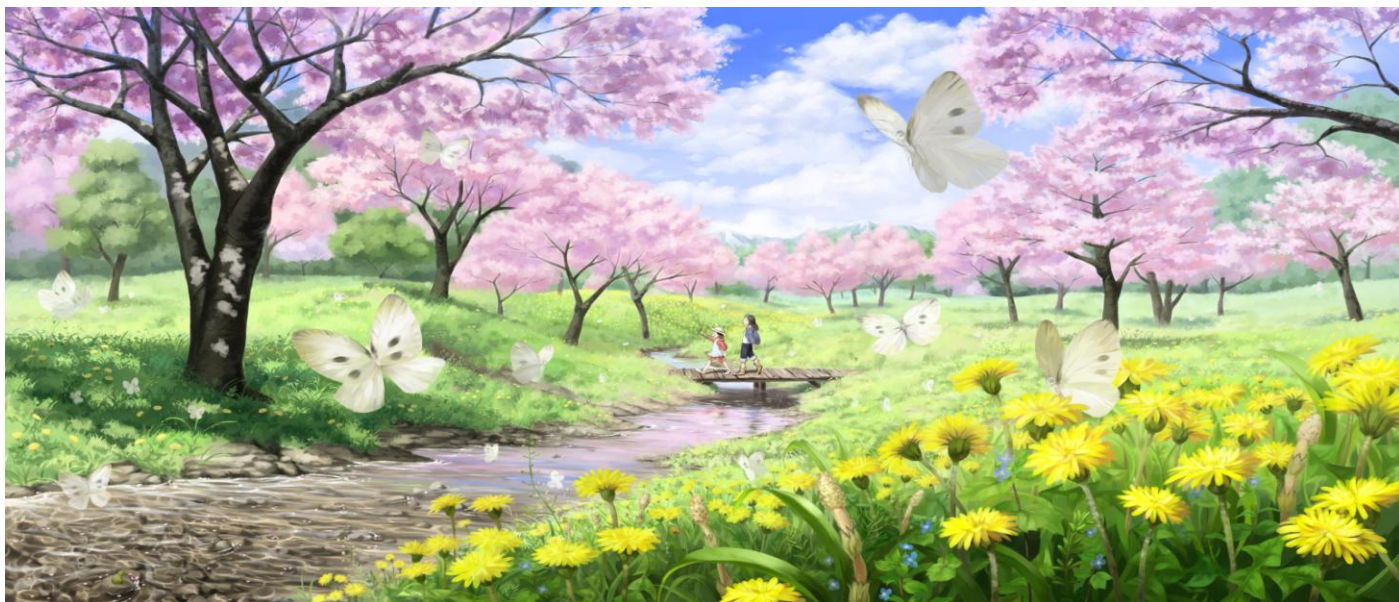
You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!





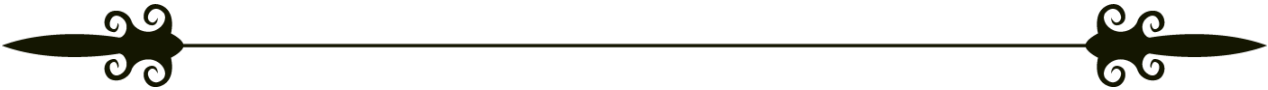
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Father Pierluigi Passoni

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Helen Morassut – General Manager, St Marys
Cathedral Precinct



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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

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 **13 May**, Embrace will hold a movie night with the film: 'The 13th Day: Fatima, A Story of Hope', in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to **embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au**.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE – 18 May. CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WISDOM OF BENEDICTINE WOMEN.

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. Date: Friday Evening **18 May-Sunday 20 May**. Cost: \$300 (Includes all meals, program materials and accommodation for 2 nights) Bookings by: **Friday 11 May**. Phone: **8752 5390**. Where: **449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Road**. Email **mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au**

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**

ST MARYS CATHEDRAL LATIN MASS

Please note that the Latin Mass on **27th May and 17th June 2018** will be celebrated at the **Cathedral Crypt** as the Eastern Deanery Confirmations will be celebrated at the Cathedral on those days.

