



# St Mary's Cathedral

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## Sunday, 08 September 2019

### Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Among our many visitors for Mass this weekend, we welcome those celebrating 40 years of the “Ephpheta Centre” – the Catholic centre for deaf and hard of hearing people - at the 10.30am Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Fisher and the Ephpheta Centre chaplain, Fr Michael Lanzon.

On Sunday afternoon the Maltese community will celebrate their annual National Feast Day Mass and procession with the magnificent statue of Our Lady of Victories. This celebration has been conducted here in the cathedral for many decades, and it is wonderful to welcome so many laity and clergy of Maltese background here in the Mother Church of Australia. A special word of appreciation to Fr Terry Micallef for his work for the Maltese Catholic community as well as his regular assistance with Mass and Confessions here in the cathedral every Monday!

This Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, is “Child Protection Sunday” for the Church in Australia. It is so important that we Catholics do what we can to promote a safe environment for children in and around our churches, schools and communities. There is always information relating to child “safeguarding” policies and procedures at the cathedral displayed in the large noticeboards near the South and East Doors.

With prayers for a peaceful and happy week ahead,

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*

**First Reading Wis 9:13-18**

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

***Who can comprehend the will of God?***

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1**

***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 forever? 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)**

*Liturgy...*

**Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17**

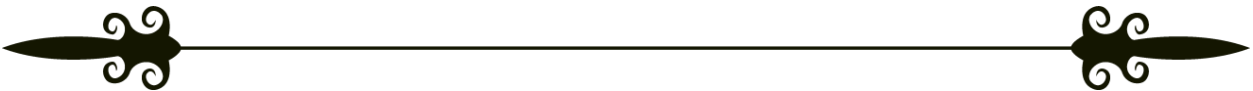
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon**

***Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.***

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**The word of the Lord**

**Response: Thanks be to God**

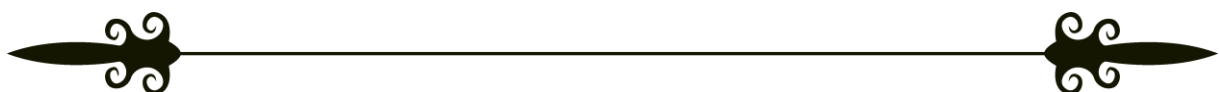


**Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

**Alleluia**



*Liturgy...*

**Gospel Lk 14:25-33**

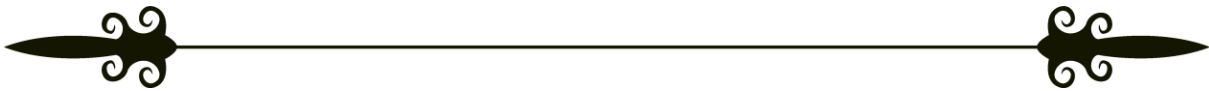
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

***All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.***

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

**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 [LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org).

**CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2019.** This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and support network. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people and recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention).

**A PARISH NOVENA.** On **Tuesday, 17 September 2019**, the NSW Legislative Council Upper House will be commencing debate on the Abortion Bill. Parishioners are invited to join in praying a 9 day Novena Prayer with St. Mary MacKillop for the Protection and Preservation of Life from Conception to Birth and Beyond. The Novena will **commence on Sunday 8 September. Jesus says, where two or three are gathered in his name He is there.**

**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)

**CHORISTER FOR A DAY.** St Mary's Cathedral invites boys aged between 6 and 8 to be a 'Chorister for a day' on **Sat, 21 Sept.** 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 phoning (02) 9220 0481. There are only 40 places available.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - Mass Offerings.** Give a spiritual gift by arranging a Mass for a loved one, this supports a poor priest overseas who will receive your donation and offer the Mass for your intentions. 10% of priests worldwide are supported by Mass offerings through Aid to the Church in Need. You can arrange a Mass anytime at: [www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings](http://www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings).

**BOOK LAUNCH - Hidden in the Shadow of Love.** Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor invites friends of Eileen O'Connor, Servant of God, to the office launch of the book: "Hidden in the Shadow of Love: The Story of Mother Theresa McLaughlin and our Lady's Nurses for the Poor" by Jocelyn Hedley. Launched by Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney. 11am Saturday, 28 September. Our Lady's Home, 35 Dudley St, Coogee followed by a light luncheon. **RSVP by 13 September** at [olnp@ourladynurses.org.au](mailto:olnp@ourladynurses.org.au) or call (02) 9665 6331.

**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 **08 Sept** Embrace will look at **Matt Fradd talk 'The Porn Myth'**. You are welcome to join. For more information please write to [embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au).

**FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL** invite you to two exclusive events. **Thurs, 05 Sept** at 6.30pm - visit the Choir Rooms to hear **Thomas Wilson**, Music Director speak about the requirements of Church music. **Thurs, 10 Oct** at 6.30pm - visit to the **Bell Tower** to hear Murray-Luke Peard explain how the bells are rung. Each event will be followed by wine and cheese. **Tickets for each event \$10 members, \$15 non-members.** Access to the bell tower is by narrow spiral stairs: a minimum level of physical fitness is required. To **purchase tickets** and read more, visit [www.cathedralfriends.org.au](http://www.cathedralfriends.org.au).

**STAND FOR LIFE RALLY.** This is our last chance to have a huge public gathering to oppose the extreme abortion bill that is being rushed through NSW Parliament. Join religious leaders, politicians, pro-life advocates and everyone who stands for women and children for a rally on Sunday, **15 September 2019** at **2.30pm** in **Hyde Park**, Sydney. More information [www.stand4.life](http://www.stand4.life)

**COULD YOU HELP A CHILD IN CARE?** We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. **Tuesday, 10 September, 5.30 to 7.30pm.** CatholicCare, 2C West Street (cnr Thomas Street) Lewisham. Call **CCareline** on **13 18 19** to secure your place.

