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Sunday, 23 June 2019 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors

This is a week of interesting and important feast days.

Today (Sunday) we celebrate the solemn feast Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. We will have a short procession with the Blessed Sacrament at the 10.30am Mass after Holy Communion and conclude with Benediction at Noon.

There will also be Vespers and Benediction as usual starting at 5.00pm.

The 6.00pm Mass on Sunday will be celebrated by Fr Andy Nguyen SJ, who was just recently ordained a priest and who used to attend Mass here at St Mary's Cathedral and was a member of our "Embrace" young adults group before he went off to join the Jesuits. It will be great to welcome him back to the cathedral for this Mass!

Monday is the feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist, which also signals that it is only six months to the feast of the Birth of Jesus!

On Friday we celebrate the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The 6.45am Mass that day will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Chapel here in the cathedral. It is the patronal feast of our sister parish of Sacred Heart, Darlinghurst, and there will be an extra Mass there at Darlinghurst on Friday at 6pm. (Sacred Heart Darlinghurst is a beautiful church, if you haven't ever seen inside it this Friday would be a nice chance for you to visit!)

Saturday 20th June is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, and as always on the nearest Sunday to that feast (30th June this year) the special "Peter's Pence" Collection will be taken up, which is sent to the Pope for use in his ministry. Please come to Mass next weekend with a gift for Pope Francis!

The Australian bishops are all in Rome this week for their five-yearly "Ad limina" visit to the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul and meetings with the Pope and the Roman Curia who assist him. Please keep our bishops in your prayers during the week ahead.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

First Reading Gen 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

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

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Responsorial Psalm Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

(R) You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

- 1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R)
- 2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. (R)
- **3.** A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R)
- **4.** The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (*R*)





Second Reading 1 Cor 11:23-26

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

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





Sequence

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing The praises of thy Shepherd-King, In hymns and canticles divine; Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song Worthy his praises to prolong, So far surpassing powers like thine. Today no theme of common praise Forms the sweet burden of thy lays – The living, life-dispensing food – That food which at the sacred board Unto the brethren twelve our Lord His parting legacy bestowed. Then be the anthem clear and strong, Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song, The very music of the breast: For now shines forth the day sublime That brings remembrance of the time When Jesus first his table blessed. Within our new King's banquet-hall They meet to keep the festival That closed the ancient paschal rite: The old is by the new replaced; The substance hath the shadow chased; And rising day dispels the night. Christ willed what he himself had done Should be renewed while time should run, In memory of his parting hour: Thus, tutored in his school divine, We consecrate the bread and wine: And lo - a Host of saving power. This faith to Christian men is given – Bread is made flesh by words from heaven: Into his blood the wine is turned: What though it baffles nature's powers Of sense and sight? This faith of ours Proves more than nature e'er discerned. Concealed beneath the two-fold sign, Meet symbols of the gifts divine, There lie the mysteries adored: The living body is our food; Our drink the ever-precious blood; sacred food, which whole abides Unbroken still, nor knows decay; Be one, or be a thousand fed,

They eat alike that living bread Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.

Sequence - Cont'd

The good, the guilty share therein,
With sure increase of grace or sin,
The ghostly life, or ghostly death:
Death to the guilty; to the good
Immortal life. See how one food
Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.
We break the Sacrament; but bold
And firm thy faith shall keep its hold;
Deem not the whole doth more enfold
Than in the fractured part resides:
Deem not that Christ doth broken lie;
'Tis but the sign that meets the eye;
The hidden deep reality
In all its fullness still abides.

Shorter version begins:

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven. Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality; O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Alleluia



Gospel Lk 9:11 – 17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

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
Weekday Mass	Monday to Friday: Saturday: Public Holidays:	6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm 9.00am & 12noon 9am (or as advertised)
Reconciliation	Monday-Friday: Saturday:	12noon - 1.00pm & 5.00pm - 5.25pm 11.30am - 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Saturday: Sunday:	5.30pm 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

**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 Father Lewi Barakat

CATHEDRAL STAFF

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.

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.

