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Sunday, 26 May 2019 Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors

Two great Solemnities enhance our joy and celebration this Easter season. On Friday the 24th of May we celebrated the Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians. She is the Patron Saint of our Cathedral and indeed of our entire country, Australia. Good mothers only want what is best for their children. Mary, is not only a good Mother, but the best of them. She who heard the word of God and put it into practice is the joy of her Son, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We all need help – we struggle at times to hear the word of God, and other times we believe we know God's word but are afraid to live according to it. Mary is always close to us, showing us that it can be done! She helps us see that doing the will of God is not only a command but the path to our ultimate happiness. Mary tells us to listen to her Son and to do whatever He tells us. We look to Him who was raised up on the Cross for Our Salvation and reveals how Sacrifice is part of God's saving plan. Whatever sacrifices you are

making today, or perhaps are being invited to do for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven – Look up and see that the one who was raised on the Cross ascends into Heaven where He is seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. A Happy Solemnity to everyone!

Fr Lewi Barakat

Liturgy...

First Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

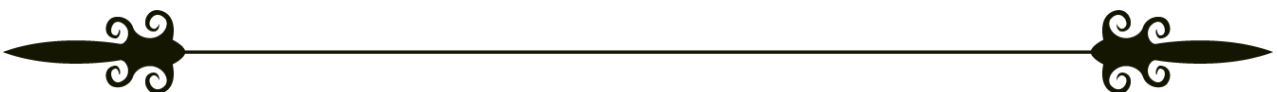
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, ‘Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.’ This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: ‘The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.’

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



Liturgy...

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will our ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R)**





Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God





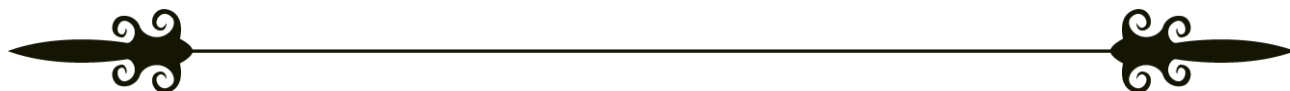
Liturgy...

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!



Gospel Jn 14:23-29

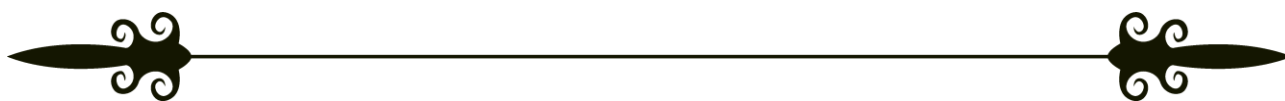
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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 PLEASE NOTE: 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) PLEASE NOTE: 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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**SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEW LOOK CATHOLIC WEEKLY
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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

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 9307 8300 Email: admin@sydneytribunal.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

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 Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.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.

MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS. This annual event of The Archdiocese of Sydney in conjunction with St Mary's Cathedral will take place on **Sunday, 21 July 2019** during the 10.30am Solemn Mass. **For couples celebrating 50, 55, 60 and 65 years of marriage, RSVPs are essential for the purpose of arranging a special certificate from His Grace, The Archbishop, Anthony Fisher OP.** For more information and to **RSVP** please contact the **Life, Marriage & Family Centre** on **02 9307 8400** or lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org.

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, 02 June**

THE BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Reception on (02) 4572 2899 / email bxvi@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

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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 **26 May**, Embrace will begin its monthly devotion to Our Lady with the Rosary. All 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.

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POSITIONS VACANT. Parish Secretary, St Catherine Labouré Parish Gympie. Part-time position, approximately 4 days (30 hours) per week. Hours/days negotiable. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on **0402 210 055**. Applications close **27 May 2019**.

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.

DONATE TO HELP RESTORE the Stations of the Cross in St Mary's Cathedral

Restoration works are underway to:

- Repair flaking paint • Clean dust and stains
- Remove water damage • Correct discolouration
- Wax the golden oak frames • Reinforce fixtures to the walls

Please post donations to Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, 7/133 Liverpool Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000. Alternatively, please contact 1800 753 959 or email appeals@stmaryscathedral.org.au to make a donation. Your gift will preserve these iconic and devotional works of art, specifically made for our St Mary's Cathedral – thank you.

