



# St Mary's Cathedral

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## Sunday, 04 August 2019

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time – Year C

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

In the end, we all die, and what becomes of the things we acquired and stored up for ourselves? That is the truth which today's Gospel passage, from Chapter 12 of Luke, confronts us with. And in Matthew 16, the Lord Jesus asks "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world yet forfeit their soul?"

How easily we get preoccupied with the illusion of an earthly satisfaction which is always just over the horizon. "Just a bit more," we tell ourselves, "and I'll be set for life!"

If the "bit more" is just the things of this world, we really are fools. "Just a few more thousand dollars!" "Just another promotion!" "Just a few more months in the job!" "Just a bit more popularity" and I can enjoy life. But what did it cost to get the dollars, the promotion, the extension, the popularity? Perhaps the welfare

or even the innocent lives of others? Perhaps my own soul? And so the enjoyable rest I was waiting for, which could never have lasted more than a few years, becomes instead a torment for eternity.

Life in this world is ridiculously short, when you think about it, it is madness to use the time for anything other than God's work, whether that be in family and secular Christian life, or in dedicated ministry of the Gospel. The ordinations to the priesthood celebrated here in the cathedral yesterday are a counter-witness to the folly which pervades our society.

Please pray for our newly ordained priests, that whether their lives be long or short they will bear much fruit for Christ, and store up for themselves an incorruptible heavenly treasure.

May the Lord bless us all in the week ahead,

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*

*Liturgy...*

**First Reading Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes**

***What do people gain by all their work?***

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

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

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**Responsorial Psalm Ps**

***In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

**1.** You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R)**

**2.** You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **(R)**

**3.** Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **(R)**

**4.** In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R)**

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*Liturgy...*

**Second Reading Col 3:1-5, 9-11**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

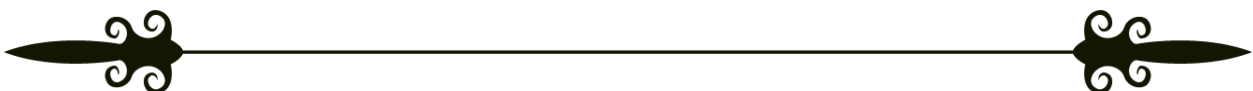
*Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**The word of the Lord**

**Response: Thanks be to God**

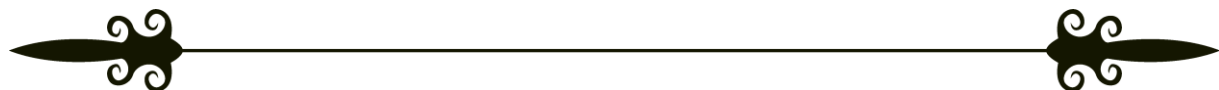


**Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Alleluia**



*Liturgy...*

## **Gospel Lk 12:13-21**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

***To whom will all this wealth of yours go?***

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.’ ‘My friend,’ he replied, ‘who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?’ Then he said to them, ‘Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, “What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.” Then he said, “This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.” But God said to him, “Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?” So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.’

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



<b>Weekend Mass</b>	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
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Monday-Friday: 12noon - 1.00pm & 5.00pm - 5.25pm Saturday: 11.30am - 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Vespers (Evening Prayer)</b>	Saturday: 5.30pm Sunday: 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament) <b>PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 11.30am Reconciliation and 12.00pm Mass on Saturday, 03 August.</b>

**\*\*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.

<b>CATHEDRAL CLERGY</b> <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>	<b>CATHEDRAL STAFF</b> <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 [safeguardinginquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardinginquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/).

**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.**

**WATERLOO PARISH MARKS 160 YEARS.** Our Lady of Mt Carmel parish Waterloo is celebrating its 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish on **Friday, 16 August** with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at **7.00pm.** Anyone who has a connection with Waterloo is invited to the celebration. There will be supper provided after the Mass in the Patrician Brothers Hall. RSVP to [rosebervcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:rosebervcatholic@gmail.com).

**NSW ABORTION BILL- CONTACT YOUR MP.** A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill.

**40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS 7, 9 & 11 August 2019.** Join us as the Archdiocese of Sydney dedicates a Mass for Vocation and 40 hours of Adoration to pray for more vocations to consecrated life and the Priesthood. A Mass for Vocations will be celebrated by a Bishop of each region of the Archdiocese of Sydney. This will be followed by all night Eucharistic adoration. There is a sign-up form for Eucharistic adoration at the three churches → <https://forms.gle/Y13smvcNhvqhRyAD8>. **Northern Region,** Mass for Vocations celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP on **Wed 7 Aug 2019, 7pm** at St Mary's Catholic Church, North Sydney. **Western Region,** Mass for Vocations celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo on **Fri 9 Aug 2019, 7pm** at All Saints Catholic Parish Liverpool. **Eastern Region,** Mass for Vocations celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers on **Sun 11 Aug 2019, 6pm** at Our Lady Star Of The Sea, Miranda.

