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Sunday, 15 September 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I've started looking forward to Christmas. With everything that's been happening in Church and State this year, the season of joy and peace commemorating the birth of Jesus really can't come soon enough for me. We still have "hard yakka" to do throughout the rest of September, October and November, before Advent begins in December, but already I am

"expecting." While the preparation for Christmas means extra work for us at the cathedral (planning for the Masses, the "Celebration of Christmas" concerts, the "Lights of Christmas" and other events is well underway) we know it is worth the labour and the problems for the joy and promise of what follows. And we really need that joy and promise!

Today we welcome people who are also "expecting", at our annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers, at 10.30. These Mums and their families are already celebrating the gift of a new life and are living in expectation of wonderful days to come, though the preparations may be challenging. A truly human community finds fulfilment and renewal by welcoming new life, and welcoming God, among us.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

First Reading Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand?

Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **(R)**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R)**

3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **(R)**

Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

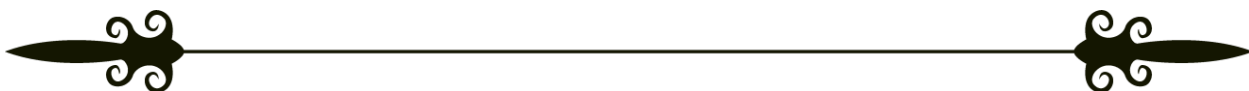
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

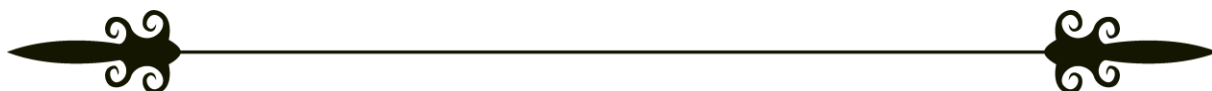


Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia



Liturgy...

Gospel Lk 15:1-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

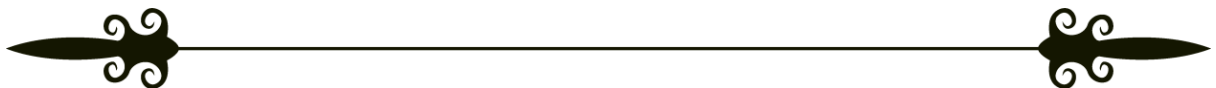
Gospel Lk 15:1-32 Cont'd.....

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant, “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

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
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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 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.

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.**

FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL invite you to an exclusive event. **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 at \$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.

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 or by phoning **(02) 9220 0481**. There are only 40 places available.

VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT/RECEPTIONIST
Administrative Support/Receptionist at Ryde-Gladesville Catholic Parish, located on the corner of Victoria Road and Charles St Ryde.
Hours: Monday 8am to 3pm, Thursday & Friday 9am to 4pm – 21 hours per week. Please see attached for a list of duties. Applications emailed to **Mrs Judy Raumer** ea@rgcp.org.au by **Wednesday, 18 September 2019.**

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL IS RECRUITING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS!

If you have a love of history and architecture, these passions can be brought to life by becoming a St Mary's Cathedral **Volunteer Tour Guide**. St Mary's Cathedral welcomes thousands of visitors on a daily basis, and Volunteer Tour Guides play an important role in helping visitor groups and tourists to explore the largest Cathedral in the Southern hemisphere. All are welcome to apply, as previous experience is not required. Tour guide training and induction will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Special Liturgies Officer via email:

jennifer.foo@stmaryscathedral.org.au or phone: **02 9220 0453**.

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.

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 **15 Sept** Embrace will continue the devotion to our Blessed Mother with the rosary. You are welcome to join. For more information please write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

DO YOU KNOW ANY SENIORS IN YOUR COMMUNITY WHO COULD USE A LITTLE HELP AT HOME? Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call **CCareline** on **13 18 19** to find out more.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

2019-2020. We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September 2019. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is entitled: **'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'**. The Statement shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details visit www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call **(02) 8306 3499**.

