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Sunday, 03 November 2019 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Sometimes we try to correct or convert a sinner by scolding him, by pointing out his mistakes and wrongful behaviour. Jesus' attitude toward Zacchaeus shows us another way: that of showing those who err their value, the value that God continues to see in spite of everything, despite of all their mistakes.

This may bring about a positive surprise, which softens the heart and spurs a person to bring out the good that he has within himself. It gives people the confidence which makes them grow and change. This is how God acts with all of us: he is not blocked by our sin, but overcomes it with love and makes us feel nostalgia for the good.

We have all felt this nostalgia for the good after a mistake. And this is what God Our Father does, this is what Jesus does. There is not one person who does not have some good quality. And God looks at this in order to draw that person away from evil. (Pope Francis 30 Oct 2016)

Every blessing,

Fr Gerard Woo Ling

Liturgy...

First Reading Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the second book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord Response: Thanks be to God





Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

- **1**. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (*R*)
- **2**. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R)
- 3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R)
- 4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R)





Liturgy...

Second Reading 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord Response: Thanks be to God

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Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia





Liturgy...

Gospel Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ





Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: Sunday:	6.00pm 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: Saturday: Public Holidays:	6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm 9.00am & 12noon 9am (or as advertised)
Reconciliation	Monday-Friday: Saturday:	12noon - 1.00pm & 5.00pm - 5.25pm 11.30am - 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Saturday: Sunday:	5.30pm 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

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP Father Donald Richardson, Dean Father Brendan Purcell Father Gerard Woo Ling Father Lewi Barakat

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Chris Backhouse – Cathedral Sacristan Thomas Wilson – Director of Music Helen Morassut – General Manager, St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEW LOOK CATHOLIC WEEKLY OR PURCHASE A COPY FOR \$2

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

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.

www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-

child-protection/.

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. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run this weekend and we need your help. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion (visit www.cwf.org.au to find out more), giving your gift the power to change lives for the better. Your parish will have special envelopes for your use or alternatively, visit the CWF website to donate securely by credit card (please remember to include your nominated parish as this helps them too). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. To find out more, phone 1800 753 959 or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org. 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 03 Nov Embrace will welcomes Fr Anthony Bernard who will be talking on Suffering...understanding...embracing and sanctified by It. You are welcome to join. For more information please write to embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

VOCATIONS CAMP FOR MEN 2019. Join us for a weekend camp of Mass, talks, good food, bush walks, sports and prayer for young men who are seeking an adventure and a deep exploration of their spiritual life. Cost: \$75 pp. Age: 18 – 30. **Registration closes: 06 November.** For more information contact us at: vocationcentre.org.au, call **(02) 9307 8424** or Email: vocations@sydneycatholic.org.

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.





CWF APPEAL



PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND TODAY

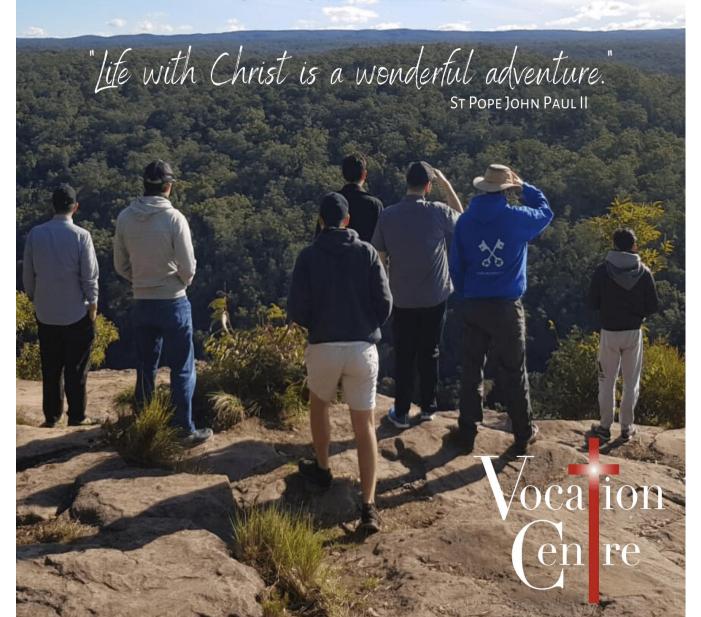
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VOCATIONS CAMP FOR MEN

15-17 NOVEMBER 2019



Join us for a weekend camp of bush walks, sports, talks, Mass and prayer; for young men who are seeking an adventure and a deep exploration of their spiritual life.

REGISTRATION: \$75

*Participants registering must be 18-30 years old

Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

For more information and to register, please visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us (02) 9307 8433

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office, in conjunction with the Sydney Archdiocese has stated that <u>all Volunteer</u> 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 threestep 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.