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Sunday, 02 Sept 2018
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
Anniversary Of The Dedication
Of Saint Mary's Cathedral



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

2nd September each year is the Anniversary of the Dedication of this Cathedral, so it is a special joy that it falls on a Sunday this year so that very many people may participate in the celebrations!

The present building was first opened for worship in 1882 by Archbishop Vaughan, and there was another formal opening in 1900 by Cardinal Moran once he had completed building the central tower. But the very solemn rite of Dedication took place on Saturday 2nd September 1905.

The elderly Cardinal Moran was still Archbishop of Sydney but the rather exhausting ceremonial was carried out by his younger Coadjutor, Archbishop Kelly. Below is just part of a report on the ceremony from the September 9th , 1905 edition of the Freeman's Journal. I hope you find it interesting.

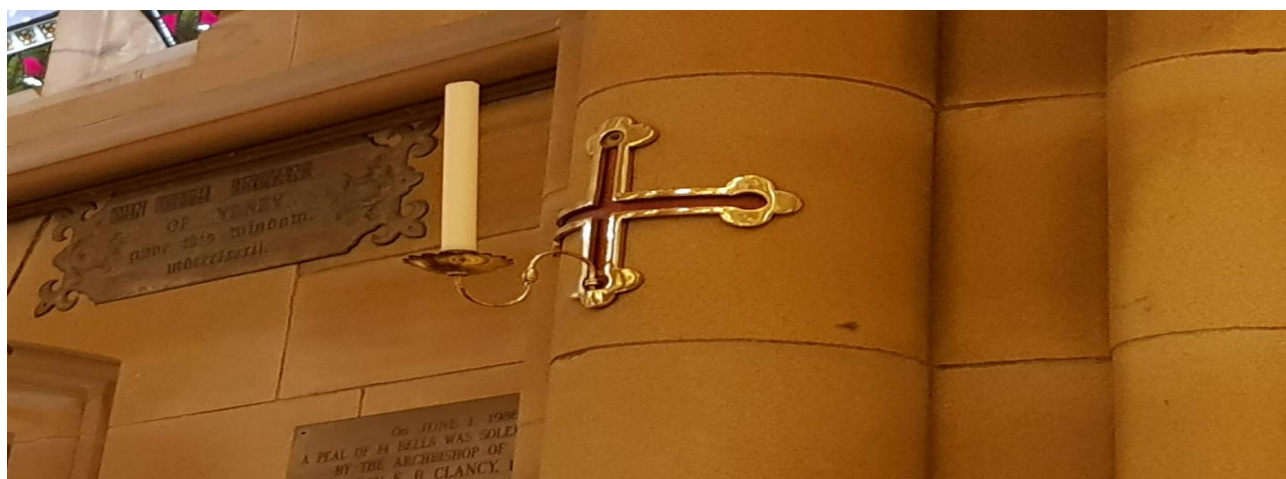
Happy Fathers' Day to all the Dads who visit this weekend! And congratulations to the large group of men from across the Archdiocese being formally Instituted into the ministry of Acolyte by the Archbishop at the 10.30am Solemn Mass!

