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Sunday, 03 February 2019 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Now that the summer holiday season is passing, our liturgical schedule at the Cathedral is returning to its usual pattern. This includes sung celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours, specifically Morning Prayer, "Lauds", on Sundays and Evening Prayer, "Vespers", each evening except Fridays.

The Liturgy of the Hours is the prayer of the whole Church, not just the preserve of priests, monks and nuns. Of course the cathedral priests pray the Liturgy of the hours each day, even when it is not celebrated publicly – Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, Prayer During the Day, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer are prayed on behalf of the whole community. As the Second Vatican Council pointed out the public celebration of Lauds and

Vespers is a valuable opportunity for everyone to participate in this work of sanctifying the day and asking for God's blessing. Christian prayer is primarily the prayer of the entire community of mankind joined to Christ himself.

"83. Christ Jesus, high priest of the new and eternal covenant, taking human nature, introduced into this earthly exile that hymn which is sung throughout all ages in the halls of heaven. He joins the entire community of mankind to Himself, associating it with His own singing of this canticle of divine praise.

For he continues His priestly work through the agency of His Church, which is ceaselessly engaged in praising the Lord and interceding for the salvation of the whole world. She does this, not only by celebrating the eucharist, but also in other ways, especially by praying the divine office.

84. By tradition going back to early Christian times, the divine office is devised so that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God. Therefore, when this wonderful song of praise is rightly performed by priests and others who are deputed for this purpose by the Church's ordinance, or by the faithful praying together with the priest in the approved form, then it is truly the voice of the bride addressed to her bridegroom; It is the very prayer which Christ Himself, together with His body, addresses to the Father."

- Vatican II, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

The Liturgy of the Hours, based primarily on the Psalms, is beautiful in itself, but it is made even more delightful to heart and soul here at the Cathedral when it is sung with clergy, choir and congregation taking their parts.

I want to encourage you join us at Vespers (5.00pm Monday to Thursday, 5.30pm Saturday, 5.00pm Sunday) and Lauds (Sunday 10.00am) regularly or occasionally.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

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

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Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

- 1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. (R)
- 2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R)
- **3.** It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. (*R*.)
- **4.** My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R)

Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God





Liturgy...

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

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Gospel Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself' and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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
Monday to Friday:	6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm
Saturday:	9.00am & 12noon
Public Holidays:	9am (or as advertised)
Monday-Friday:	12noon - 1.00pm & 5.00pm - 5.25pm
Saturday:	11.30am - 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
Saturday:	5.30pm
Sunday:	5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)
NOTE: There is no Vespers on 13 February 2019.	
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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 CLERGY

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP Father Donald Richardson, Dean Father Brendan Purcell Father Emmanuel Yoon Jae Seo Father Gerard Woo Ling

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Chris Backhouse – Cathedral Sacristan Thomas Wilson – Director of Music Helen Morassut – General Manager, St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

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.

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 753 959** or Email:

pilgrimages@sydneycatholic.org.

PRAY FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Across Australia, Catholics are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith and the Church. Many within Archdiocese parishes the commenced their journey towards the Plenary Council 2020, sharing and reflecting on the future of the Catholic church in Australia. Please continue to pray for the community of the Sydney Archdiocese that we will respond well to the call of the Holy Spirit, by engaging in the preparatory phase of the Plenary with open and humble hearts, listening to what the Spirit is saying to each one of us as we share our experiences of faith towards the preparation of the agenda of the Plenary Council. The Plenary Council Prayer: http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pray/ Want to know more or on how to become involved? Please contact 9390 5147 or email plenarycouncil@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!

MULTICULTURAL MASS 2019.

Celebrating Interculturality. A Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at **2.00pm** on Sunday, **17 February 2019**. Celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher. ALL WELCOME.

THE BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE

now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, and opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Reception on (02) 4572 2899 / email bxvi@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

DRAWING AND GIVING LIFE – NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2019 How do we renew our pastoral structures to draw and give life in the post Royal Commission Church? In what ways are we called to move forward and strengthen our ministries to serve the mission of Jesus Christ? The day includes networking with ministry leaders around NSW and two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners offering strategies for

mission. Normal rate \$75. **Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Tuesday 26th February 2019 / 9.30am to 4.30pm**

renewing and strengthening our pastoral

VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

- The Capuchin Friars 15-17th February 2019. Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. 7:30pm Friday to 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 07 February: contact Father Thomas vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. https://www.capuchin.org.au.

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER

SERVICE. The Diocese of Broome, WA. needs volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley in a variety of tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Balgo, and La Grange/Bidyadanga and Warmun. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator:

Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060

Email: **volunteers@broomediocese.org**. Web: www.broomediocese.org

EMBRACE, YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.

Embrace is St Mary's group for young adults 18-35 yrs old from all cultures and backgrounds. We meet every Sunday at Cathedral House, adjacent to the Cathedral. Our activities and youth projects are designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of our faith. The group will resume for 2019 on 03 February after the 6.00pm Mass. For enquiries: please call/text Embrace on **0404 008 870 or email:** embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

VOLUNTEERING WITH

CATHOLICCARE. 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. 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. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

CAMINO PORTUGUÉS. WALK THE

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/getinvolved/immersions/camino-portugues

PRO-LIFE TRAINING DAY WITH

BRENDAN MALONE. Internationally renowned speaker Brendan Malone will run workshops on how to effectively participate in campaigns to defeat anti-life parliamentary bills and how to spread the pro-life message with clarity and compassion. We are expecting a new abortion up to birth bill in NSW parliament soon. We must prepare to combat this. \$30 per head includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Saturday, 16 Feb, 9am to **5pm** at an inner West location to be disclosed on registration. RSVP essential:

www.trybooking.com/ZZAZ.

