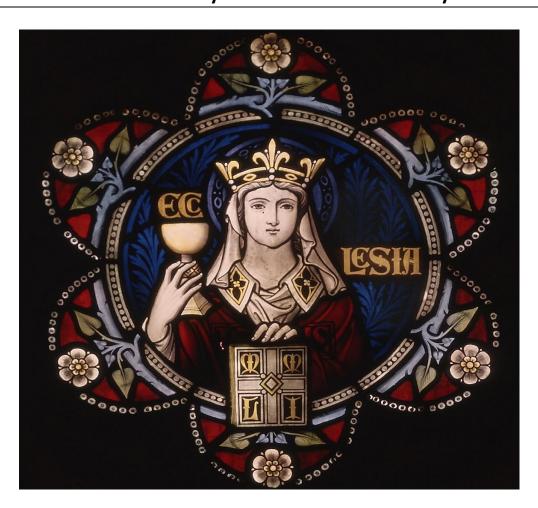


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Sunday, 31 March 2019 Fourth Sunday Of Lent – Second Scrutiny



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: *Lætare 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 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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



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Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

(R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R)
- **2.** He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R)
- **3.** You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R)
- **4.** Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever. (R)





Liturgy...

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God



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Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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





Liturgy...

Gospel Jn 9:1-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

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

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

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)
Stations of the	Fridays @ 4.30pm:	March – 08, 15, 22, 29 & April – 05, 12
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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

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Father Donald Richardson, Dean
Father Brendan Purcell
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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.

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@jamberooabbey.org.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 or 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 **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

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

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.

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

WALK THE LENTEN JOURNEY ON

www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent.

Android devices, and online at

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTION MORNINGS. Third

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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.

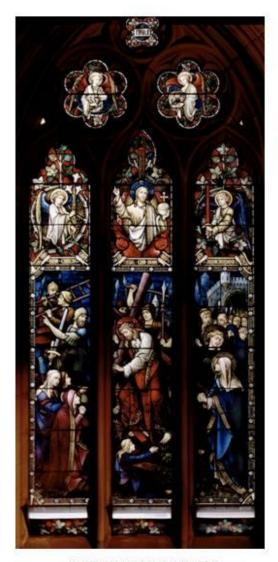
COULD YOU HELP A CHILD IN CARE?

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,

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,

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 Vaspers 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

