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#### Sunday, 05 Aug 2018 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We are celebrating two hundred years of our Choir.

If our life now is a preparation for life with God in eternity, then we are supposed to learn here on earth how to live in heaven. That means learning to love sacred song, because according to divine

revelation in the Scriptures, heaven is full of singing and music in praise of Him.

Singing and music are integral to the worship of God. The Church understands that, through singing in the liturgy, prayer is expressed in a more attractive way, the unity of hearts is more profoundly achieved by the union of voices, minds are more easily raised to heavenly things and the whole celebration more clearly prefigures that heavenly liturgy which is enacted in the holy city of Jerusalem.

Catholic people are singing people, Catholic culture is a musical culture (even if not everyone is good at singing). It should not be surprising, then, that our Choir is as old as Catholicism in this city, even predating the building of the cathedral itself.

Today (Sunday) the current members of the Cathedral Choir are joined by past members to sing, together with the whole assembly, at the 10.30 Solemn Mass. My thanks and congratulations to all who take part! I myself will miss out on this celebration, as this weekend I am on pastoral duties in our little sister parish of Norfolk Island. But there too the dozen or so who gather for Mass in the church of St Philip Howard will sing sacred songs in praise of the One who sits upon the throne, and of the Lamb who was slain.

For where there is Catholic faith, there is song.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean



## Liturgy...

#### First Reading Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

#### A reading from the book of Exodus

#### I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

#### (R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us,

we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)

2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)

3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

## Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

## Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

## **Response: Thanks be to God!**



Liturgy...

#### **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 4:4

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

#### Alleluia!

#### Gospel Jn 6:24-35

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

# Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread;for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ** 

Archdiocese Of Sydney

## 200TH ANNIVERSARY MASS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

5TH AUGUST 2018 | 10:30AM

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#### CATHEDRAL CLERGY

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP Father Donald Richardson, Dean Father Brendan Purcell Father Emmanuel Yoon Jae Seo Father Pierluigi Passoni

#### CATHEDRAL STAFF

Chris Backhouse- Cathedral Sacristan Thomas Wilson – Director of Music Helen Morassut – General Manager, St Marys Cathedral Precinct



## A COPY OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$2

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	Monday to Thursday:	5.00pm
(Evening Prayer)	Saturday:	5.30pm
	Sunday:	5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)
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\*\*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 .....

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 Monday, 06 August 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://thebishopsblendfifthedition.eventbrit e.com or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

**CITY2SURF ROAD CLOSURE, 12 August** 2018 - City of Sydney Notice: Major roads along the event course will be closed. Key roads around the start line including College St and Macquarie St will be closed between 3:30am and 11am. Park St and William St will be closed between 3:30am and 12midday Access across key intersections along the course will be available until 7:30am on William St at Crown St, Darlinghurst. After this time there is no entry or exit until roads have reopened. Darlinghurst Rd and Victoria St will remain open. Please familiarise yourself with the road closure and clearway locations and timings before heading out for the day. If you need to drive on event day ensure you park your vehicle outside of the event course as vehicles entering or parked on closed roads will be fined. For more information visit www.livetraffic.com or call 132 701. For all event enquiries or concerns, contact the Event Information Line on 1800 555 514.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

#### Statement on Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Fees

As Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS), I wish to assure all families considering a Catholic education for their children of the following three key priorities.

As a system of schools, we are committed to maintaining low-fee affordability for all families seeking an enrolment in a systemic school in the Archdiocese.

The Board of Sydney Catholic Schools has determined to keep fee increases to a minimum. We anticipate that over the next three years, increases across the system will be on average three to four per cent, with lower increases in the areas of greatest need.

The Archdiocesan Catholic Education Foundation provides significant fee assistance (bursaries) to eligible Catholic families who require fee relief. Some criteria for low income families could include those who live in government housing and are on a Centrelink healthcard. Bursaries are also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and refugee families.

To enquire about enrolment at your local Catholic school, or to find out more about our bursary and fee assistance program, please contact the school Principal who will be pleased to talk to you about a Catholic school education for your child.

With warmest wishes

Dr Dan White Executive Director: Sydney Catholic Schools

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 Fisher 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.** 

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!

#### 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 at St Mary's Cathedral House, adjacent to the Cathedral, after the 6.00pm Mass. Our activities and youth projects are designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of our faith. For 05 August, Embrace will view the movie: *Paul, Apostle of Christ.* You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on 0404 008 870 or write to

embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

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 For further information: Church. https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/.

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN. "Go out to all the world and tell the good news" (Mark 16:15). How does a Diocesan Priest live this mission? Find out more by attending this upcoming retreat on 03 - 05 August 2018. This retreat is for all men (18 – 35 yrs. old) considering a vocation to the Priesthood is led by Fr. Epeli Qimaqima – Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Sydney. The cost of the retreat is \$75. RSVP: Wed 01 August 2018. For online registration: http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/sile nt-retreat-for-men-2018/ Registration/Enquiries: vocationcentre@sydneycatholic.org| (02) 9307 8424 or Email vocations@sydneycatholic.org

LIFECHOICE AUSTRALIA is running prolife training for young people on Saturday, 25 August. Two international speakers will run the workshops - Brendan Malone from New Zealand and Lia Mills from Canada. This will be a great opportunity for young people to learn how to argue against abortion with intelligence and compassion. Tickets are only \$30 and the event will be held in Sydney. More information and to register: www.LifeChoice.org.au.

SOCIAL JUSTICE **Tridiocesan** \_ **Celebration.** Join Catholics from the Archdiocese of Sydney, Parramatta Diocese and the Diocese of Broken Bay for a prayerful dinner event to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the theme of this year's Social Justice Statement: "Evervone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy". 22 August 2018, 6.30pm – 9.00pm. Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills (entry via City View Rd). RSVP: 16 Aug 2018 (indicate dietary requirement). Free, limited space bookings essential to your diocesan staff respective member: kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org, louise.mckeogh@parracatholic.org, faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK. From the 05 -12 August our parish unites with the catholic community in Australia to celebrate Vocations Awareness Week. During this week we concentrate our prayers in praying for more vocations to marriage, the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. For more information visit www.vocationcentre.org.au; Email: vocations@sydneycatholic.org; Tel. 9307 8433

**CATHOLICCARE SYDNEY.** Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? Contact our home care service through **CCareline on 131819** to find out more.