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN. Wednesday, 28 August 2019, St Mary's Cathedral Sydney, 7.00pm.** You are cordially invited to attend the annual Mass to commemorate the lives lost for abortion in NSW and in solidarity with bereaved mothers, fathers, siblings and grandparents. Please come along and participate through your prayerful presence. **Enquiries:** [steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org) or **0415 600 290** – Life Family and Outreach Team

**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](mailto:admin@sydneytribunal.org.au).

**PARISH RENEWAL WORKSHOP.** The Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher OP has invited world-renowned author Sherry Weddell to come to Sydney in September. Sherry will be speaking at several different engagements during her visit. Life, Family & Outreach will be hosting one of these events, which will be open to the lay faithful. **The Parish Renewal Workshop** will take place on **Saturday, 07 September** from 10.00am – 4.00pm at **Dooleys** in **Regents Park**. Cost: \$20.00 including lunch and tea breaks. Register online at [www.sydneycatholic.org/sherry-weddell](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/sherry-weddell).

**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!

**CHORISTER FOR A DAY.** St Mary's Cathedral invites boys aged between 6 and 8 to be a 'Chorister for a day' on Saturday 21st September. Meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life and perform with the Choristers. To register your son or for more information, please contact our Music Administrator at [music@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:music@stmaryscathedral.org.au) or by ringing (02) 9220 0481. There are only 40 places available!

**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 **04 August** Embrace will begin its August movie month with **St Francis of Assisi His Life and Miracles**. You are welcome to join. For more information please write to [embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org).

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND PARISH APPEAL.** In the coming weeks, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal, **03 and 04 August 2019**, and the Development and Fundraising Office turns to you for your continued support in facilitating this appeal. Your assistance helps raise funds for many of our important works across the Archdiocese of Sydney, including providing family counselling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming our seminarians, outreach to Aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community. The agencies which provide the above services include CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our seminaries and the Ephpheta Centre.

**MARY MACKILLOP APPEAL - (10 & 11 August 2019):** In the spirit and legacy of Australia's first Saint, Mary MacKillop, we invite you to bring life to **"the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard."** Mary MacKillop believed that education could transform lives and everyone, regardless of their circumstances deserved the opportunity to learn. As part of the celebrations for the feast of Saint Mary MacKillop, please consider making a donation (envelopes will be provided) or visit [www.marymackilloptoday.org.au](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au). Your generous donation to Mary MacKillop Today will support thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia with education, health, finance and livelihoods opportunities, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.+

**IS YOUR FAMILY IMPACTED BY ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR GAMBLING?** Connect with counsellors if you're an individual or family member who is concerned about someone else's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling, or if you're concerned about your own gambling. Call **CCareline** on **13 18 19** to find out more.





*Speaking the truth in love*  
*Ephe 4:15*

30 July 2019

**STATEMENT FROM MOST REV. ANTHONY FISHER OP  
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY**

This week it was announced that a private members bill would be introduced immediately into parliament that will allow abortion for any reason up until birth in NSW.

The bill has yet to be released to the public and as such there has been no public inquiry into the subject, no opportunity for residents of NSW to make their views known to their MPs and not even discussion in state Cabinet.

It seems that Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Health Minister Brad Hazzard and the architects of this bill are determined for it to pass within days with as little community discussion as possible, let alone providing those being asked to vote on it with enough information to do so in an informed manner.

The bill is a bad one. It will allow abortion right up to birth if two doctors agree.

It will require Catholic (and other) doctors and hospitals to collaborate by either taking part in the abortion or referring patients to someone who will. It is yet another attack upon the rights of people of faith.

Worst of all, it does absolutely nothing to provide alternatives for women distressed about being pregnant who often feel they have 'no other option'.

It is the dream bill of the abortion industry, which they have already pressed upon other several states; but it will leave unborn children and unsupported pregnant women even more at risk.

The Premier and others seem determined to stop us having our say. I have asked our priests and people to contact their local MPs to make their voice heard in the little time that they have been given to do so.

Along with the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Dr Glenn Davies, the new Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, Archbishop Makarios and co-ordinator of Australia's Eastern Catholic Bishops, Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, I have written to the Premier seeking her urgent intervention to allow more time so a proper consultation can happen. I look forward to her response.

Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, DD BA LLB BTheol DPhil  
Archbishop of Sydney

In commemoration of this profound loss, and in solidarity with bereaved mothers and fathers, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites all people to a solemn memorial mass

# Memorial Mass for the Unborn

REMEMBERING ALL THOSE HURT BY ABORTION



TO BE OFFERED BY  
THE AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SYDNEY  
**MOST REV RICHARD UMBERS**

WEDNESDAY 28th AUGUST 2019, 7:00 PM  
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

Seventy-four candles will be lit in remembrance of the innocent lives ended on this day in NSW  
Enquiries: Life, Family & Outreach Office, 9307 8480 or [steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org)



*"You will restore my life; from the depths of the earth you will raise me up again." Psalm 71:20*





# WALK WITH CHRIST

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 2019

**NOVEMBER 24** MEET AT CORNER OF  
**AT 2.30PM** MARTIN PLACE AND PITT ST



CATHOLIC  
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OF SYDNEY

WALK WITH  
CHRIST

REGISTER AT [WWW.SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/WWC19](http://WWW.SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/WWC19)





# STAND FOR

# Life

## WITNESS

in front of Parliament House

**Rally** on Monday 5 Aug at 12:30pm

AND

**Vigil for Life** from 1:30pm Monday  
to midnight Wednesday 7 Aug

## ACT

Call your State MP and  
ask them to vote 'no'

## PRAY

65 hours of Adoration  
from Monday 5 Aug  
1:30pm to 6:30am  
Thursday 8 Aug at  
St Mary's Cathedral,  
Sydney