God bless,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

The ceremony of the solemn consecration of the Cathedral took place on Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. It was performed by his Grace Dr. Kelly (the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney), assisted by the Rev. J. P. Moynagh as deacon, and the Rev. J. Egan as sub-deacon. The Rev. Father Sherin was deacon in charge of the church; and the chanters — the Rev. J. O'Gorman and the Rev. J. Kelly — whose duty it was to chant the Litany and Psalms, whilst different parts of the function were being performed.... Seeing that everything was in order, the Archbishop placed the Rev. Father Sherin in charge of the church, who stood inside the principal door. He ordered everyone to leave the church, and the twelve candles, which stood in front of the twelve crosses that had been erected on the walls of the Cathedral, and which always mark a consecrated church, to be lighted. His Grace returned to the Cardinal's sacristy, where the relics which were to be placed on the High Altar were kept over-night, and before which candles burned. Having vested, the Archbishop, with his ministers, said the Seven Penitential Psalms before the relics. A procession was then formed, which proceeded outside the church to the principal door, where the Litany of the Saints was said, and the Archbishop blessed Holy Water, and then proceeded to bless the outer walls of the Cathedral, preceded by cross-bearer, torch-bearers, and ministers in processional order. His Grace went three times around the edifice. The first time he blessed the higher part of the walls, then the foundations, and afterwards the centre portion. Each time on returning to the principal door, he knocked at it with his crozier, saying : 'Lift up your heads, ye princes, and be ye lifted up, ye eternal gates, and the King of Glory will enter.' Three times the deacon within asks: 'Who is the King of Glory?' Twice the Bishop answers: 'The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle'; and the third time he answers: 'The Lord of Armies — He is the King of Glory.' The Bishop then makes a cross with his crozier on the door which signifies the driving away of the powers of the devil; and then accompanied by the ministers, entered; and proceeded to the centre of the church where kneeling at the faldstool he intoned the 'Veni Creator Spiritus,' which was sung by the Rev. J. O'Gorman and the Rev. J. Kelly, the official chanters. Litanies were again sung towards the end of which the Archbishop rose, and prayed that God might depute a Guardian Angel to watch over the church, that the Lord might bless the church, and the altar, which he dedicated to the Mother of God, under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians. Next his Grace wrote on ashes which had been strewn on the floor of the Cathedral, with the end of his crozier two crosses — one on the top and the other beginning with the Greek [alphabet], which he wrote from the left corner inside the principal door, and afterwards the Latin [alphabet] from the right corner, the two crossing each other at the middle of the church. This part of the ceremony signified the instruction to be given to catechumens in the elements of the faith. The Archbishop then blessed salt, water, ashes, and wine, and having mixed same, proceeded to the principal door and made on it with his crozier two crosses—one on the top and the other on the lower portion—and afterwards went to the High Altar, and blessed with the preparation mentioned the five crosses on the stone of the altar. The Archbishop next went around the altar seven times, sprinkling it with the same preparation; each time he went around three verses of the Psalm 'Miserere' were sung by the chanters.

Dr Kelly then proceeded three times around the church, sprinkling the walls inside, the first time the foundations, then the middle, and afterwards the upper portions which, having been done, he sprinkled the floor of the church from the altar-rails to the Southern door and across the transepts, and, standing in the centre of the church, he blessed it to the east, west, north, and south. Returning to the front of the altar, he blessed and made the cement to be used in sealing the slab of the sepulchre on the High Altar; and afterwards poured out around the foot of the altar what remained of the preparation before mentioned. A procession was then formed, and the Archbishop returned to the Cardinal's sacristy for the relics. These were borne by two of the Sacred Heart Fathers from Kensington and were taken in procession around the church outside. The Archbishop anointed the principal door with chrism, and having entered the church the procession proceeded to the High Altar, where the Archbishop anointed with chrism the repository or sepulchre, and the relics were solemnly placed therein. The relics placed in the High Altar are those of the Blessed Virgin, St. Peter, St. Stephen, the first Martyr, and St. Agatha. With the relics were also placed three grains of incense, and an official parchment document containing the day, month, and year on which the solemn consecration took place, with the name of the Bishop consecrating, that of his Eminence the Cardinal, the name of the Pope, and the year of his Pontificate. Afterwards the altar was anointed twice with the oil of catechumen and once with chrism, as was done on the previous day by Bishop Dwyer. From the time the relics were placed in the repository until the end of the ceremony, a priest continually incensed the altar, and the oil of catechumen and chrism were poured out on the table of the altar, and rubbed all over by his Grace. After this, the Archbishop anointed the twelve crosses which had been erected on the walls, and before which candles were lighted, and incensed each of the crosses. The Archbishop, assisted by the deacon, sub-deacon, and masters of ceremonies, celebrated the Solemn Pontifical Mass at eleven o'clock, which was concluded at half past, the whole ceremony of the consecration occupying four and a half hours. Two conditions usually required before permission is given to consecrate a church are that it will be completely free from debt, and that it should be complete in all its essential parts. The Cathedral, as it at present stands, is without any encumbrance, but as it is not yet complete, his Eminence had to obtain special permission from Rome to dedicate St. Mary's. Our readers will understand that the southern wall, or the wall behind the gallery, is only temporary, but the idea of the ritual has been observed by cutting two crosses into the wall, which were consecrated on Saturday, and when the Cathedral is finally complete these stones on which the crosses are cut will be transferred to the new wall.



Liturgy...

First Reading Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

A reading from the book of Prophet Ezekiel

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Liturgy...

