



# St Mary's Cathedral

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## Sunday, 18 August 2019

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

There seems to be a current trend in state parliaments around Australia to make laws which will require resistance, because they foster practices which are wrong in themselves, violating the natural moral law, such as killing the sick and the unborn.

Also, there are laws being passed now in parts of Australia which attempt to force certain citizens, that is priests, to violate their conscience by

breaking divine law and revealing to state authorities what they hear in the Sacrament of Confession.

However, citizens (including nurses, doctors and priests!) are not obligated in conscience to follow the laws of civil authorities if those laws are contrary to the demands of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons, or to the teachings of the Gospel. Any law which calls on people to cooperate in morally evil acts are unjust, and such cooperation must be – and will be - refused. Besides being a moral duty, such a refusal is also a basic human right which, precisely as such, civil law itself is obliged to recognize and protect.

As St John Paul II wrote in his Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, “Those who have recourse to conscientious objection must be protected not only from legal penalties but also from any negative effects on the legal, disciplinary, financial and professional plane”. (*Evangelium Vitae*, 74: AAS 87 (1995), 488.)

Just as the prophet Jeremiah was punished by the authorities on the basis that “he does not have the welfare of this people at heart”, so those who refuse to cooperate in wrong acts may face punishment. We should not be surprised. As Jesus says in today’s Gospel passage, “Do you suppose I am here to bring peace on earth? No. I tell you, but rather division.” (Luke 12.51)

Please keep praying for our lawmakers – it’s in everyone’s best interests!

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*

*Liturgy...*

**First Reading Jer 38:4-6. 8-10**

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,'

King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

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



*Liturgy...*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14**

***Lord, come to my aid!***

- 1.** I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. (**R**)
- 2.** He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (**R**)
- 3.** He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (**R**)
- 4.** As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! (**R**)

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**Second Reading Heb 12:1-4**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

***Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.***

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

**The word of the Lord**

**Response: Thanks be to God**

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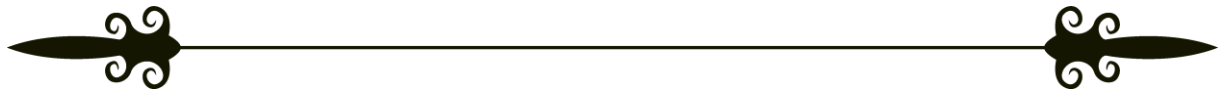
*Liturgy...*

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia**



**Gospel Lk 12:49-53**

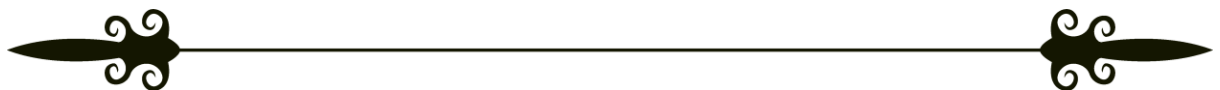
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

**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)

**\*\*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  
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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

**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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@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.**

**'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).

**STAND FOR LIFE RALLY AGAINST PROPOSED ABORTION LAWS.** The NSW Parliament is about to legislate for abortion on demand till birth, one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. The Bill was pushed through the Legislative Assembly and will be debated in the Legislative Council from Tuesday, **20 August.** Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation. **DATE:** Tuesday, 20 August. **WHERE:** Martin Place (Macquarie Street side) **TIME: 6pm until 9pm** (including vigil outside NSW Parliament)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on **Tuesday, 20 August** for two hours **between 10 pm and midnight** to pray for NSW MLC's to reject the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019. Let us join together in prayer before Our Lord one last time for the protection and support of preborn babies and their mothers. All welcome.

**ECUMENISM IN AUSTRALIA, YESTERDAY AND TODAY.** Archdiocese of Sydney Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations invites you to a special lecture reflecting on Pope John Paul II's Ecumenical Encyclical, *Ut Unum Sint* (That They May Be One). Encyclical discussed and its call to action. **Speakers:** Fr Gerard Kelly, Catholic Institute of Sydney, Thomas Westenberg, Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. The Peter Cosgrove Centre, Level 18, The Tenison Woods House, 8-20 Napier Street, MacKillop Campus, ACU, North Sydney. Thursday, **29 August 2019.** 6:00pm-8:00pm. **Bookings essential for catering purposes:** [www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=536172](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=536172) and refreshments provided.

**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).

**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 **18 August** Embrace will be showing the movie **Paul Apostle of Christ**. You are welcome to join. For more information please write to [embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au).

**VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS** - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco. We are seeking volunteers for **January 2020 departure**, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, East Timor & Solomon Islands. **Applications close 15 October 2019**. Send us an inquiry [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au).