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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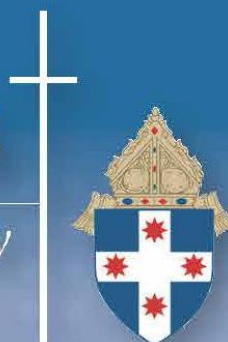
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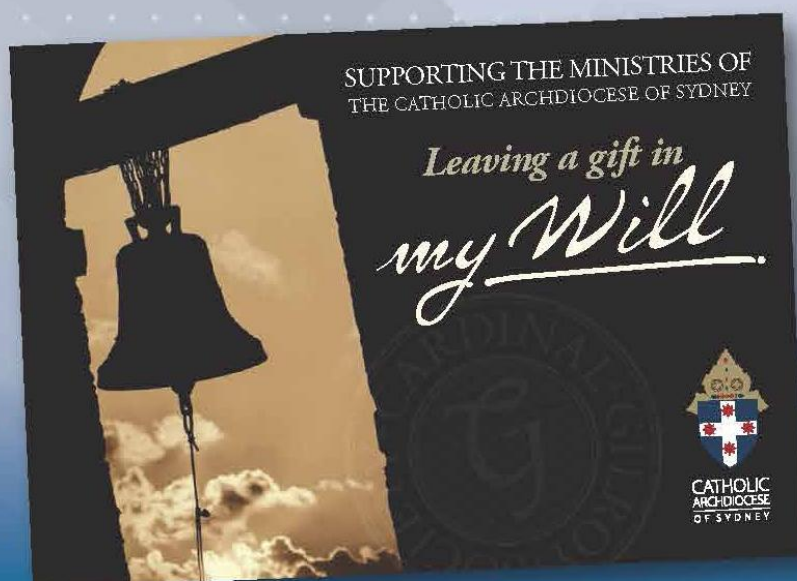
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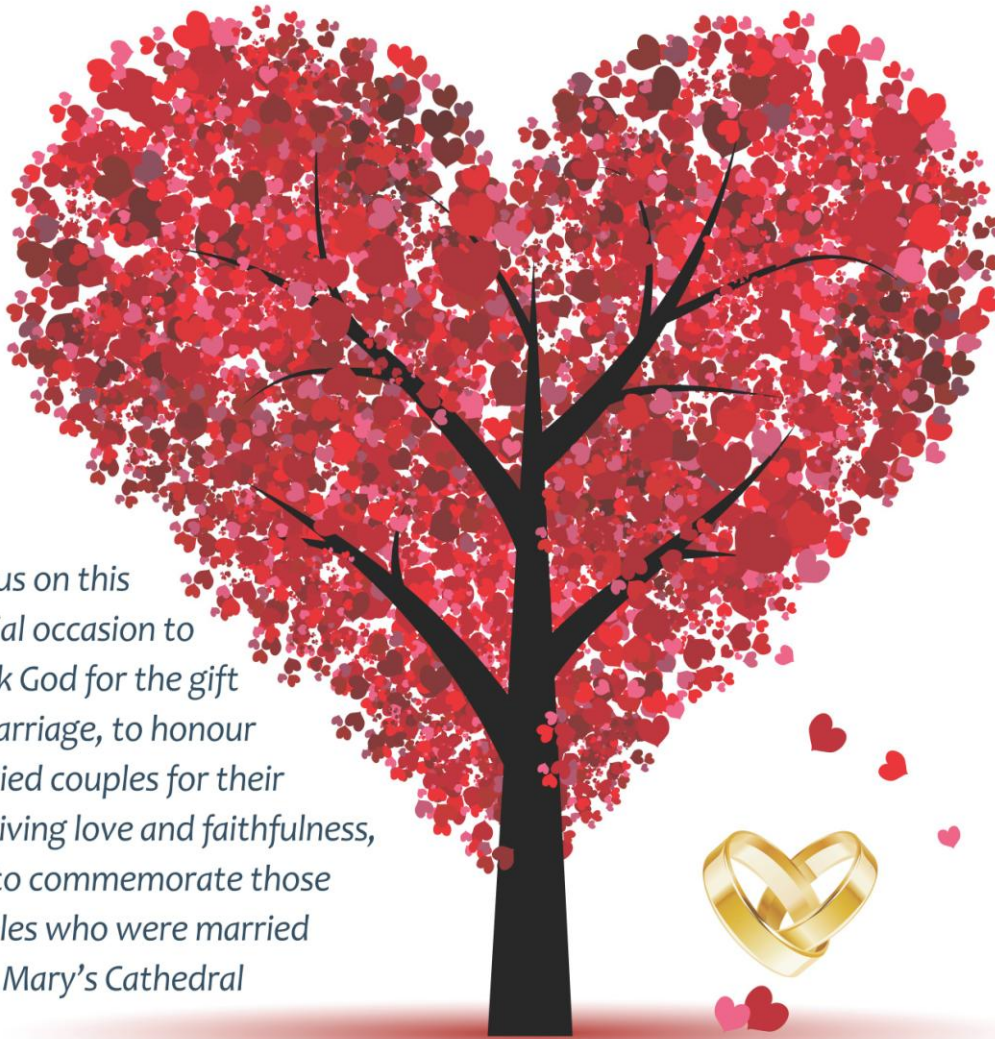


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All married couples are warmly invited
to renew their wedding vows at the 2019 ...

MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS

Join us on this
special occasion to
thank God for the gift
of marriage, to honour
married couples for their
life-giving love and faithfulness,
and to commemorate those
couples who were married
at St Mary's Cathedral



Celebrated by the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher, Archbishop of Sydney
Sunday, 21st July 2019 at 10:30am, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney



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from the Archbishop.

Light refreshments to follow.

"Marriage is an act of will that signifies and involves a mutual gift, which unites the spouses and binds them to their eventual souls, with whom they make up a sole family - a domestic church."

St. John Paul II

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From occasional or short-term services to round-the-clock options, we can help tailor the services to meet individual needs, all provided by our professional locally-based care workers.

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- ♦ Assistance with medications
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- ♦ Dementia care
- ♦ Respite for carers to take a break from their caring responsibilities
- ♦ Transport
- ♦ Specialised nursing care



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