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Sunday, 29 September 2019
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We should lament the enactment of the new state Abortion legislation. It is the unborn who will pay the highest price for this appalling law. The attack on vulnerable human lives will now spread. Today is the traditional date to commemorate St Michael the Archangel, and this Wednesday, 2 October is the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, timely reminders to pray for the

protection of the powerful spirits assigned to us by God to guard and guide us.

The readings at Mass today can be taken to have a strong social justice theme, and the Australian bishops have designated today the annual “Social Justice Sunday.” The Bishops Conference has published their annual Social Justice Statement, headed “Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter In Our Digital World”. Some copies are available around the cathedral, or you can download a copy from <https://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>.

Internationally, the Church has designated this Sunday the “World Day of Migrants and Refugees.” Pope Francis has chosen the theme “It is not just about migrants” to show up our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone newly-arrived.

This afternoon at the Cathedral, the annual Mass for Catechists in State Schools will be celebrated, and the dedicated and valuable service of our many schools catechists will be gratefully acknowledged. I have a real appreciation for the work of catechists, since my primary education was entirely in a government school and the regular visit of a catechist was a great reinforcement of the faith and prayer being taught by my parents. I commend these wonderful people to your prayerful support.

At the 10.30 Mass today, a large group of men from across the Archdiocese will be Instituted into the ministry of Acolyte by the Archbishop. Having been recommended by their Parish Priests, they have completed a series of formation sessions conducted by the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese and are ready to be formally commissioned to serve in this official liturgical ministry. I’m sure they will be a great help to their priests and their local Catholic communities, so please pray for them too.

May your week ahead be safe and joyful!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

Liturgy...

First Reading Am 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

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



Responsorial Psalm 145:6-10. R. v.2

Praise the Lord, my soul.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R)**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign forever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R)**



Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

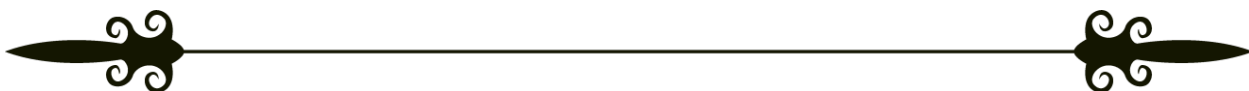
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

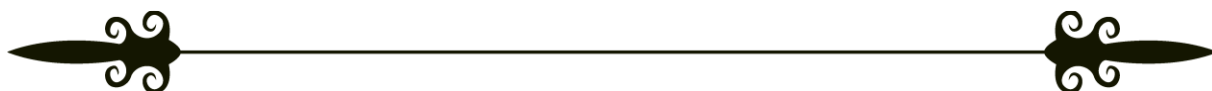


Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia



Liturgy...

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”’

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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ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES

The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this mass.



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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.

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.**

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.

DAY OF HEALING WITH SR. MARGARET SCULLY RSC. To be held on **Saturday, 05 October 2019** at the **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Centre, 19A Quirk Street, Rozelle** from **9am to 4.30pm.** The session includes, What is Healing, Inner Healing, Prayer for Inner Healing, Healing of the Family Tree and the Healing Power of Forgiveness. Tea and coffee to be provided, please bring your own lunch. Registration is essential. Please contact the CCR Centre on **9810 2499** or email mscully@ccrns.org.au.

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**.

FULL TIME POSITION. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Applications are invited for the full time role of Parish Adviser-Accounting, part of the Parish Support and Development Team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For further information, the advertisement and position description for this role can be viewed at <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/parish-adviser-accounting-sydney-nsw/assistant-sydney/>

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 **29 Sept** Embrace will be welcoming a visit from Catholic Care, the topic 'Keys to Lasting Relationships'. You are welcome to join. For more information please write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

CATHOLICCARE POSITION VACANT. Community Engagement Manager. Full-time position and based at Lewisham. For further information please contact **Anthony Spata** at REACH Human Resources, on **0402 210 055**. Applications **close 11 October 2019**.

IGNITE CONFERENCE. The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time this October 3-6, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available as well. For more information, visit www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/ or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on **(02) 9307 8152** or info@sydneycatholicyouth.org.

GERMAN CATHEDRALS AND OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE 2020. Fr Chris Dixon, from the Diocese of Parramatta, is leading a pilgrimage focussing on "German Cathedral Pilgrimage and the Passion Play at Oberammergau", for 13 days leaving 25 August 2020 and returning 06 September 2020. For more information and further details, **contact Fr Chris** at annangrove@hotmail.com.

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!



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The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office, in conjunction with the Sydney Archdiocese has stated that all Volunteer roles require a Working With Children Check and are also required to sign a Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Code of Conduct form.

If you Volunteer here at St Mary's Cathedral, in any capacity (e.g.: reader, usher, shop assistant, bell ringer etc) please contact St Mary's Cathedral's Special Liturgy Officer on 9220 0453.

Applying for a Working with Children Check is a simple three-step process.

Step 1: Complete application for WWCC online: www.check.kids.nsw.gov.au

Step 2: Take your application number from the online process along with identification to be verified at your local Service NSW Centre or Motor Registry.

Step 3: When you receive your clearance number, please pass these details onto St Mary's Cathedral Liturgy Officer who will then verify your details

The role of the Safeguarding Office is to raise awareness regarding our collective responsibility to protect the safety, well-being and dignity of children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Your support and understanding is greatly appreciated.