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Sunday, 07 July 2019

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time – Year C

Today, on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday we celebrate the contributions that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic brothers and sisters have gifted to our Australian Catholic Church. Their culture, spirituality and commitment to Jesus Christ is a shining example of God's love and wonder.



Dear Parishioners and Visitors

- During the week, Archbishop Anthony who is in Rome for the Australian Bishops' *Ad limina* visit, sent us all a Pastoral Letter. It is printed in this bulletin for you to read.
- Today is "National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday." Our Australian Bishop's annual message for this commemoration notes: "Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a deep faith. we can all learn from them. Like all of us they

are often challenged as to how to pass on their traditions to the younger generations. Many are deeply concerned about the challenges which their young people face." Some copies of the full message are available near the doors of the cathedral, and you can also view it, with some other relevant resources, on the website of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, www.natsicc.org.au .

- The Australian Catholic Students Association are currently having their National Conference and will be attending a special Mass here in the Cathedral this afternoon (Sunday) at 2.00pm. It will be a Solemn Mass in the "Extraordinary Form", celebrated by the Most Rev. Geoffrey Jarrett, Bishop Emeritus of Lismore.

- At Sunday Vespers this weekend we are joined by many singers attending the Royal School of Church Music's "Winter School." I am really glad that they are joining us to sing the Lord's praises at our Evening Prayer. Do come along and make them feel welcome. Sunday Vespers begins at 5pm.
- And speaking of visitors, throughout July we are having a Recruitment Drive for new volunteer Ushers at the Cathedral. We really do need more people to help at all the weekend Masses, to welcome worshippers and visitors, distribute liturgy booklets, take up collections, help us maintain an atmosphere of calm and good order, and help out in various other ways to ensure everyone is safe and well cared-for at Mass. I would like you to think seriously about it: we need many more Ushers, for each of the Saturday and Sunday Masses. When you have made up your mind to help out, just call or email the Cathedral office and we'll arrange more information for you.

With prayers and best wishes for your week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

Liturgy...

First Reading Is 66:10-14

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

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



Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

(R) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R)**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **(R)**

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules forever by his might. **(R)**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **(R)**



Liturgy...

Second Reading Gal 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

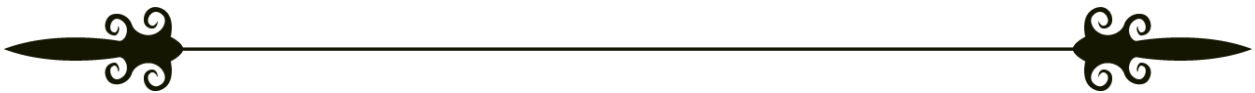
The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

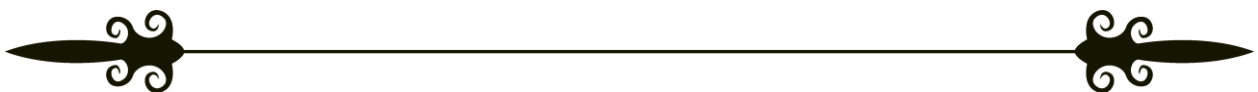


Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia



Liturgy...

Gospel Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

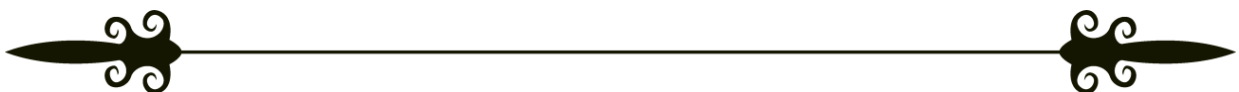
Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, “Peace to this house!” And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, “The kingdom of God is very near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, “We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near.” I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.’

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. ‘Lord,’ they said, ‘even the devils submit to us when we use your name.’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.’

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 (Evening Prayer)	Saturday: 5.30pm Sunday: 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 <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
OR PURCHASE A COPY FOR \$2**

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

SAFEGUARDING. Keeping Our Communities Safe. We understand how difficult it can be for people who have experienced abuse to make a complaint. We have developed a Listening to You card, which is available in all our parishes to provide guidance for those wishing to make a complaint. We want to support you in this process and we can provide access to counselling and support services if needed. For more information please see the attached posters that we ask Parish Priests to print and display in a prominent area within parishes. For assistance, please contact safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or visit www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/.

PLENARY COUNCIL. 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.

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.

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

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.

PRAISE & WORSHIP, DIVINE MERCY AND HEALING MASS - First Thursday of every month at St. Joseph church Camperdown. There will be Praise & Worship, Divine Mercy and Healing Mass - First Thursday of every month at St. Joseph church, 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050 from **7pm to 8:45pm.**

TOURS 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; also no tours on Fridays as the Crypt can be closed at short notice.*

EMBRACE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.

Embrace, St Mary's Cathedral young adult group is 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. On **07 July** Embrace will have its **winter dinner outing**. You are welcome to join. For more information please 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.

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.

BILLINGS LIFE. The Billings Ovulation Method® can assist you in having the baby of your dreams. If you have been trying to have a baby without success, our teachers can provide essential information, which will give you the best chance to achieve your pregnancy naturally. Please call Billings LIFE on **1800 335 860** or check our website - www.billings.life and shop <https://billings.ecwid.com/>.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL. We're looking for more volunteers. Are you or do you know someone who has common sense, tact, an even temperament and comfortable shoes? **Would you like to help?** Please call St Mary's Cathedral Office on **9220 0400** for further details. **Please note: all volunteers must have an approved WWCC number and undertake compulsory training.**

SEA SUNDAY. Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an **Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea**, the official maritime welfare agency of the Church. The Appeal provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit www.aos-australia.org.