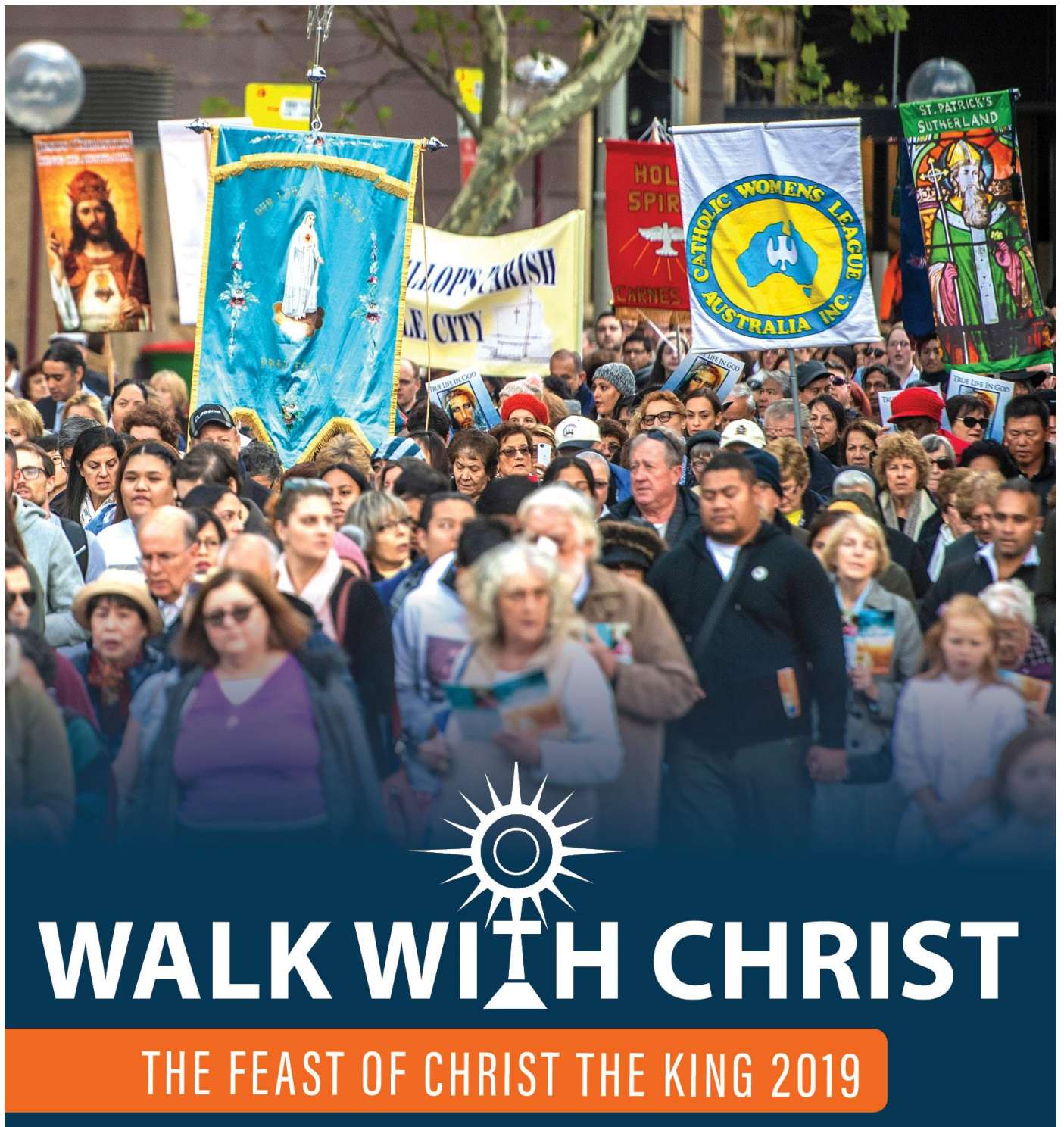
**TRAUMA AFFECTS US ALL DIFFERENTLY.** If you have been affected by trauma either recently or in the past, our counsellors have specialist experience working through loss. Call **CCareline on 13 18 19** to be connected to our free counselling service today.

**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: NO TOUR ON SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST.**

**NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK 19 -25 AUGUST 2019.** Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. For further information ring Billings LIFE on **1800 335 860** or visit [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life).

**PALMS MEET & GREET.** Saturday, **21 September** @ 2pm. John Street Café, Dooleys Catholic Club, 11-17 Church St, Lidcombe. Local teacher **Andrew Tham** is hosting this gathering. He will provide insights from his experience of mentoring local education staff and students alike over two years in **Rubya, Tanzania**, and explain how parishioners too can contribute their own professional skills to a mission of just, peaceful development.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES – Healing After Abortion Retreat 25-27 October 2019.** Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and nonjudgmental environment. Information and a brochure can found at: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au) or call us on our confidential voicemail number **0400 092 555** or Email: [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au).



# WALK WITH CHRIST

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 2019

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



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**WALK WITH  
CHRIST**

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



# SHERRY WEDDELL

**Sherry Weddell** is the world-renowned author of *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus* and founder of the *Catherine of Siena Institute*. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has invited Sherry to run a day especially for strengthening parish renewal. Open to all, this day will cater especially to parish priests and their parish teams to hear Sherry's insights on how to form parishes of intentional disciples.



## FORMING PARISHES OF INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

### A PARISH RENEWAL WORKSHOP WITH SHERRY WEDDELL

#### Details

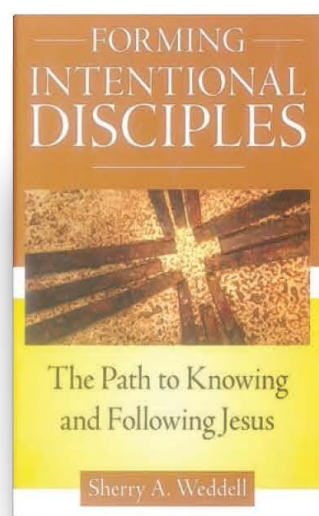
**Date:** Saturday 7th September 2019

**Times:** 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Venue:** DOOLEYS Regents Park Sports Club

**Address:** Terrene St, Regents Park NSW 2143

**Cost:** \$20 (includes lunch and tea breaks)



#### Register Online

[www.sydneycatholic.org/sherry-weddell](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/sherry-weddell)