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Sunday, 28 April 2019 Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday – Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors

May the joy of Christ's Resurrection bring grace and peace to each of you and your families!

Like St Mary Magdalene and the Apostles, each of us is called to give witness to those around us that Christ lives. We hope and pray that we may do so in peace and safety, and not be subjected to the witness in blood given by our brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday and in many other places every week.

The Holy Week liturgies here at the Cathedral were beautiful and very well attended. I want to record my thanks to our hard working staff and volunteers: sacristans, musicians, administrative personnel, acolytes, cleaners, ushers and readers, as well as to the seminarians who served so diligently. Many people "went the extra mile" to make Holy Week proceed so successfully.

May God be with all in the week ahead.

Liturgy...

First Reading Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

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

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Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

- (R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- **1.** Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (*R*)
- **2.** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R)
- **3.** O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R)





Liturgy...

Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live forever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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





Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!





Liturgy...

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: Sunday:	6.00pm 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12.15pm Latin Mass in the extraordinary form; 6.00pm Mass
		12.13pm 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)
Vespers	No Vespers from 29 April to 04 May. Vespers resumes from Sunday, 05 May.	

**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 Gerard Woo Ling Fr Lewi Barakat

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Chris Backhouse – Cathedral Sacristan Thomas Wilson – Director of Music Helen Morassut – General Manager, St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

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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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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CHURCH. Outreaching to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Enquiries: Ph (02) 6239 9813 Email: tribunal@cg.org.au.

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.

THE 'COMING HOME' CONCERT - Sunday 28 July, 2019. Fr Rob Galea and his band will be giving a full-production 'Coming Home' concert in Sydney. The 'Coming Home' concert will be an amazing and contemporary witness of faith that will reach out to people in a way they can relate to easily. The event is open to all ages and we encourage families to come and celebrate the love of God together. More information at

www.frgministry.com/tickets.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' FEDERAL ELECTION STATEMENT. The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be

FREE SUNDAY TOUR OF ST MARY'S

found at www.catholic.org.au.

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!

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/.

INVITATION TO OPEN FORUM with Dr Beverley Sherry – "Milton in stained glass". The Independent Scholars Association of Australia Inc. will be holding an open forum on 09 May 2.30pm – 4.30pm at History House, 133 Macquarie St, Sydney. Cost: \$5 Members & \$10 non-members. Afternoon tea will be served. RSVP 06 May to C Jennett – cjennett@ozemail.com.au.

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 **25 – 27 Oct.**

EMBRACE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.

Embrace is St Mary's group for young people of 18-35 yrs old 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 **28 April** Embrace will celebrate Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday with a group dinner. You are welcome to join. For more information: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

'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.

MINISTRY OF BEREAVEMENT.

Bereavement Ministry Formation calls us to be the compassionate heart and hands of our Lord Jesus. No one can really feel or remove another's pain, however we can walk beside and support another who is sorrowful. We ask you to prayerfully consider beginning this wonderful Pastoral Ministry. The two day Bereavement Formation Program is being offered 9am till 3pm as follows: Mon & Tue 29-30 April - Polding Centre, L5, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney. Mon & Tue 13-14 May - Dooleys Catholic Club, 11-17 Church St, Lidcombe. Enquiries and Registration: Patricia Thomas - 9646-6936 or patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2019

Pastoral Appeal. In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting an important initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours.

TEMPORARY, PAID JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR CARERS. Do you care for a family member or friend and enjoy connecting with others online? We are seeking carers from diverse backgrounds and age groups for a few hours a week, for a 10 to 12 week period, to help us test a new online peer support community for carers. If you are a carer, enjoy spending time on the computer or mobile device (for example, connecting with others on social media), and want to earn some extra income working from home, call **CCareline** on **13 18 19** or email us at **connect@catholiccare.org**.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL FORUM with Dr Anna Rowlands 25 May 2019.

A forum to be held on at 10am to 3.30pm on the ACU Campus, 25a Barker Road, Strathfield with Dr Anna Rowlands. 1st Session: "Simone Weil, Hannah Arendt & Gillian Rose – Prophets for our Crisis-Ridden 21st Century" followed by Q & A. BYO Lunch 12pm -1.30pm. 2nd Session: "The Other – A Realistic Understanding of Catholic Social Teaching" followed by Q & A. Entry \$25 per head through Catalyst for Renewal, PO Box 265, Swansea 2281. Message Bank: 02 9990 7003. Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au. Website: **catalystforrenewal.orgp.au.** Dr Anna Rowlands is a renowned Theologian visiting Australia for the first time. We are delighted to give people an opportunity to hear her.

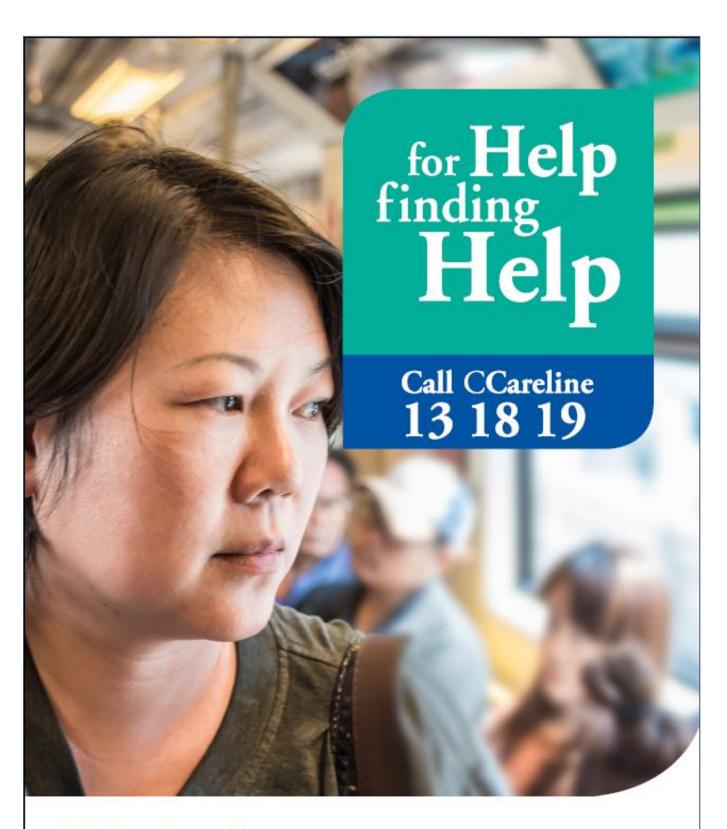
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You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross, at St Mary's Cathedral, every Friday during Lent at 4pm. All are welcome.

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