WALK WITH CHRIST – 3 JUNE 2018.

All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **Sunday 3 June 2018**. Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the **Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt** with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are more than welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately **3.30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt**. The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm. The procession will help mark the 200th anniversary of a little known, but most heroic and faith-filled time in the history of the Australian Church. In 1818, the Government forcibly removed the only Catholic priest in Australia, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn, from Sydney. Fr O'Flynn's last pastoral act was to leave the Blessed Sacrament reserved in a faithful Catholic's home so that the colonists and prisoners could come to adore Christ present there. For two years, the Blessed Sacrament, in this lay Sydney home, was the source and centre of worship and consolation for the priestless Catholics of the Australian colony. Please look for the Books of Life in your parish to write your prayer intentions that will be offered at the end of the procession.

ROAD CLOSURES

The Sydney Herald Marathon will be held on **20th May 2018**. **College Street** will have a road closure in place from **4am to 11am** on the day. For more information, please visit **livetraffic.com**

NO CATHEDRAL TOUR

Please note there will be no public tour of the Cathedral on **27th May and 17th June 2018** as the Eastern Deanery Confirmations will be celebrated at the Cathedral on those days. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – 21-26 AUGUST 2018. Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”. Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. The family is essential for the future of the world and the Church. Everyone first learns what love means in their family, as they become aware that they are loved, and learn how to love in return. This is essential so that people can grow into mature individuals. Praying the rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong. Prayer. (Pope Francis) For further information: <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

GET FIRED UP – A PRE-PENTECOST GATHERING Speaker: Rev Fr Isuru Dinesh Weliwatte MGL. **When: 12 May 2018** Time: **9:00 am – 5:00 pm** Where: **St Joseph’s Parish Hall, Walz Street, Rockdale** .Coffee, tea and biscuits provided, **BYO Lunch** Enquiries: **Ida Krisnadi Mob: 0416 464 221** **Helen Aldana Mob: 0433 455114** .Email: **jlowcommunity@gmail.com** or visit our website **www.jlowcom.org**

VACANCY, CASUAL HOUSEKEEPER - Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. We are currently looking for a casual staff member to work in housekeeping and guest services. The role involves light cleaning duties for our functions and residential areas. At times the role may require offering support to our guest dining facilities. The role involves weekday and some weekend work. Applicants must have a knowledge of and empathy for the ethos and values of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and the Catholic Church. For more information please contact the Centre Director, Natalie Acton on **nacton@goodsams.org.au** by **11 May 2018**.

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES. The 2018 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies is scheduled **for 4, 5 and 6 May**. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION AND RENEWAL DAY AT ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY When: **20 May 2018**. Time: arrival is **10am** for 10:30am. Where: **121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia**. No Cost, Registration is on the day, donations to the monastery are welcome. Enquiries: Ann Bergman: **anniebergman@hotmail.com** or Ann Lomas: **atlomas@bigpond.com.phone: 9456 4775**. Coffee, tea and biscuits provided, **BYO picnic Lunch**. There will be presentations, introduction to meditation, periods of meditation and mass. Books and CDs are available for purchase. Accommodation at the Monastery guest house enquiries to Br Terry Cavanagh on **0438 282 318**.

CATHOLIC CARE SYDNEY. Do you have time to help people in your community? We need volunteers to provide much needed companionship to elderly people who feel lonely and isolated in South West and Inner West Sydney. If you have time to spend with someone who would truly appreciate it, please call CatholicCare Sydney on **13 18 19** and become a volunteer today.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE – CHILDREN’S MEDITATION WORKSHOP – 19 May. This fun workshop is for children aged 5-12 years, and aims to build a healthy body and mind. By teaching a variety of simple meditation techniques using breath and visualisation, creating mandalas and moving the body in a conscious way, children are encouraged to find that centre of stillness inside. This can help with anxiety, building confidence and understanding emotions. Date: Saturday 19 May 1.30pm-4.30pm. Cost: \$30 **BYO Afternoon Tea**. Reserve your place by email at **mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au** or phone **8752 5390**. Where: **449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road**.