RETREAT WEEKEND. 19-21 July 2019 - \$230 Contemplation for the Professional Person: Mr Lou Nulley. Primarily directed at the lay-person or professional who would like to lead a more contemplative life amidst the pressures of every day responsibilities and commitments, this retreat will provide some valuable insights and methods to allow you to live a more contemplative life through prayer, mindfulness and meditation practices. It will also provide a framework to enable you to experience a more balanced life, achieving what's most important to you. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, **RSVP Ph: 4630 0233** or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

The Inaugural Archbishop's Prize for New Composers



Compose a choral piece of music set to a poem by Australia's greatest contemporary poet **Les Murray**.

Have your work performed at the 2019 Christmas Concert at St Mary's Cathedral.

Win prizes of up to \$2500.

For further information visit:

sydneycatholic.org/about-us/awards/

Applications Close: Monday 30 September





Speaking the truth in love

Eph 4:15

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
June 29, 2019

Letter from Rome to the people and pastors of Sydney

Dear brothers and sisters,

I write to you from Rome at the end of the *Ad Limina Apostolorum* pilgrimage of the Australian Bishops to the tombs of the apostles, to the Holy Father, and to the Vatican Departments.

We began with a retreat in a religious house outside Rome, an important time of reflection upon our own ministry as Bishops, of prayer for the Church in Australia in these challenging times, and of renewal of our faith and hope in Christ Jesus.

Our *Ad Limina* visit was framed by the Feast of Corpus Christi – where we reflected upon the hunger for the Eucharist in Australia, going back to colonial times – and the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul – when (today) we joined Sydney's former auxiliary bishop, Peter Comensoli, as he received the pallium from Pope Francis as Metropolitan Archbishop of Melbourne.

On Monday I prayed for you all at the tomb of St Peter. After celebrating Mass together there, we went to meet Peter's successor, Pope Francis, at the apostolic palace. It was a deeply moving and very encouraging meeting and underlined for me the importance of the Petrine ministry. The Holy Father clearly understood our situation in Australia, taught, advised, challenged and encouraged us. This encounter was a real moment of grace.

Each day the Bishops followed the same pattern of celebrating Mass together at one of the papal basilicas before or after our day of meetings. I had the privilege of leading our Mass at the Basilica of St Mary Major. At St Peter's, St Paul's, St Mary's and yesterday at St John's we prayed for the Church of Australia, for wisdom and courage for its leaders, and for fidelity and the joy of Christian life for its people.

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Each day we had a series of meetings with the various Vatican departments: they are called 'dicasteries' but the spell-checker on my computer keeps trying to correct it to 'dysenteries'!

The Congregation for Saints was very encouraging regarding the cause of Eileen O'Connor. The Diocesan phase is currently in process and the official opening of the Cause in Sydney will be scheduled for later this year. At several Congregations we received encouragement and helpful advice regarding the Plenary Council for Australia.

I led the bishops' delegations to the Congregation for Catholic Education and the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. At our meeting with Catholic Education I updated the officials about the unique Catholic education system we have in Australia, its achievements in early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary education, as well as the present challenges. There was good discussion on a number of these issues, including various threats to the freedom of our schools to continue to enrol, employ and teach according to our Catholic approach.

At our meeting with the CDF, we discussed many important matters touching upon faith, morals and discipline, especially child safeguarding, threats to life and love such as the big push at present for euthanasia, and government intrusion into the sacramental life of the Church.

Overall, the Bishops of Australia had a very good experience of this 'audit' of Church life in our country, of the pilgrimage to the holy places, and of communion with the Pope and his collaborators. For all the negativity around the Church at present it gave us real cause for hope. We are grateful for your prayers for us and we have had you all in our thoughts and prayers throughout.

Meanwhile I've been following from afar the Israel Folau matter – which illustrates some of the concerns we discussed with the Pope and Vatican departments.

Much has been said and written about the Folau saga and no doubt there will be more to come. But it does seem to me that there has been a very heavy-handed targeting of Israel and Maria Folau for daring to express unfashionable religious views. In the background is a relentless campaign from some quarters to push religious beliefs and believers to the margins of society, and to confine faith to an ever-narrowing field of private life.

You don't have to agree with all Mr Folau says or the way he says it to be troubled by the determination of some to destroy him and his family, and also to be concerned about what this means for freedom of speech and belief for ordinary Australians.

The Australia we all know and love has, for the most part, been good at giving people the space to believe different things, to express them in free speech, to try to persuade others of their beliefs, and to practice what they preach. But now we are seeing sporting organisations, airlines, websites, financial institutions and health insurers using their corporate power to narrow that space and punish those whose views they disapprove. No one should have to raise millions to vindicate their rights against such corporate power.

Matters pertaining to the freedom of religion will no doubt be on the agenda of state and federal parliaments in the coming months. They shouldn't be reduced to the Folau saga. But it's important we all keep informing ourselves about, praying and advocating for respect for religious freedom in Australia.

With my prayers and blessings from the Eternal city,

Yours sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in green ink, reading "Anthony Fisher", preceded by a small cross symbol.

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