Responsorial Psalm Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. (R.)

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R.)

3. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. (R.).



Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

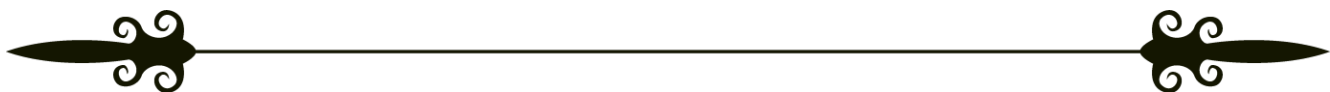
You are the temple of God

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Liturgy...

Gospel Acclamation 2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!



Gospel Jn 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ





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*

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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)	Monday to Thursday: 5.00pm Saturday: 5.30pm Sunday: 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament) PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO EVENING VESPERS ON TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

****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

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL.

“Archbishop Anthony Fisher invites you to a public lecture entitled Faith, Reason and Love to be delivered by Prof. Tracey Rowland. Join us **in the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt** from **6.30pm on Thursday, 06 September** for **refreshments**. The **lecture** will begin promptly at **7.00pm**.”

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!

FAMILY SPIRIT (BY CATHOLICARE SYDNEY AND MARIST180). Could you provide short-term help for long-term memories? As a new agency combining the strengths of Marist180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night: Tuesday, **04 September 2018** from **5.30-8pm** - Marist180 36 First Avenue Blacktown NSW 2148. Call CCareline on **13 18 19** to secure your place.

FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS TO ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL COLLEGE. Boys currently in year 2 are invited to audition as members of the prestigious St. Mary's Cathedral Choir to begin in 2019. All students receive full-tuition scholarships to St Mary's Cathedral College when placed as Cathedral Choristers. Please contact our Music Administrator to arrange an audition or for more information at

music@stmaryscathedral.org.au or by visiting

<https://cathedralchoir.sydney/about/choristers/>.

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.

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 **26 August**, Embrace will view Part 2 of the movie: *Restless Heart (The Confessions of St Augustine)*. You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

WRITE TO SENATORS TO OPPOSE EUTHANASIA. The Senate will this week vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message

<http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

PLENARY COUNCIL. Why not be involved? The 2020 Plenary Council is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. You are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda, by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. To be involved, visit <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> Become an Ambassador, facilitating listening and dialogue groups in your parish. If you want to know more, please speak with your Parish Priest, contact **9390 5100** or email plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org.

WORLD ROSARY. 07 October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies. The World Rosary will **start** with a '54-day Novena' on **15 August** (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) **until** the feast of the Holy Rosary on the **7 October**. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. The website to register your involvement for the world rosary is holyleagueofnations.com. **To Register in Australia:**
<https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate> .Jane, OzRosary, **0476 535 59**.

