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Sunday, 27 January 2019
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Well, holiday time is just about over as the life of a new year begins to take root. In the liturgy at Sunday Mass we have begun the “Year C” cycle of Scripture readings, which means that on most Sundays this year we will have readings from the Gospel according to St Luke. Luke’s Gospel is characterised by a desire to overcome the confusing effects of the persecutions, doctrinal controversies, internal disagreements and defections from the faith, which had occurred in the fifty years or so that had passed between Our Lord’s ascension into heaven and when Luke wrote.

St Luke teaches that if anyone wants to find the path to salvation among all the confusion, they will find it only within the tradition represented by Peter and Paul. Luke shows how the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob glorified Jesus and raised him from the dead, and he continues to present the reliable tradition in his companion book, the Acts of the Apostles.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year as St Luke continues to teach us the truth.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. Jn 6:63

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

- 1.** The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R)**
- 2.** The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R)**
- 3.** The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R)**
- 4.** May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **(R)**

Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

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!





Gospel Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.


He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:


The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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)	Saturday: 5.30pm Sunday: 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament) NOTE: There is <u>NO</u> Weekday Vespers and Holy Hour Adoration during the month of January.

****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 Gerard Woo Ling</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.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

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.

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 parishes within the Archdiocese have 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.

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; also no tours on Fridays as the Crypt can be closed at short notice.*

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

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>.**

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>

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@broomedioocese.org. Web: www.broomedioocese.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.

THE GREGORIAN SCHOLA OF SYDNEY

will resume rehearsals for 2019 on Thursday, **31 January at 6.00pm** at **St Bede's Pyrmont**. No auditions required and all vocal contributions welcome. Learn to sing the music of the church with a friendly and enthusiastic group. Ring **9716 7110** or **0418 230 322**.

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.

CAN 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 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.

VISITING ROME? STAY AT DOMUS AUSTRALIA.

Domus Australia is a 32-room Boutique Pilgrim Guesthouse established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. Enquiries: reservations@domusaustralia.org www.domusaustralia.org.



St Bakhita's Day Ethical Sourcing Expo



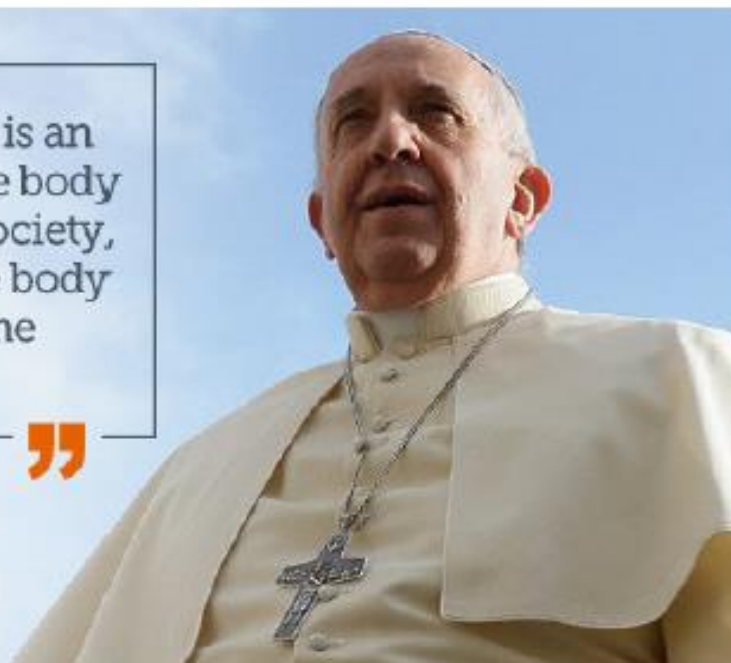
Commemorating the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Trafficking in Persons on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947), Patron Saint of slavery victims.



Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity.



POPE FRANCIS



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.