



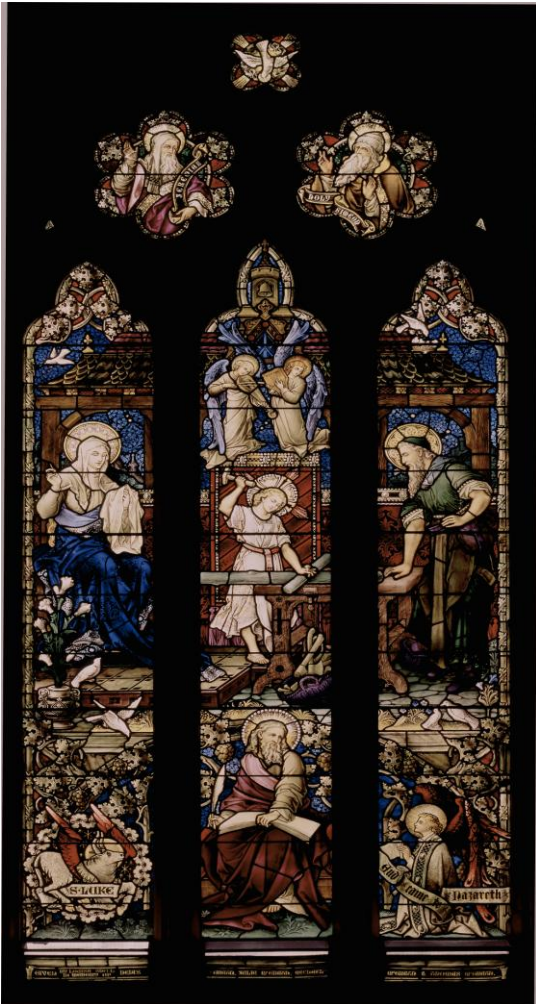
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Sunday, 02 Dec 2018

First Sunday of Advent - Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Welcome to Advent, and a new liturgical year!

Next Saturday, 8th December, we commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Laying and Blessing of the Foundation Stone of this – second - St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Fisher will celebrate a Solemn Mass at 12 noon, followed by a short procession and commemorative ceremony outside near the site of that same Foundation Stone. I do hope that very many of you will be able to join us for this celebration.

After the fire of 1865 which destroyed the first St Mary's, it was an incredible act of confidence in Divine Providence, for the mostly poor Catholic community under the leadership of the venerable pioneer Archbishop Polding to set about the task of building a much bigger and grander new

Cathedral. It is right that we, who have inherited the building which they began, should honour their efforts, thank the Lord who brought us together in his Mystical Body, the Church, and seek His blessing on the Catholics of today as we strive to live out our faith and share it with others.

The “Freeman’s Journal” newspaper of 12 December 1868 reported:

On Tuesday last, the imposing ceremony of blessing and laying the foundation stone of St Mary’s Cathedral, was performed by His Grace the Archbishop. That day was chosen, being the festival of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, because the future cathedral will be erected in her honor, and bear her name...

... Early on Tuesday morning the merry peals from the towers of our churches, announced that something unusual was going to happen that day and long before the appointed hour at which the ceremony was to take place a crowd was making for St. Mary's. Preparations had been made for a large gathering, but the crowds were even more numerous than was anticipated. On the north western portion of the enclosure was a large tent, in which those that were invited were accommodated, and facing them and a few feet from the spot where the future High Altar will stand, upon which was erected a large wooden cross, and at a distance of some thirty feet was a platform for his Grace and the clergy where the greater part of the ceremony was performed.

... We may mention that, in a cavity beneath the foundation-stone were deposited one of each of the coins of the realm, and copies of the Freeman's Journal, the Herald, the Empire, and the Evening News.

As part of the ceremony next Saturday, a new “time capsule” will be prepared, which we will conceal in the vicinity of the foundation stone, and the large statue of Our Lady standing nearby, which once stood in the facade of the Old St Mary’s, will be decorated with flowers to honour Mary Immaculate.

Until then, may you have a blessed week!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

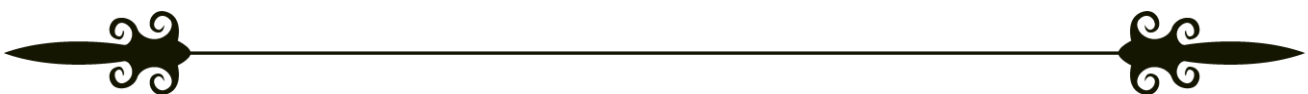
Response: Thanks be to God!



Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R)**
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R)**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **(R)**



Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

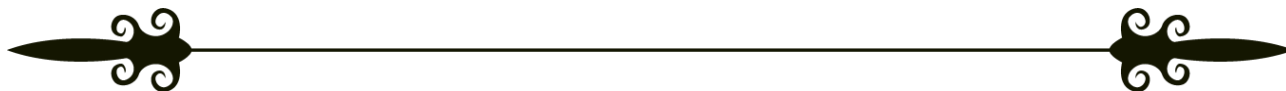
When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

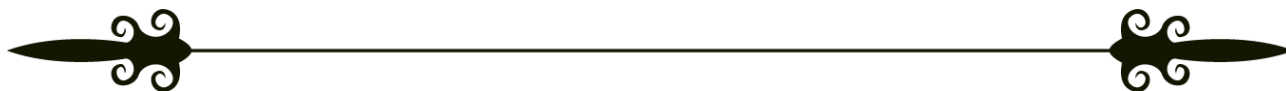


Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!



Liturgy...

Gospel Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

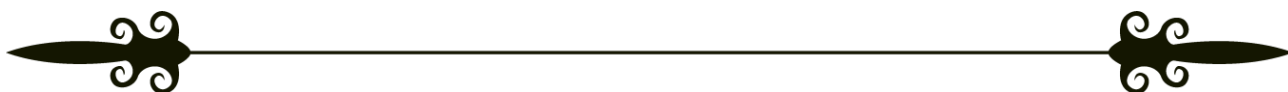
Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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)

****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 <i>Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP</i> <i>Father Donald Richardson, Dean</i> <i>Father Brendan Purcell</i> <i>Father Emmanuel Yoon Jae Seo</i> <i>Father Pierluigi Passoni</i>	CATHEDRAL STAFF <i>Chris Backhouse – Cathedral Sacristan</i> <i>Thomas Wilson – Director of Music</i> <i>Helen Morassut – General Manager,</i> <i>St Mary’s Cathedral Precinct</i>
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**SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEW LOOK CATHOLIC WEEKLY
OR PURCHASE A COPY FOR \$2.**

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.



BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

The Nativity scene will be blessed and opened at Cathedral Square directly following the 10.30am Solemn Mass this
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CATHEDRAL NOTICES

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS 05

DECEMBER. Come and celebrate with Bishop Richard Umbers and Gary Pinto the end of the Year of Youth and the Launch of the Lights of Christmas. Join us on **05 December** for: **5:30PM** Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers. **6:30PM** Concert on the Cathedral steps featuring Gary Pinto. **7:30PM** Lights of Christmas celebration followed by official opening with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian. A great way to spend your Wednesday evening by joining the thousands of Sydney-siders for the opening of the Lights of Christmas.

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/>. www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc for more information. www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc for more information.

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 **02 Dec** Embrace will host a games & trivia night as a fundraiser in support of the young adults in the City Deanery. **7.00 – 8.30pm in the Chapter Hall.** All are welcome to join. Please ring/text the Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au

AN ADVENT APP FOR CHRISTMAS! – Meet Me in the Silence. Walk the journey to Advent on your mobile device. Each day delivers a new video, podcast or written feature to assist you prepare for Christmas and meet Jesus in the silence, despite the busyness of the Christmas season. The Advent Calendar App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent

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 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](mailto:abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org).

A CHORAL CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATION. On **Friday, 14 December** St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate this special time of year with carols and an overwhelming feeling of Christmas joy for the annual, and much anticipated *A Choral Christmas Celebration concert*. There will be two performances at **11am & 7pm** with tickets starting at \$20. Visit www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc for more information.

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.

VOLUNTEERING WITH

CATHOLICCARE. Wellbeing callers.

Interested in volunteering to help seniors? Based at our Liverpool office, we need callers to phone people waiting for government funded home care to check on their wellbeing. **Hope helpers.** Interested in volunteering to help children? Based at our Lewisham office, we need people to help at playgroups for young vulnerable mothers and their babies. For more information please contact **CCareline** on **13 18 19**.

ROME PILGRIMAGE - 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 753 959** or Email:

pilgrimages@sydneycatholic.org.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Applications are invited for the opportunity to undertake the role of Property Officer, part of the Chancery Team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For further information, the advertisement for this role can be viewed at

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/property-officer-sydney/>

CARITAS AUSTRALIA – GLOBAL GIFT CHRISTMAS CARDS. To share the joy this Christmas you can do this through the Caritas Christmas card Global Gifts campaign, where you can purchase cards for family and friends, with proceeds going directly towards Caritas Australia's work for the poor and vulnerable many of whom are separated from their families at this holy time. The Global Gift Christmas cards can be ordered online at: www.globalgifts.org.au or by calling: **1800 024 413**.

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!

WALK THE CAMINO PORTUGUÉS.

Catholic Mission 17-day Pilgrimage: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: **May 2019 and June 2019**. Small group led by Sr Veronica, OP, (0451 387 906). For more information visit

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues>

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES AND

CREMATORIA – Twilight Carols. Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria warmly invites you and your family to join them at the annual Twilight Carols. Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery. Thursday, **13 December 2018**. Commencing at **6:30pm**. Fireworks at 9pm.



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