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE A NIGHT OF PRAYER AND REPARATION. A night of prayer and reparation for peace in the world and the welfare of Australia is being held at St. Dominic's Parish Flemington (Cnr. The Crescent & Hornsey Road, HOMEBUSH WEST. Car park off Hornsey Road Church doors open at 8pm) on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart. Divided into two sections with a short break, the program commences with Mass at 9pm on Friday, 28 June and concludes on Saturday 1.30am, with Rosary and Mass to honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All welcome, parking available.

Enquiries: World Apostolate of Fatima Ph 02-9984-8988.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO SENIORS?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework. Call CCareline on **13 18 19** to find out more.

WALK WITH CHRIST In light of it being the Feast of Corpus Christi we ask all parishioners to save the date for a very special celebration for all Sydney Catholics. Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm.

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.

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

FREE SUNDAY TOUR OF ST MARY'S

next to the organ console after Mass. All are

welcome!

TALK AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PADDINGTON – "My Faith In The Wake Of The Royal Commission A Reflection" By Robert Fitzgerald AM. Former Commissioner to the Royal Commission on Institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse. Friday, **05 July** at St Francis Of Assisi Paddington. **7.00pm** in the Church followed by supper. Free event however registrations are requested. Please register at: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mvfaith-in-the-wake-of-the-royalcommission-tickets-62686966404.

EMBRACE SPECIAL EVENT: WELCOME BACK FR ANDY NGUYEN.

Embrace, St Mary's Cathedral young adult group is very excited to welcome back former Embrace leader, now Jesuit priest Fr Andy Nguyen SJ to talk about his vocation story after the 6pm Mass on Sunday, 23 June. Fr Andy was involved with Embrace from 2006 until 2008, before he answered God's call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. He was ordained last Saturday, 15 June. After the celebration of his Mass of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Cathedral. Fr Andy will look forward to meet New, Current and Previous members of Embrace at Cathedral House which is located on the eastern side of the Cathedral. We especially extend this invite to Fr Andy's Embrace friends who may not be able to attend any more but would like to catch up with him and hear about his journey with the Jesuits. Embrace Chaplain - Fr Gerard. For more information: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on 0404 008 870 or email 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

contact <u>LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org</u>.

https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU or

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is holding its second Men's Ministry breakfast at St John the Baptist Parish Bonnyrigg. We will be exploring the theme of "Faith under Fire" which will be led by the Head of New Evangelisation with Sydney Catholic Schools, Robert Haddad. It's going to be a great morning of brotherhood and spiritual growth for all who attend. All men are invited. Location – St John the Baptist Parish, 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg. Saturday, 29 June at 8am.

POSITION VACANT – SURRY HILLS. We currently have a secretarial position available in the Surry Hill Parishes. Days of work are negotiable. Need PACS and MYOB experience in addition to Administrative duties. If you are interested, please send your updated resume and cover letter to

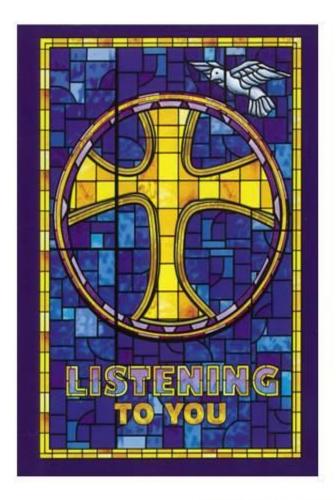
parish.support@sydneycatholic.org.

PLENARY COUNCIL. After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks. Find out more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.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.

OUARTERLY CATHOLIC BREAKFAST GROUP. Our social Vision is: "Camaraderie, Sharing of Ideals and reinforcing our Beliefs" A standard practice of the early Christians was that they met daily and broke bread together. (Acts 2:46-47). NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Date: Wednesday 26 June 2019. Arrival of guests at 8:00am -Seated by **8:15am.** Concluding at: **9:30am** followed (for those who have the time) by an opportunity to mix, mingle, and network up to 10:15am departure. Purpose: Camaraderie, Sharing of ideals, and reinforcing our Catholic Beliefs. Guest Speaker: Rev Fr Brian Lucas, National Director of Catholic Mission. **RSVP**: No later than 19 June 2019.

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Something you have seen or heard that you feel is upsetting.

A concern you have about someone in your parish.

Your feedback may be about

Something you have experienced.

If your Priest needs assistance to resolve your concern or implement your feedback, he will seek advice and get back to you.



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Applications Close: Monday 30 September

