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Sunday, 03 March 2019 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We are about to begin a time of change, a testing time. A time of dying and rising. Lent is coming, and Ash Wednesday is this week. The timetable for Masses on Ash Wednesday is 6.45am; 12noon; 1.10pm; 5.30pm. There will also be a 5.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Darlinghurst. May our Lenten discipline bear fruit in our lives.

In regard to the news about Cardinal Pell, please see below messages from Archbishop Anthony, and from the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

With prayers for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

A message from Archbishop Anthony Fisher

As you would be aware the news of Cardinal Pell's conviction is now public.

The details you will hear and read in the media over the coming days will be truly shocking and confronting.

The Cardinal has announced that he will appeal the conviction. Therefore, as the legal process is not complete I won't be making any further comments and I urge people to wait for the appeal process to run its course before reaching a final judgement on this matter.

Once again, I express to those who have suffered abuse at the hands of Church personnel, to their families and to the entire community my shame and apology for that dark chapter in our history. I renew my commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing for all young and vulnerable people in the Church.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served.

In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.

February 26, 2019

Liturgy...

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the prophet Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

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

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Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

- **1.** It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R)
- **2.** The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R)
- **3.** Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R)





Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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Response: Thanks be to God

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Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!





Liturgy...

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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	Saturday:	5.30pm
(Evening Prayer)	Sunday:	5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)
ASH	06 MARCH:	PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA MASS CELEBRATED
WEDNESDAY		AT 12.00PM IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR SCHEDULED DAILY MASSES.
Stations of the Cross	Fridays @ 4.30pm:	March – 08, 15, 22, 29 & April – 05, 12

**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.

PLEASE NOTE: ASH WEDNESDAY, 06 MARCH 2019. There will be an extra Mass celebrated at 12.00pm in addition to the regular scheduled daily Masses.

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 parishes within the Archdiocese 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!

CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS. Fundraising for Michaelites, PNG. Orders accepted until 09 April 2019. Contact: parish@holyspiritnorthryde.org.au to place orders.

PROJECT COMPASSION CAMPAIGN LAUNCH 2019. Tuesday, 05 March.

Please join us for the Caritas Project
Compassion Launch for 2019 commencing
with Mass at 1.10pm celebrated by Most
Reverend Anthony Fisher OP. After Mass we
will gather in the Crypt to listen to our
International Speaker Super Dube from Caritas
Zimbabwe. Super Dube will explain how your
generous donations bring hope and empower
people in great need to shape a better future for
themselves, their families and their
communities. Please join us for refreshments
after the session.

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The Archdiocese of Sydney, together with Notre Dame University's Institute for Ethics & Society have a number of engaging lectures featuring eminent international and Australian intellectuals coming up in 2019. Please join us as the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP delivers his second instalment of "The Godless Country? Part II, Christian Australia". "Are we living in a Christian country? Certainly, Christianity is the largest religious group in Australia. But where is the Church situated in the mind of modern Australia?" – Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Thursday, 7 March 2019 6.30pm at Chapter Hall, St Mary's Cathedral. Refreshments provided. RSVP's Essential https://www.satcathedral.org/events/thegodless-country-part-ii/. More information events@sydneycatholic.org, 9390 5100.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS. Please find attached invitations from Bishop Terry Brady to join him for the Annual St Patrick's Day Mass on 17 March 2019 and 18 March 2019. The Masses will take place at St Patrick's Church Hill on Sunday, 17 March 2019 commencing at 12.00pm and in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Monday, 18 March 2019 commencing at 10:30am.

EMBRACE, YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.

Embrace is St Mary's group for young adults aged 18-35 yrs from all cultures and backgrounds. We meet every Sunday after the 6.00pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral House, adjacent to the Cathedral. Our activities and youth projects are designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of

our faith. For **03 March** Embrace will celebrate their fellowship with a group dinner. You are welcome to join. Please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au for enquiries.

THE BISHOP'S BLEND. Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Monday, 11 March 2019 at 7.00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to https://thebishopsblendseventhedition.eventbrite.com.au or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org.

DEANERY MEN'S BREAKFAST. 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 St. Christopher's Parish Panania, hear from Robert Haddad from Sydney Catholic Schools on his experience of Catholic brotherhood and what helped him connect with his faith as a young man. Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Saturday, 16 March, 8am Exposition and Adoration, 8.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Randazzo, 9.30am BBQ breakfast. St. Christopher's Parish, 233 Tower St. Panania. \$10 per person. Register: www.trybooking.com/BAACH More Info: christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org Ph: 9307 8402

'OF LIFE AND LOVE'- MARRIAGE
PREPARATION COURSE. The Catholic
Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage
preparation courses for engaged couples
preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Each
course will be held over 3 consecutive
Wednesdays. 2019 dates include: 13, 20, 27
March (Venue: Dooleys Club, Lidcombe –
Banksia Room) and 16, 23, 30 October (The
Assisi Centre, Lidcombe). To book online visit
https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU or
contact LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org.