**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).

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST.** The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. **Closing Date 18 October.** More information and applications forms are available from <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>.

**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!.



## **Child Protection Week 2019**

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney continuously strives to ensure the safety of children and young people is paramount. This Sunday marks the weeklong celebration of **National Child Protection Week**; the aim of this week is to engage members of our parish community in supporting and raising awareness of the protection of children. To celebrate this week the Safeguarding Office along with the children and young people of the Archdiocese of Sydney, have developed two fantastic resources, **The Caring Code Journey** and the **Behaviour Code for Young People**.

**The Caring Code Journey** is an interactive resource that mimics that well known snakes and chutes game. It attempts to demonstrate to children aged between 5 – 12 years of age that all actions, whether positive or challenging will always have a reaction that could affect themselves as well as others. This resources will allow children to engage in discussions with others about positive and challenging behaviours that may arise as well as the importance of developing positive friendships.

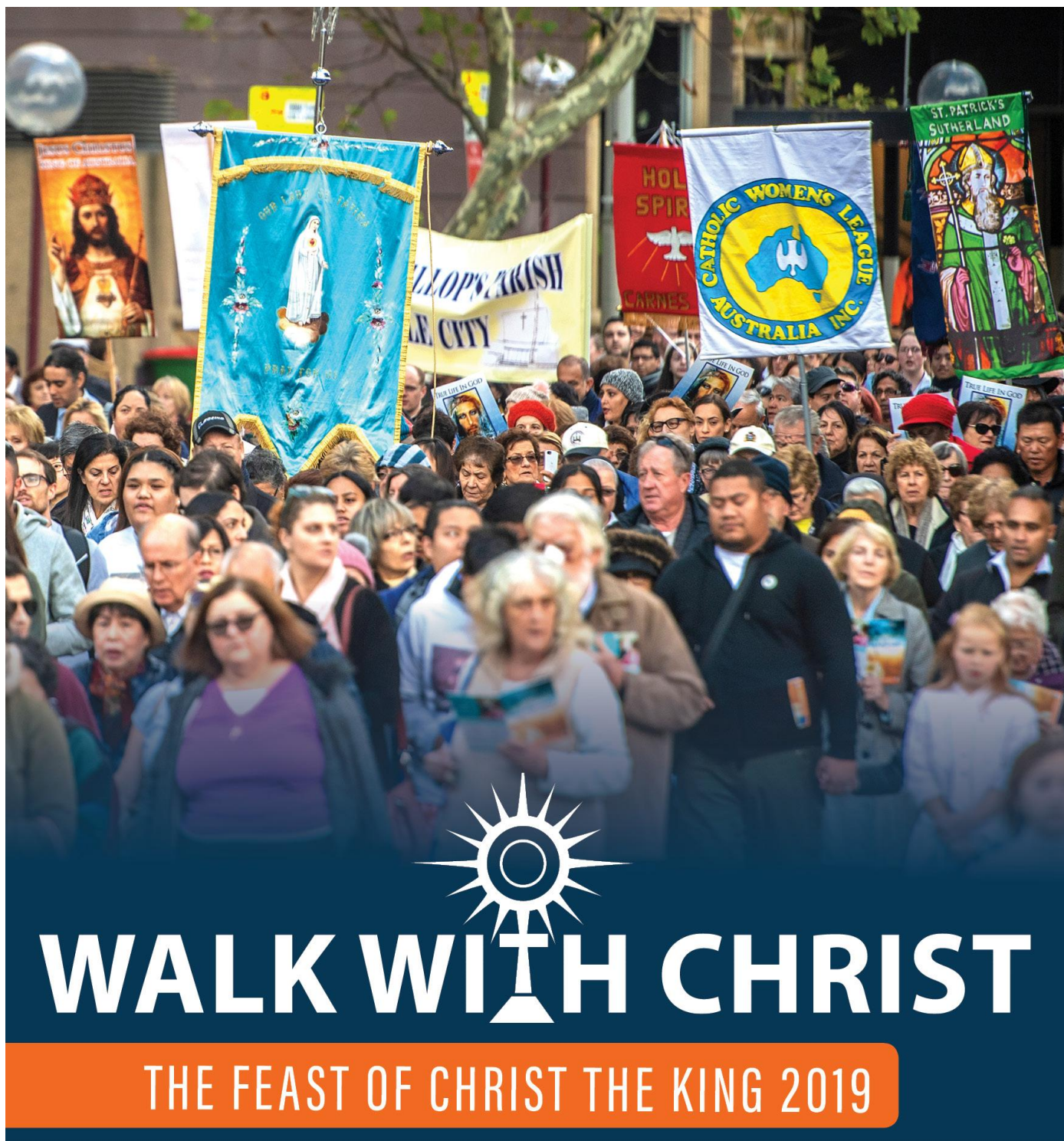
Ministry within the Church is about helping carry on the mission of Jesus, the **Behaviour Code for Young People** provides young people aged between 13 – 17 years of age who are participating in ministries within the Archdiocese, a list of the expected behaviours. It also provides young people and their parent/guardian with open and transparent steps and actions that a Youth Ministry Team Leader will follow if inappropriate behaviour is displayed in a effort to resolve a issue.

**The Caring Code Journey** and **The Behaviour Code** forms part of the Safeguarding Office's suite of child friendly documents and resources. Both these resources will be available in the church for anyone to have a look at and can also be accessed via the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Website.

I am proud to announce that our parish continuously supports the efforts of the Safeguarding Office to ensure that OUR parish environment is safe for children and young people.

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*





# 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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