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Sunday, 12 May 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors

‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.’ How is it that they know his voice? Because God is living in each one of us, even if we’re not always as aware of his presence as we should be. I came across this letter of Chiara Lubich’s to her followers from way back in 1946. In it, you can feel her trying to awaken in each of them that consciousness of the presence of God, which should be the most important voice in our lives. Here’s what she said in the letter:

‘My dearest friends, I would like to be with each one of you and to speak to you with an open heart and with the delicacy of God; to tell you what’s happening in my heart. In you too, the Most High has marked out a plan of Love. You too can live for something great in life. Believe: God is in you! Your soul when it is in grace is the centre of the Holy Spirit: the God who sanctifies.

Go within yourself: seek God, your God, the one who lives in you! If you knew what you carry within you! If only you would leave everything for Him... If only you would redirect towards God this short existence, which vanishes and fades a bit day by day! Oh! If God were King in you and then with all the energy of your body and soul you placed yourself in his divine service as his handmaids! Oh! If you loved Him with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strength!

Then...you would fall in love with God and go through the world bearing good news! God is. You live for Him. In a few years, God will be everything for you, as soon as this short life is over! Throw yourself into Him. Love Him. Listen to what he is asking of you, every moment of your life. Then do it with all the enthusiasm of your heart, consuming all your strength in this divine service. Fall in love with God! There are so many beautiful things on earth! God is even more beautiful! Don't wait till your youth flies away; may you not have to say with Augustine, in tears for a wasted life: "Too late have I loved you! Too late have I loved you, O beauty ever ancient and ever new!" No!...I love you now, my God, my all! Give me your command and I will do it! Your will is mine! I want what You want! To fall in love with God on earth means to fall in love with his will, so that after a life in his divine service we will see him and be with him forever.'

On his visit to Romania at the end of this month Pope Francis will be beatifying seven Romanian bishops martyred in the early 1950s under perhaps the most fiercely anti-Catholic persecution of the 20th century, by the Romanian Communist Party. Bishop Ioan Ploscaru survived. But he's a great example of one who always heard the Shepherd's voice. In February 1963, he didn't notice a prison officer passing by, and failed to salute him. He was sentenced to five days in an isolation cell called the 'black cell'—where, because of the below-freezing temperatures in winter, prisoners often died. He wrote:

'These five days were a great consolation for my soul. Compared with the passion and death of our Saviour Jesus Christ, my sufferings were tiny. I stayed all the time in meditation and prayer. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword," the apostle St Paul asked. At the end of those five days, I was disappointed to leave that "black cell," where I found myself alone with Jesus. When the guards came to tell me I could get out, it almost seemed to me that I was being separated from a beloved place.'

Surely the Shepherd St John describes in the Apocalypse today was, even in that extermination prison of Pitesti, wiping away all the tears from Bishop Ioan's eyes. 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice.'

Fr Brendan Purcell

Liturgy...

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

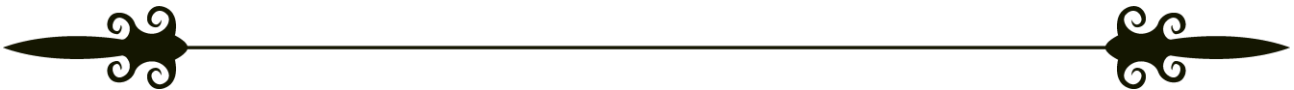
Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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



Liturgy...

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **(R)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **(R)**



Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God



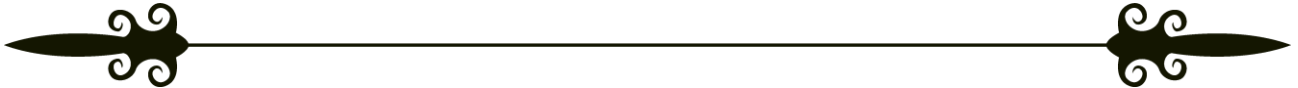
Liturgy...

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!



Gospel Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

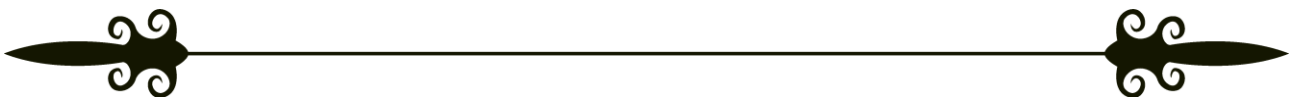
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.’

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 <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE NOTE:</p> There will be NO 12.15pm Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Sunday 26th May and Sunday 2nd June.
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) <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE NOTE:</p> There will be NO 5:00pm Vespers and Benediction on Sunday 2nd June.

****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 Gerard Woo Ling</i> <i>Father Lewi Barakat</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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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.

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CATHEDRAL NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC 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.