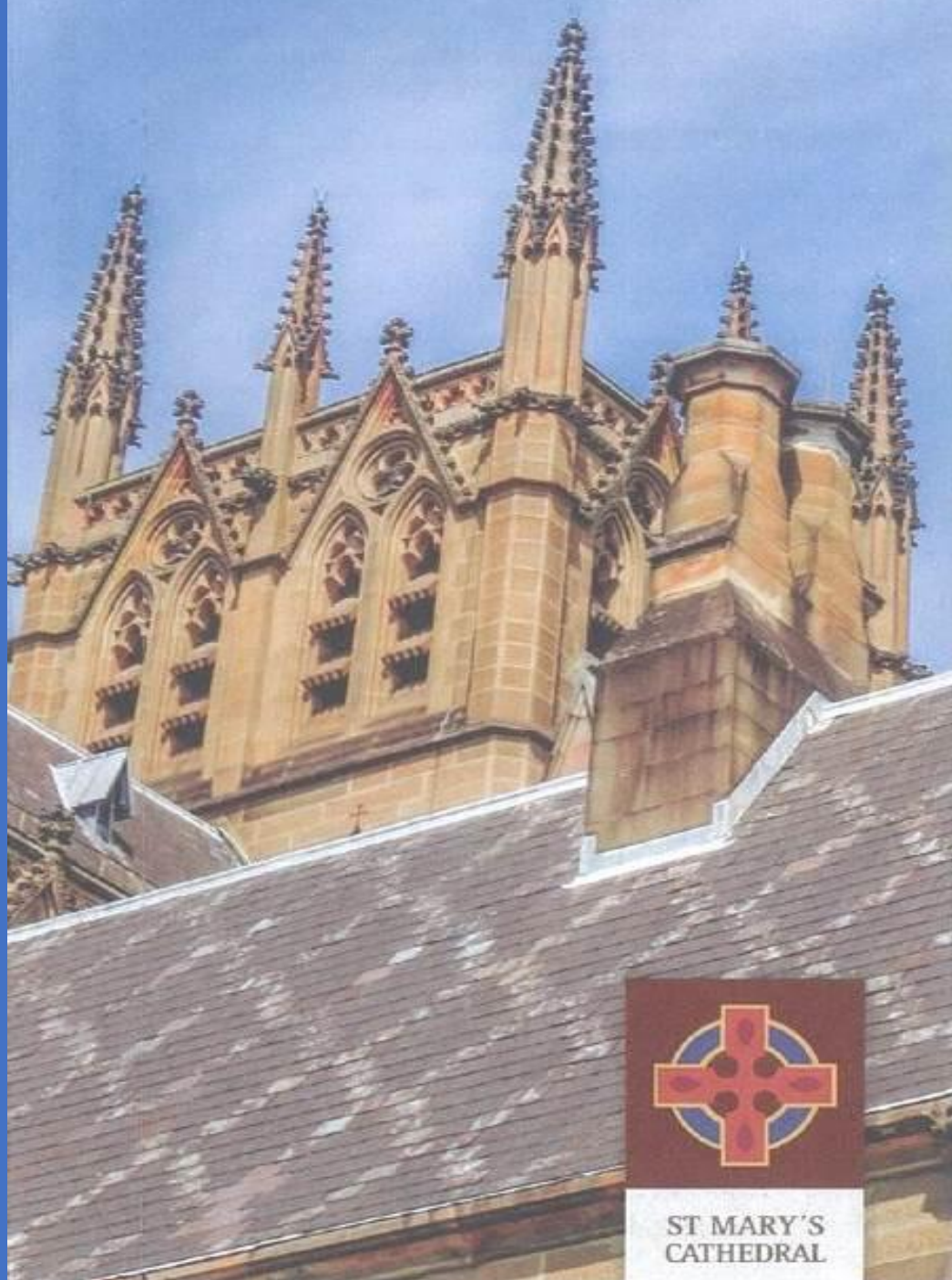
BE AWAKE NATIONAL MEN'S CONFERENCE. The Life Marriage and Family Centre and Sydney Catholic Youth are partnering with Young Men of God and Men Alive in a conference to provide valuable input, opportunities for prayer, reflection and fellowship for men of all ages. To be held on **19 – 21 October** at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre, Sydney. To register contact www.menalive.org.au or www.ymgmovement.org.

PRAYING IN THE CLOUD. Saturday, 08 September 2018. A silent retreat day spent with the Cloud of Unknowing and the practice of Centering Prayer which was born out of the wisdom of this spiritual classic. There will be two teaching session from the Cloud of Unknowing and several Centering Prayer practices. Benedictine Abbey - 695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo. 10.00 am - 4.00 pm (with the option of Mass at 9.00 am and Vespers at 5.00 pm). Presenter: Sr. Magdalen Mather osb. Cost: \$30.00. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee available. Bookings: **02 42 360533 (between 10.00 – 4.30 pm)**. Email: cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au.

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Sunday, 09 September 2018. The College invites you to attend our biennial Open Day. We will demonstrate how St Aloysius' educates young men of conscience, competence, compassion and commitment. This is an opportunity for you to tour our facilities and to meet our teachers and students, providing an insight into teaching and learning at St Aloysius'. A range of co-curricular activities including Sports, Drama, Music and Cadets will be on display, showcasing the well-rounded school experience the College offers. Staff and students will also be available to share with you the religious and spiritual life of the College and how we care for each student. Junior School (Years 3 to 6): 9.30am - 12.00pm at 29 Burton Street, Milsons Point. Senior School (Years 7 to 12): 10.30am - 1.00pm at 47 Upper Pitt Street, Milsons Point. Bookings are not required. For further information, please visit the College website www.stalloysius.nsw.edu.au or contact: The Registrar, Telephone: **02 9936 5535**. Email: registrar@stalloysius.nsw.edu.au. Please note that parking in the area is limited. The College encourages all guests to use public transport.