SHORT-TERM CAN YOU PROVIDE 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 on Tuesday, 05 Feb 2019 5.30-8pm. Family Spirit, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH, MARRICKVILLE

- POSITION VACANT. St Brigid's Parish, Marrickville, led by Passionist Missionaries, is seeking an experienced Youth Worker to work with our Junior Youth Group (Years 7-9), in social, prayer and outreach activities up to 10 hours per week, including some weekend and evening work. Applications close: Friday, 18 February 2019. Please send covering letter and resume to: parish@stbrigid.org.au. Further Information: contact Parish Office on 8577 5670.



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16 FEBRUARY 2019

9AM-5PM







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Bach, Sorrow and Joy

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi Stabat mater arr. J.S. Bach as Tilge, Höchster, meine Sünden BWV 1083 J.S. Bach The Art of Fugue / Contrapunctus XIX J.S. Bach Jesu, meine Freude

The Song Company
The Choir of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

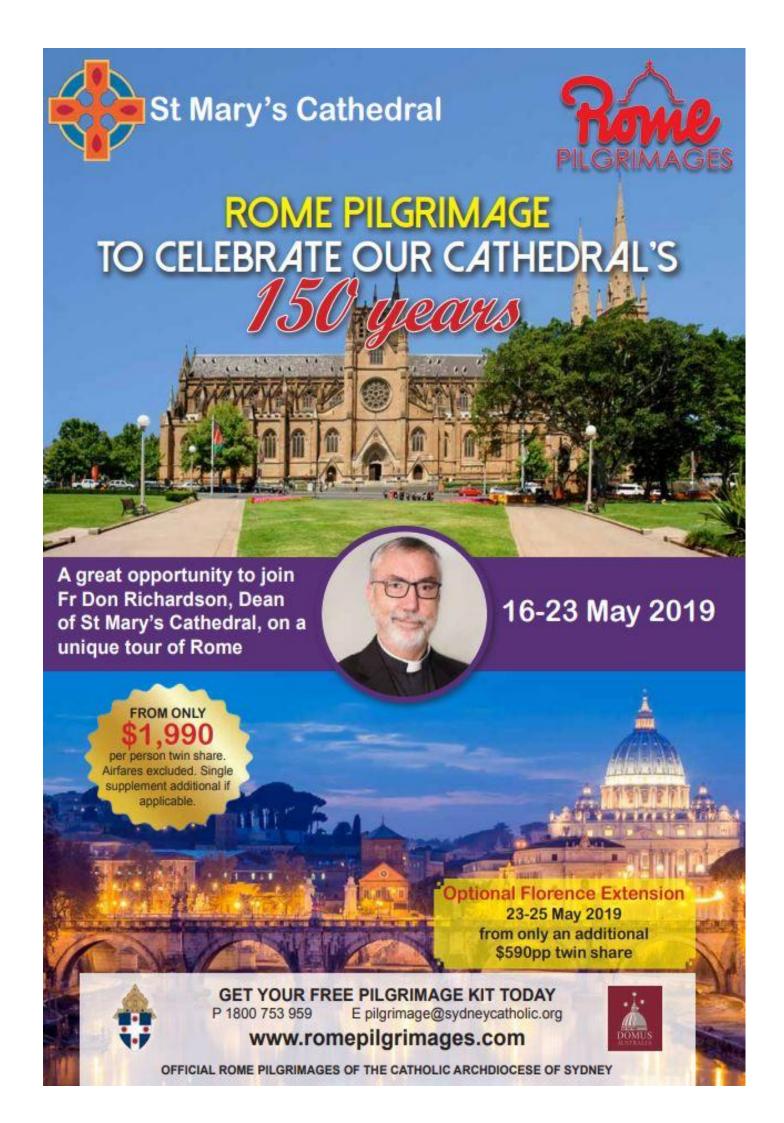
directed by Thomas Wilson & Antony Pitts

Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney Friday 29 March 2019 - 7pm Sunday 31 March 2019 - 2pm







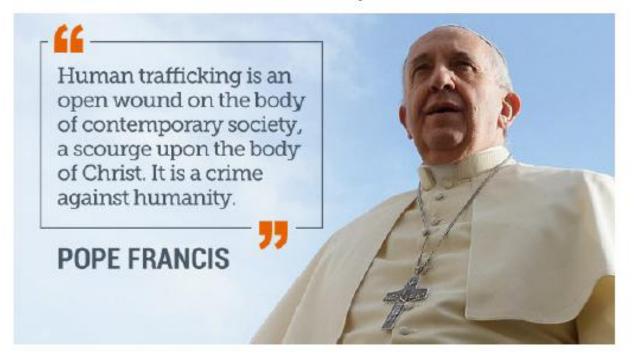




St Bakhita's Day Ethical Sourcing Expo



Commemorating the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Trafficking in Persons on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947), Patron Saint of slavery victims.



9:00 am (for 9:30 am start) - 1:00 pm Friday 8 February, 2019 Cathedral College Hall, St. Mary's Cathedral 2 St Mary's Road Sydney

Take action to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking from our world.

You will hear from church, business, government and community leaders about modern slavery and what can be done to address it in our homes, workplaces and communities.

RSVP here: https://bit.ly/2FiEROT or via email to: alison.rahill@sydneycatholic.org

The Feast Day Mass of St. Bakhita will commence in St. Mary's Cathedral at 1:10 PM.