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, 27 May 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://thebishopsblendeighthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Prepare to reach beyond...Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? You can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family!
**Come to Discover Global Mission:
Sunday May 26th @ 10:30am
Aquinas Academy: 141 Harrington Street,
The Rocks, SYDNEY**
But if you can't make it, simply call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **NO 12.15pm** Mass in the Extraordinary Form on **Sunday 26th May and Sunday 2nd June**. My apologies for any inconvenience. The Sunday Mass timetable at the Maternal Heart Traditional Latin Mass Parish at Lewisham is : 8.30am Low Mass; 10.30am Sung Mass. The 12.15pm Low Mass will resume at the Cathedral on **Pentecost Sunday, 9th June**.

Very Rev. Donald Richardson, Dean of the Cathedral.

FEDERAL ELECTION GUIDE 2019. For the first time, The Archdiocese invited political parties to provide responses to a series of questions about their stance on some of the most critical issues at stake at the election in a couple of weeks. These issues include religious freedom, education and care for the vulnerable. Their responses form the basis of the Federal Election Guide available at your parish.

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 found at www.catholic.org.au.

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! **Please Note:** The Free Guided Tour has been **cancelled for Sunday 2nd June**

CCR NSW EVENT: A Day of Healing with Sr Margaret Scully

A Day of Healing with Sr Margaret Scully Sat 25 May from 9:00am to 4:30pm (Commences with Mass at 9:00am) at St Vincent's Church, Ashfield.

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 **12 May**, Embrace will hear the Vocation Stories of Father Gerard Woo Ling and Father Lewi Barakat in *Called to Love and Serve: Responding to God's Call to Priesthood*. 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 13-14 May** - Dooleys Catholic Club, 11-17 Church St, Lidcombe. Enquiries and Registration: Patricia Thomas - **9646-6936** or patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

COUNSELLING AVAILABLE WITH NO

WAITLIST. Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have just joined our CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence. Call CCareline on **13 18 19** to find out more.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2019

Pastoral Appeal. This parish wishes to express its thanks to our generous parishioners who supported last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal.

To give is to trust in God, His love that embraces us all and His power to provide. Thank you for making that choice.

ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE

GATHERING – 'Hot Topics' Join us as we shed some light on the big social justice issues of today! Topics include: Domestic Violence; The Church and Mining - an Update from Rome; Post-Election Analysis on Housing, Climate, Wages and Labour, and Refugee and Asylum Seekers; and a parishioner panel and discussion on Developing an Archdiocesan Social Justice Coordination Team. There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. There is plenty of street parking and the venue is easily accessible by public transport as well. All most welcome! **WHEN: Saturday 25th May 2019, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm**

WHERE: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North

COST: Free RSVP: Essential for catering: email jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org | or call us 9307 8465

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL:

Today, Catholic educational institutions are faced with the challenge of undertaking their mission within a pluralistic society whilst still genuinely reflecting Catholic faith and values. To what extent should the content of curriculum, policies and staff formation be influenced by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition? Please join us as Moral Philosopher **Prof Sandra Lynch from the University of Notre Dame** delivers her lecture "Mission Impossible? Education & Formation in a Pluralistic Society" at **6:30pm, Thursday 23 May 2019 in the Chapter Hall of St Mary's Cathedral**. Refreshments will be provided. Scholarship at the Cathedral is an initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese in partnership with The Institute for Ethics and Society of The University of Notre Dame Australia. **Please register** your attendance at:

<https://www.satcathedral.org/>

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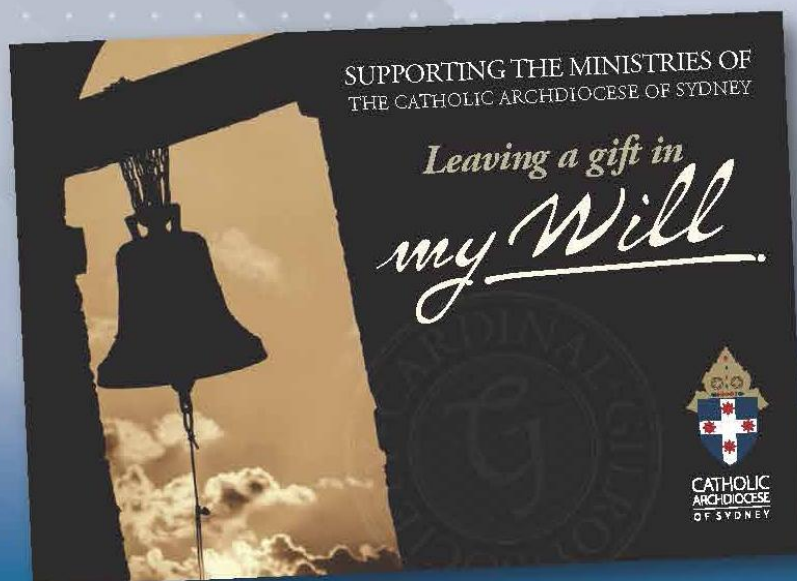
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