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ST MARY'S
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Dear Parishes,

You are invited to Artes Christi's new production of TS Eliot's **MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL** to be staged this Sep/Oct directed by Donald Macdonald.

This incredible play portrays the martyrdom of Archbishop Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. In 1980 history repeated itself when Archbishop Oscar Romero became the first Archbishop since Becket to be killed at the altar and the production is specially coinciding with the Canonisation of Blessed Oscar Romero in October. The play is also supporting persecuted people today via **Aid to the Church in the Need**.

FREE PRIESTS TICKETS: We'd also especially like to invite you to join us for one of our two first performances and we are delighted to be able to offer 2 complimentary tickets per priest or religious for these performances. The full details of this offer are:

SPECIAL PRIESTS / RELIGIOUS TICKETS

Wed 26 Sep (8pm) Preview OR

Thu 27 Sep (8pm) Opening Night

RSVP: 2 Free Tickets are available per priest or religious. To take up this offer, email your name, parish, phone number, & which performance you would like to attend to prieststickets@arteschristi.org.au. A return email will be sent confirming the availability of your tickets.

PARISH BOOKINGS: We'd also be delighted if you could promote the play at your Church and a poster & fliers have been sent to your parish in the post. We'd also be pleased if you could include the proposed Parish Bulletin below in your Newsletter. You may also like to put together a Parish Group with Discounts available for Groups of 7 or more.

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

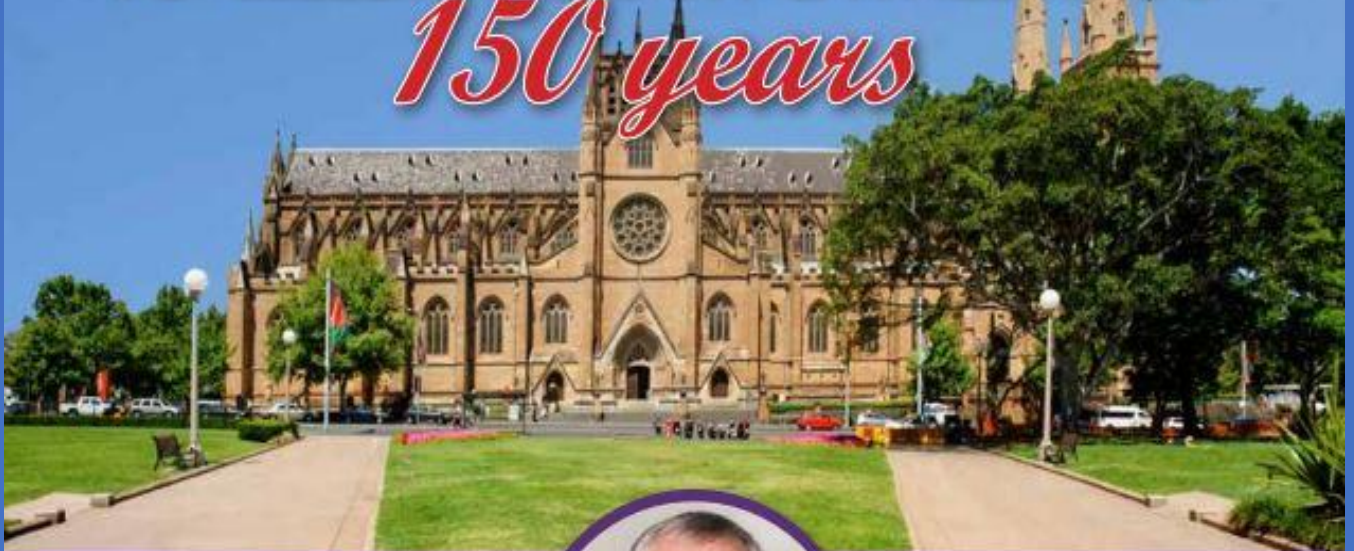
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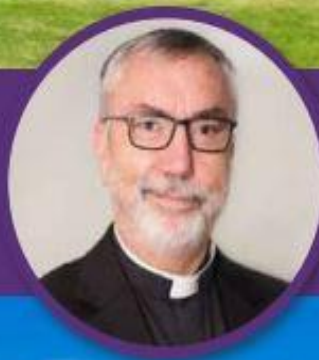
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