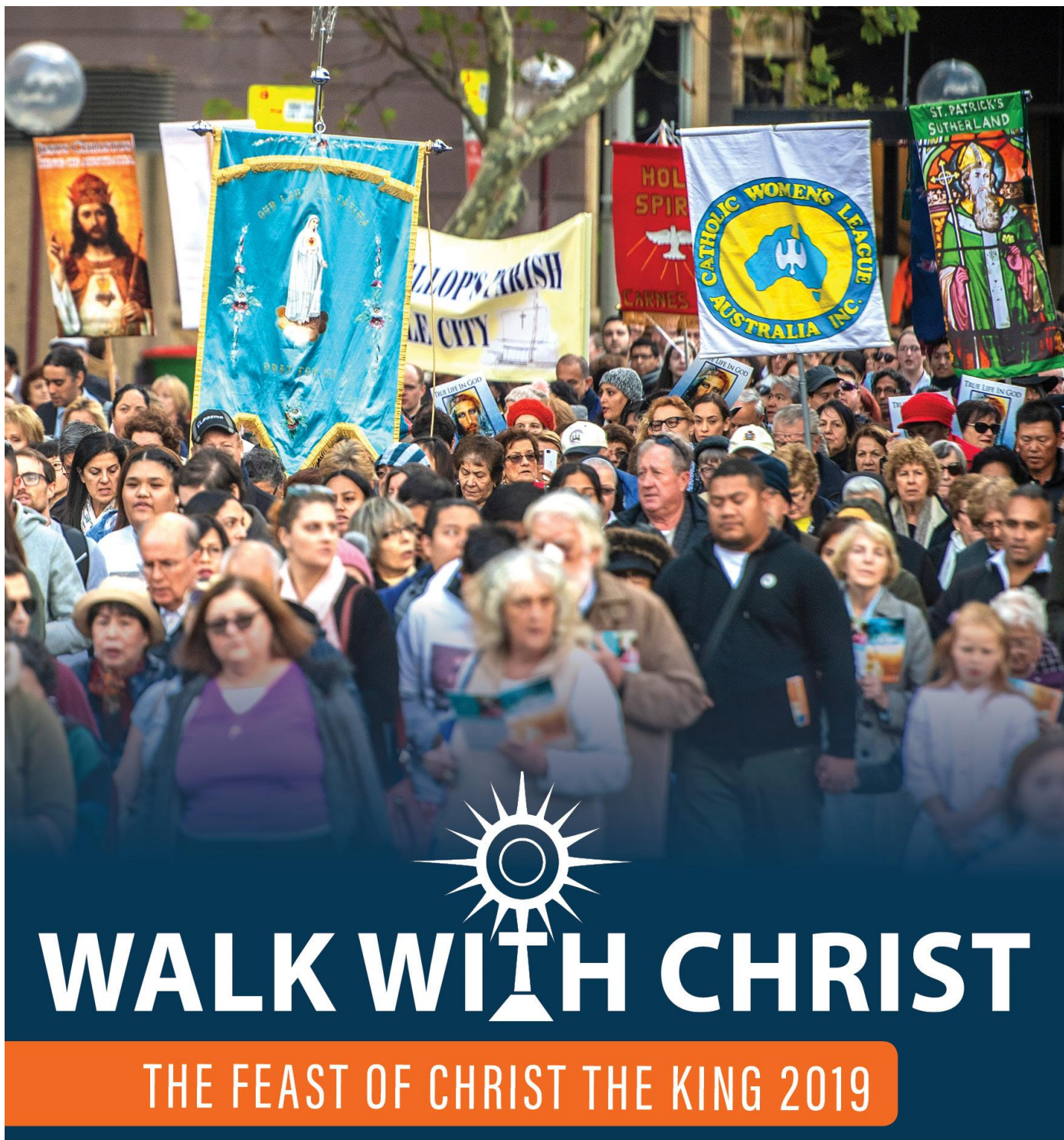
BOOK LAUNCH - Hidden in the Shadow of Love. Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor invites friends of Eileen O'Connor, Servant of God, to the office launch of the book: "Hidden in the Shadow of Love: The Story of Mother Theresa McLaughlin and our Lady's Nurses for the Poor" by Jocelyn Hedley. Launched by Most 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@ourladysnurses.org.au or call **(02) 9665 6331**.

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!.



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



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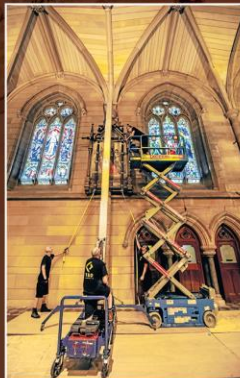


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Restoration works are underway to:

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- Remove water damage • Correct discolouration
- Wax the oak frames • Reinforce fixtures to the walls



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