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Sunday, 31 March 2019
Fourth Sunday Of Lent - Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors

Today the penitential mood of Lent is lifted slightly, briefly, for the 4th Sunday of Lent or “Laetare Sunday.” “Laetare” is the first word of the Introit (Entrance Antiphon) at Mass today: *Laetare Jerusalem*:...Rejoice Jerusalem and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. (Cf. Is 66.10-11).

Unlike the other days of Lent, instrumental music is permitted and the altar may be decorated with flowers. Customarily, rose-coloured liturgical vestments are worn in anticipation of Easter joy. The Church is encouraging us on our Lenten journey, as if saying: “Well done so far, now get your strength up and get ready to see it through to the end!”

This week on Wednesday the bishops, priests and deacons of the Archdiocese will be attending a Clergy Conference, which we have a couple of times each year to discuss important pastoral and administrative matters. Please pray to the Holy Spirit for us as we gather. These are very challenging times for us.

I am pleased to advise the Cathedral community that the Archbishop has appointed Fr Lewi Barakat and Fr Artur Wojtowicz to the Cathedral. Fr Lewi will be replacing Fr Emmanuel Seo as the Archbishop’s Master of Ceremonies after Easter when Fr Emmanuel will be leaving the Cathedral for a new assignment. Please make Fr Lewi and Fr Artur welcome when you see them. We will miss Fr Emmanuel but still have a few weeks to say goodbye.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading Jos 5:9-12

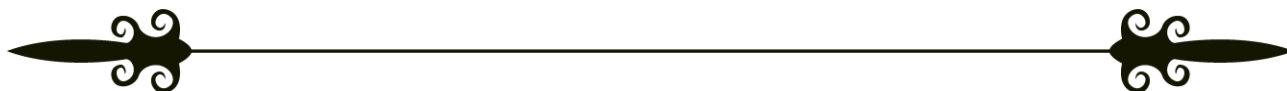
A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

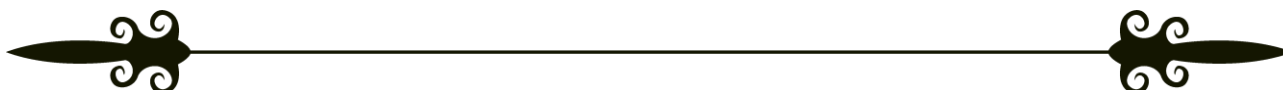
**The word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God**



Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

- 1.** I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**
- 2.** Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **(R)**
- 3.** Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **(R)**



Liturgy...

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

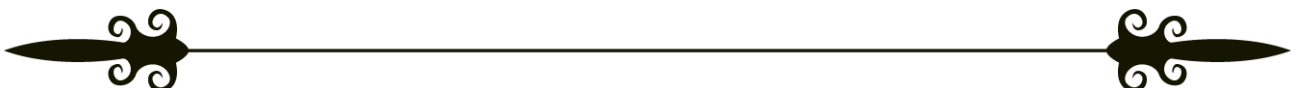


Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



Liturgy...

Gospel Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

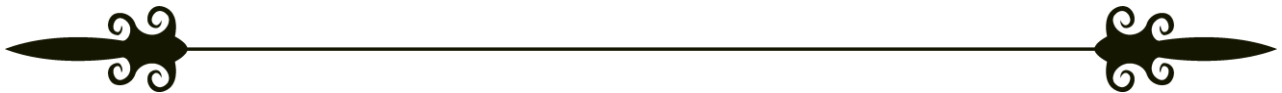
Liturgy...

Holy Gospel according to Luke..... Cont'd

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

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)
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 <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> <i>Fr Lewi Barakat</i> <i>Fr Artur Wojtowicz</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

PLEASE NOTE:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS a special devotion commemorating the journey of Christ to his Crucifixion and burial is prayed **every Friday in Lent at 4.30pm.**

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT DAY – Notre Dame Broadway. Saturday, 13 April from **9.00am to 4:00pm.** The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch and afternoon tea, and inspiring talks from three speakers. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, **registration essential:** sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au, (02) 8204 4189 or Trybooking.com/475522.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP. 04 – 07 July 2019. A residential program with participants accommodated in The Abbey cottages, arriving in the afternoon of Thursday, 04 July and leaving after lunch on Sunday, 07 July 2019. Numbers are limited, bookings essential. Benedictine Abbey 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo. \$300.00 for the talks plus accommodation fees. Bookings: **02 4236 0533** or cottageretreats@jambarooabbey.org.au.

DO YOU CARE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND? Are you caring for a loved one? Do you like connecting with others online? CatholicCare is seeking volunteers who are carers to participate in an online community and lend your advice and insights to others in a similar situation. Tel: **131819** connect@catholiccare.org

2019 ANZAC EVE MASS OF REMEMBRANCE – 24 April 2019.

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Forces for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day at **5.00pm, St Mary's Cathedral.** There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW, and the Australian army band Sydney will join the Cathedral choir, to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass. For enquiries please ring **02 9390 5100** or email: events@sydneycatholic.org.

TOUR 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. There are no tours on Fridays as the Crypt can be closed at short notice.*

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR

UNBORN BABIES. The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for **3, 4 and 5 May** this year. People will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to:

<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>.

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 **31 March** Embrace will hold a farewell get-together to thank their Chaplain of 4 years, Father Emmanuel Seo. You are welcome to join. Please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au for enquiries.

'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: **16, 23, 30 October** (The Assisi Centre, Lidcombe). To book online visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or contact LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment. Confidential contact **0400 092 555** or info@rachelvineyard.org.au. 2019 retreats at Varroville, NSW **05 – 07 April and 25 – 27 Oct.**

WALK THE LENTEN JOURNEY ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE.

In his message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis emphasised that we should "not allow this season of grace to pass in vain." With new content daily, the Lent Calendar App can help those who desire to journey through Lent with purpose. The App includes the daily Gospel, a suggested Lent act, and a multimedia feature to pray and reflect upon. Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and online at www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTION MORNINGS. Third Wednesday of Every Month

10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support: **(02) 9646 6908** / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

COULD YOU HELP A CHILD IN CARE?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. Tuesday, **02 April 2019**, 5:30pm-8.00pm. Marist 180 36 First Avenue Blacktown NSW 2148.

CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS.

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

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,
DEAN OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

DATE: FRIDAYS

8 MARCH, 15 MARCH,

22 MARCH, 29 MARCH, 5 APRIL

& 12 APRIL

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.



EASTER AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

*"I invite you to join us as we
commemorate the saving
Passion, Death and Resurrection
of Jesus Christ, celebrated in the
sacred Liturgies of Holy Week".*

Fr Don Richardson,
DEAN OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PALM SUNDAY / 14 APRIL, 2019

7.00am: Mass
9.00am: Mass
10.15am: Procession & Solemn Mass
12.15pm: Low mass (Extraordinary Form)
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and Benediction
6.00pm: Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY / 18 APRIL, 2019

10.30am: Chrism Mass
6.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
9.00pm: Compline The Office of Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY / 19 APRIL, 2019

10.00am: Stations of the Cross
3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY / 20 APRIL, 2019

10.00am: Tenebrae The Office of Readings
6.00pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY / 21 APRIL, 2019

7.00am: Mass
9.00am: Mass
10.30am: Solemn Mass
12.15pm: Low Mass (Extraordinary Form)
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and Benediction
6.00pm: Mass



ANZAC EVE MASS

24TH APRIL 2019, 5:30PM

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

Join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP for a time of remembrance and prayerful reflection on the sacrifices of our retired and active defence personnel

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