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Sunday, 24 March 2019

Third Sunday Of Lent – First Scrutiny



Dear Parishioners and Visitors

All the Masses of Lent provide a great richness of scripture passages for us to reflect on as we pray and fast and give alms and prepare ourselves for the Easter mysteries.

This weekend in the Cathedral Masses three different Gospel passages will be read. At most Masses, the Gospel will be Luke 13.1-9, which is an urgent call to repentance, for without repentance for our sins, we will be cut down and thrown into the fire, warns Jesus. This is the reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C.

At the 12.15pm Traditional Latin (“Extraordinary Form”) Mass, the Gospel passage is Luke 11.14-28, in which Jesus cast out a devil from a possessed man and warns the bystanders against the power of evil and says “Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.”

At the Sunday 6.00pm Mass, the rite of the Scrutinies is celebrated, at which special prayers are prayed over our “elect” catechumens who are preparing to be baptised at Easter. At the Mass for the Scrutinies, the readings for Year A are always read instead of the Year C ones, and the Gospel passage is from John 4.5-42: where Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at the well in Sychar, and reveals to her that he is the Messiah. She and many of her neighbours came to believe in Jesus at this time.

Taken together, then, the Gospels show us that evil is present and active in the world and in people’s hearts – there is plenty of evidence of that around and within. We need to repent of our sins, and the consequence of unrepented sin is truly dreadful. Jesus is the Christ, the source of forgiveness, the one who can give us eternal life. This is the pressing message of Lent, the pressing message of the Church, the pressing message of God!

So let us pray for one another, pray for all who do not yet believe in Jesus, pray for the gift of a new beginning through Jesus, the Son of God, whose Annunciation we celebrate tomorrow, 25th March.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt?’ they said. ‘Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?’ Moses appealed to the Lord. ‘How am I to deal with this people?’ he said. ‘A little more and they will stone me!’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.’ This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, ‘Is the Lord with us, or not?’

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





Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- 1.** Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**
- 2.** Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**
- 3.** O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **(R)**



Liturgy...

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

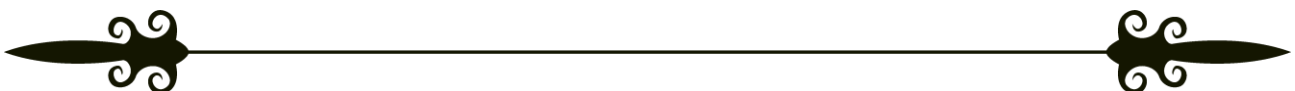


Gospel Acclamation Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!



Liturgy...

Gospel Jn 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Liturgy...

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

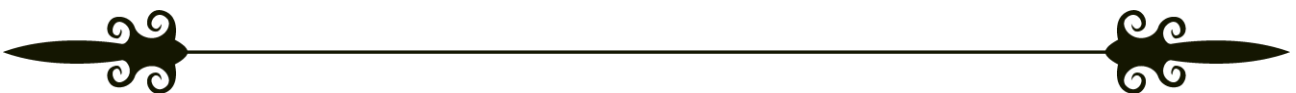
At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat;' but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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
24 Hours For The Lord	Friday, 29 March 12.00pm to 8.00pm (except for Mass at 1.10pm & 5.30pm) To Saturday, 30 March 8.00am – 12.00pm (except for Mass at 9.00am)

****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

PLEASE NOTE:

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – Continuing the Lenten custom called for by Pope Francis, St Mary's Cathedral will open the doors for an extended time of Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Penance.

All welcome.

Hours: Friday, 29 March 12.00pm to 8.00pm
(except for Mass at 1.10pm & 5.30pm)
Saturday, 30 March 8.00am – 12.00pm
(except for Mass at 9.00am)

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.**

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/>.

CATHOLIC BREAKFAST GROUP. The Catholic Breakfast Group's next get together will be held on **Monday, 25 March at 8.00am** at Parliament House NSW. The guest speaker will be Miss Lana Turvey-Collins, National Plenary Council Facilitator, Plenary Council 2020. Tickets are \$30 pp. An opportunity for networking. Contact Paul Zammit to arrange to obtain tickets: Office **02 9223 4330** or Email: paulz@zamsal.com.au.

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/>.

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**

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 24 **March** Embrace continues to mark Lent with a group reflection on a chosen passage of the Holy Scriptures (Lectio Divina). 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@rachelsvineyard.org.au. 2019 retreats at Varroville, NSW **05 – 07 April and 25 – 27 Oct.**

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

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.

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.

RETREATS. 6 Day Retreat, **29 Mar – 4 April** “Trinity-Heart of our Desiring” Sr Colleen Rhodes rsm: \$690 (prayer weekend 29-31 Mar \$230). We will explore ways of encountering the Trinity in our everyday life, with prayerful reflection on the Triune God whose flowing life constantly draws us to share in the energy of God's love. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, **RSVP: 4630 0233** or **Email: contact@towersretreat.org.au** **website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>.**

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.**

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: Chism 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

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

29 MARCH (12pm to 8pm) - 30 MARCH (8am to 12pm)

(EXCEPT FOR MASS TIMES 1:10PM & 5:30PM ON FRIDAY, 9AM ON SATURDAY)