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DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD: "I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49. The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on Sunday, 24 March. This is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life!

10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the streets of the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. 1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral.

THE BOY CHORISTERS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR join forces with the Song Company soloists Susannah Lawergren and Anna Fraser to present *Bach, Sorrow and Joy.* This concert, held in St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, features Bach's arrangement of Pergolesi's famous and enduring *Stabat mater* as well as Bach's most substantial motet, the eleven-movement *Jesu, meine Freunde.*Friday, 29 March 2019 - 7pm & Sunday, 31 March - 2pm. Tickets \$60 (concession available): http://the.song.company/Bach-sorrow-joy/.

YOU ARE CALLED TO MISSION – PALMS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL
VOLUNTEERING. Communities in
Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills share your valuable skills with our global family. Info Session:
Thursday, 21 March @ 5:30pm Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks,

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



*INFORMATION ON IMAGE:
The Carrying of the Cross Window – 4th Sorrowful
Mystery of the Rosary.
Positioned on the Eastern side of the Cathedral.
The image depicts Jesus being forced to carry his cross uphill to
the place of execution.

"You are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross, a special devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's suffering and death for our sake".

Fr Don Richardson,

DATE: FRIDAYS

8 MARCH, 15 MARCH,

22 MARCH, 29 MARCH, 5 APRIL

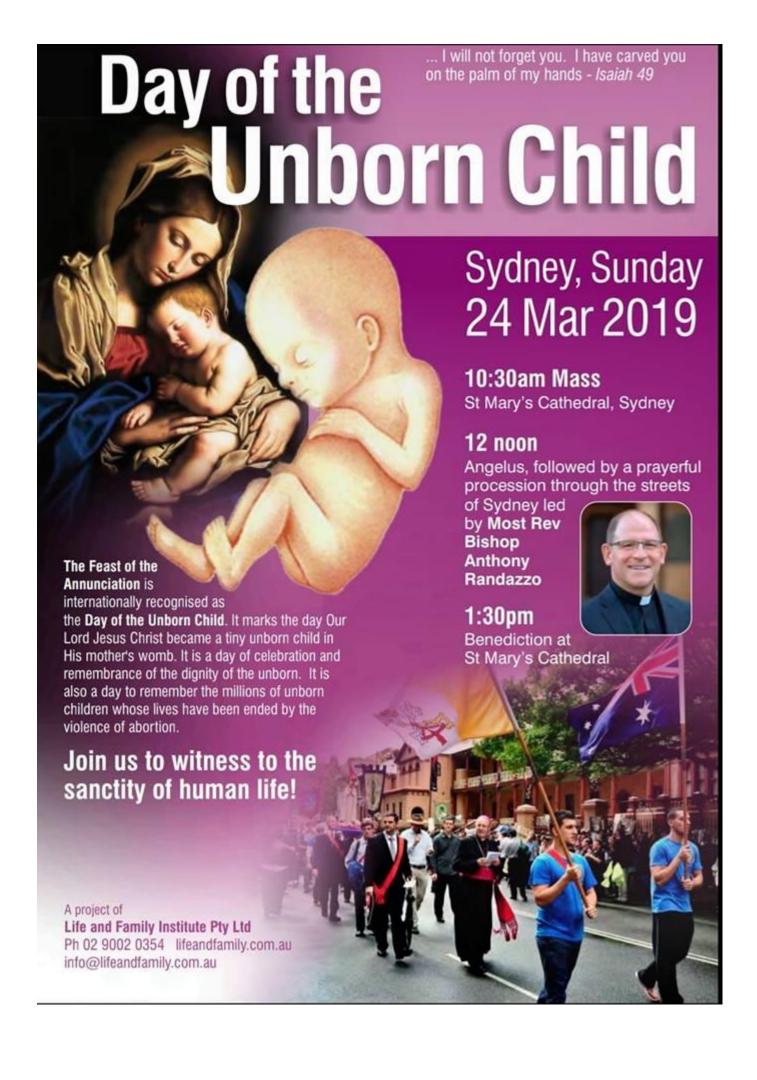
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TIME: 4.30PM

ABOUT STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

The Stations of the Cross is a special devotion that commemorates the journey of Christ to his Crucifixion and burial.

St Mary's Cathedral has 14 stations arranged in order in which we visit to commemorate and pray. The stations are magnificent oil paintings painted in France, which were acquired by Cardinal Moran in 1885 during a visit to Europe.







"What a truly wonderful performance! ...this was one of the best performances of this work I have ever heard... spinetinglicious."

(AUSTRALIAN STAGE)

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







