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Sunday, 28 Oct 2018 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors.

Around this time of year the big jacaranda tree in the cathedral grounds blooms. As I write this note, only a few flowers tint the spreading branches, but by the time November comes in a few days I expect the tree will

be in full purple splendour. The coming of November means it is time for us to remember the souls of the dead, for such has been our custom and our duty as Catholics across the generations.

In particular, we pray for the souls in Purgatory. Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven.

Because of the communion of saints, we who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in Purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. We can also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance.

Each day from November 1st to 8th inclusive, a plenary indulgence may be gained - applicable only to the souls in purgatory and not to one's self – by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead. On All Souls Day, a plenary indulgence may be gained, likewise applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, by visiting a church and praying at least the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

If you have particular people you would like remembered at the Altar during November do please let us know. And we join the whole Church in praying for the dead at the Intercessions during Vespers, which is sung in the cathedral Sunday to Thursday at 5pm.

As the Bible says, "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." (2 Macabbees 2.46)

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us. Liturgy...

First Reading Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



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Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

- 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
- 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (*R*.)
- 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
- 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (*R*.)





Liturgy...

Second Reading Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to The Hebrews

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

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Gospel Acclamation 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!





Liturgy...

Gospel Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ





Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: Sunday:	6.00pm 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: Saturday: Public Holidays:	6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm 9.00am & 12noon 9am (or as advertised)
Reconciliation	Monday-Friday: Saturday:	12noon - 1.00pm & 5.00pm - 5.25pm 11.30am - 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Monday to Thursday: Saturday: Sunday:	5.00pm 5.30pm 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 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 Mary's Cathedral Precinct

TAKE OUT A 12 MONTH SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NEW LOOK CATHOLIC WEEKLY & GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN AN IPAD. SEE THE PAPER FOR DETAILS

ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES

The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this mass.



Please note: you can continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.



IMORTANT SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE



The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office, in conjunction with the Parish Support and Development team, has identified that the following ministries NOW require a Working with Children Check:

- Extraordinary Minsters of Holy Communion (COMMUNION MINISTERS)
- Minister of the Word (READERS)
- Mass Counters and Collectors

If you are a volunteer for one of these ministries and have not yet applied for a Working with Children Check then you will need to do so. When you receive your Working with Children Check Number it will need to be given to Cathedral House Office (02 9220 0400) along with your date of birth, so that it can be verified accordingly to regulations.

For more details please go o: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check

We thank you for your assistance and support.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

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 visit

music@stmaryscathedral.org.au or by visiting

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

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 contact the Cathedral office at info@stmaryscathedral.org.au or ring (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.

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 28 Oct Embrace will host Sr Cecilia Joseph (of the Dominican Sisters Sydney) who will give a talk on 'Devotions and Novenas'. All are welcome please call/text Embrace Coordinator on 0404 008 870 or write to

embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au

CANTORS WANTED. St Mary's Cathedral has three Masses every weekend led by a solo cantor. This is a vital part of the Cathedral's liturgy and is carried out by volunteer singers. If you think you would like to serve the Cathedral in this important role as part of our team of cantors please contact the music department on 9220 0481 or

music@stmaryscathedral.org.au. We are looking for people who have good voices and are keen to be involved with the liturgical life of the Cathedral. Knowledge of how to read music and some singing experience would be an advantage. The Cathedral's safeguarding policy requires a Working With Children Check for all our volunteers.

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.

COME AND HEAR ABOUT BELL-RINGING! Organised by the FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL. All are welcome. Captain of the bell-tower, Murray-Luke Peard will be talking to the Friends about the practice of bell-ringing, and particularly about the 'Ringing Remembers' initiative taking place this year which hopes to recruit 1,400 new ringers to commemorate the 1,400 British bell-ringers who died in the Great War. Thursday, 08 November at 6.30 pm in the Br Hofman Hall. Talk followed by questions, wine and cheese. \$10 members, \$15 non-members.

OF LIFE AND LOVE PRE-MARRIAGE **COURSE IN OCTOBER.** This excellent course for engaged couples gives emphasis to the spiritual and sacramental dimensions of marriage, while also paying due attention to the practical elements. It highlights the importance of God's grace and human love in building a happy relationship, and it suggests ways in which married love can grow over the years. An approved course for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church. October 24 and 31. 7-10pm, Assisi Centre, Catholic Education Office, behind St. Joachim's Parish, 3 Keating St. Lidcombe. More Info: Life, Marriage and Family Sydney Ph: 9307 8400 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or to register: www.trybooking.com/book/event

CATHOLICCARE SYDNEY - Counselling for individuals, couples and families. Counselling can support you and your family to face life's challenges. Our caring team provides services for individuals, couples and families that are affordable. For more information contact **CCareline** on **13 18 19**.

MONTH OF PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES. Once again we are

celebrating the Month of Prayer for Marriage and Families in October. There are promotional posters and prayers to be used by families in the home and for prayers of intercession for the four Sundays in October for use during weekend Masses. For more info or assistance email Chris Gordon at the Life Office: christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org. Like and join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/PrayForMarriage/.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS. Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria will hold Masses on 02 Nov at 10.30am – Reflections Chapel, Liverpool Cemetery; 03 Nov at 12pm – Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel Rookwood Catholic Cemetery & 04 Nov at 2.30pm – The Pavilion Kemps Creek Cemetery.

JOB VACANCY. Are you a confident public speaker? Are you looking for flexible on going part-time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of **Diocesan** Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney. For all details visit

ROME PILGRAMAGE - 16 to 23 May 2019. To celebrate our Cathedral's 150 years it would be a great opportunity to join Fr Don Richardson, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral on a unique tour of Rome. Get your free pilgrimage kit today by ringing Rome Pilgrimages on 1800

pilgrimages@sydneycatholic.org.

753 959 or Email:

https://www.aidtochurch.org/work.

SYDNEY CATHOLIC MEN'S MINISTRY **NETWORKING MEETING.** Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other good men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in Sydney archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by Bishop Richard Umbers, hear from Tristan Ross, former lieutenant in the army on his experience of Catholic brotherhood. Ben Galea from Young Men of God will facilitate a discussion on growing new men's groups. Friday night November 23, 6.30pm Mass, 7.30pm Dinner, 8.30pm Presentations. St. Paul of the Cross Parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill. Register:

www.trybooking.com/431767. More Info: christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org