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Sunday, 25 August 2019

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

What a week that was, emotional and deeply troubling.

At Mass today the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews advises that God can use the pains and punishments we experience to make us stronger and more fruitful. So, it says, “hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees.”

In fact, that expression about limp arms and trembling knees is a reference to a deeply encouraging prophecy in Chapter 35 of the Book of Isaiah:

1The wilderness and the land will be glad;
the desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose.

2It will bloom profusely
and even rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon.
They will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.

3Strengthen the limp hands
and steady the feeble knees!
4Say to those with anxious hearts:
“Be strong, do not fear!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance.
With divine retribution He will come to save you.”
5Then the eyes of the blind will be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
6Then the lame will leap like a deer
and the mute tongue will shout for joy.
For waters will gush forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.
7The parched ground will become a pool,
the thirsty land springs of water.
In the haunt where jackals a once lay,
there will be grass and reeds and papyrus.
8And there will be a highway
called the Way of Holiness.
The unclean will not travel it—
only those who walk in the Way—
and fools will not stray onto it.
9No lion will be there,
and no vicious beast will go up on it.
Such will not be found there,
but the redeemed will walk upon it,
10and the ransomed of the LORD will return.
They will enter Zion with singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.
Joy and gladness will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee.

Amen to that!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

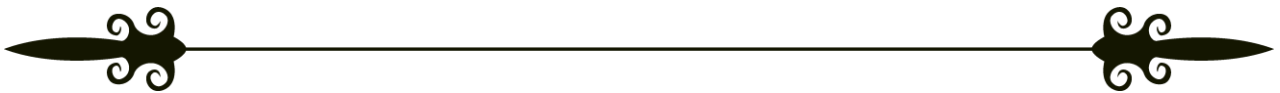
First Reading Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

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



Responsorial Psalm Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **(R)**
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful forever. **(R)**



Liturgy...

Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

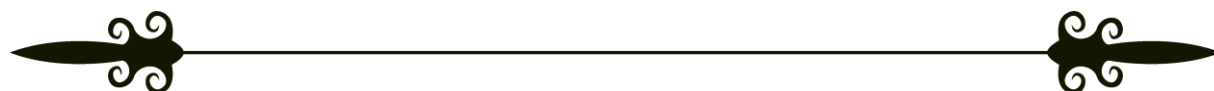


Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia



Liturgy...

Gospel Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

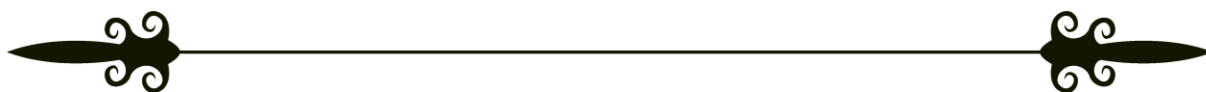
‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

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: The Latin Mass on Sunday, 25 August will be held in the Crypt
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
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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 safeguardinginquiries@sydneycatholic.org or visit 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.

PLEASE NOTE: THE LATIN MASS ON SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST WILL BE HELD IN THE CRYPT.

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

ECUMENISM IN AUSTRALIA, YESTERDAY AND TODAY. Archdiocese of Sydney Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations in 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 and refreshments provided.

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 **25 August** Embrace will be showing the movie **God Willing**. You are welcome to join. For more information please write to 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.

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.

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 or call us on our confidential voicemail number **0400 092 555** or Email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

FAITH ECOLOGY NETWORK

ENRICHMENT DAY 2019. The FEN network in Sydney will be held on Sunday, 08 September at St Anthony in the Fields Catholic Church Terrey Hills. It includes a Public Forum as well. Entry by donation of \$10 to cover costs. Please RSVP by **Monday, 02 September** to faithecology@gmail.com or **0408 279 871**.

SOLEMN MASS (ORDINARIATE FORM).

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross was established on the Feast of the Sacred Heart (15 June), 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI by those of the Anglican Tradition in Australia who had petitioned the Holy See to enter into full Catholic Communion while maintaining some elements of their Patrimony, including a distinctive liturgical form of the Western Rite Mass. On **27 August 2019** at 7.00pm at **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**, Monsignor Carl Reid will be installed as the second Ordinary of the Ordinariate during a Solemn Mass in the Ordinariate Form. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. All interested are welcome to attend and to welcome Monsignor Reid and his wife Barbara who have just moved to Australia from the west coast of Canada.

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.**

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.

SALESIAN MISSION – Emergency Flood Appeal. Heavy monsoon rains have caused extensive damage to homes and crops in Cambodia, Myanmar and India. Donations will be used to provide urgent relief to these areas. Tax deductible donations may be sent to Salesian Missions Australia via the website www.salesianmissionaustralia.org.au.



Speaking the truth in love
Eph 4:15

21 August 2019

STATEMENT FROM MOST REV. ANTHONY FISHER OP
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

The Victorian Court of Appeal has today upheld the verdict of historical sexual abuse allegations against Cardinal George Pell in a 2-1 decision.

From the outset the Cardinal has strenuously maintained his innocence. He continues to do so notwithstanding today's decision.

Today's split decision amongst the judges is consistent with the differing views of the juries in the first and second trials, as well as the divided opinion amongst legal commentators and the general public. Reasonable people have taken different views when presented with the same evidence and I urge everyone to maintain calm and civility.

As the Cardinal may yet decide to appeal the judgment to the High Court of Australia, I am limited in my ability to comment on today's outcome.

Matters of the Cardinal's status within the Church can only be determined by the Vatican, not the Church in Australia. I anticipate that the Holy See may well wait until the appeal process has been exhausted.

I recommit myself and the Archdiocese of Sydney to doing all we can to ensure that past crimes are never repeated and that Church environments are the safest possible for children and vulnerable adults.

I pray for and will continue to support survivors of child sexual abuse at the hands of clergy and other members of the Catholic Church so that they may find justice and healing. I again say how sorry I am that you were harmed by people you should have been able to trust. I am conscious how you and your loved ones have had to live with the consequences of abuse for a lifetime.

I know that there are many in the Catholic community and beyond who will find it difficult to come to terms with this judgment, especially those who know the Cardinal and will struggle to reconcile this outcome with the man they know. I thank them for persevering in faith, hope and love.

As we wait to hear whether the legal process will continue, I will seek to provide pastoral support to those Catholics who may have found their faith tested.



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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