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Sunday, 27 October 2019

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

My thanks to those who have completed our Cathedral Parish Census forms. I would encourage everyone to do so as a help to our pastoral planning.

Today at the 10.30 Mass, Bishop Terry Brady will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large group of adults from across the Archdiocese. We welcome them and their sponsors and families to the St Mary's Cathedral. These celebrations of Confirmation for adults who have not yet been Confirmed take place in the

cathedral a couple of times a year. Catholic adults who have never yet received Confirmation should contact the priest in their local parish to discuss further.

This Friday, 1st November, is All Saints' Day, and of course Saturday, 2nd November is All Souls' Day. Please remember to pray for the souls of your deceased family and friends during November, because we can assist the souls in Purgatory with our prayer.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains:

The Final Purification, or Purgatory

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. (Cf. Council of Florence (1439): DS 1304; Council of Trent (1563): DS 1820; (1547): 1580; see also Benedict XII, *Benedictus Deus* (1336): DS 1000.) The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire: (Cf. 1 Cor 3:15; 1 Pet 1:7.)

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come. (St. Gregory the Great, *Dial.* 4, 39: PL 77, 396; cf. Mt 12:31.)

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore Judas Maccabeus made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." (2 Macc 12:46.)

From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. (Cf. Council of Lyons II (1274): DS 856.) The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them. (St. John Chrysostom, *Hom.* in 1 Cor. 41, 5: PG 61, 361; cf. Job 1:5.)

And for those who are musically inclined, I strongly recommend listening to a good recording of Elgar's setting of St John Henry Newman's "The Dream of Gerontius." on All Souls Day as a reflection on Christian hope, death, judgement, purification and the promise of eternal life. I will be doing so myself that day while at our sister parish on Norfolk Island, a place which has one of the most beautiful and atmospheric cemeteries in the whole world.

Every blessing,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the second book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

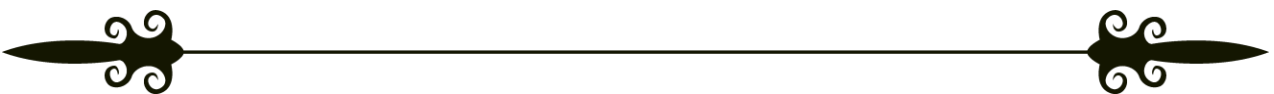
**The word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God**



Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

- 1.** I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**
- 2.** The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **(R)**
- 3.** The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R)**



Liturgy...

Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

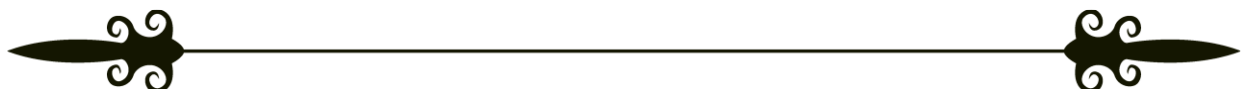


Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

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 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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.**

BISHOPS ANNOUNCE NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT. **The Catholic Bishops of Australia have** announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2019

PASTORAL APPEAL. In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting an important initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you.

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 **27 Oct** Embrace will celebrate International Food Night. Please bring a National Cuisine/Dish to share. You are welcome to join. For more information please write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

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!

ALL SOULS DAY MASS 2019. Rookwood Catholic Cemetery, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel Saturday, 2 November at 12pm. Liverpool Cemetery, Reflection Chapel Saturday, 2 November at 10.30am. Kemps Creek Cemetery, The Pavilion Sunday, 3 November at 2.30pm.

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, 05 November, 5.30 to 7.30pm.** Family Spirit, Suite 301, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown. Call **CCareline on 13 18 19** to secure your place.



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*A Choral
Christmas
Celebration*

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

FRIDAY

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11:00AM

7:00PM

A CONCERT FEATURING THE ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
CHOIR AND SINFONIA AUSTRALIS WITH MUSIC BY
BACH, HANDEL, AND RUTTER, AND FAVOURITE
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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

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.