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Sunday, 01 March 2020
First Sunday Of Lent Year A



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

“With the return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit.

The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God’s adopted children.

Initially, men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there still is required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure

that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life.

Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin.

There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. The angels sang: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.* The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.” – *From a sermon of St Leo the Great, Pope from AD 440 to 461.*

Timeless advice from centuries ago. And in this Lent 2020 let us pray for each other and for our troubled and unhealthy world.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R.v.3

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R)**
3. 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)**
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R)**

Liturgy...

Second Reading Rom 5:12-19

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

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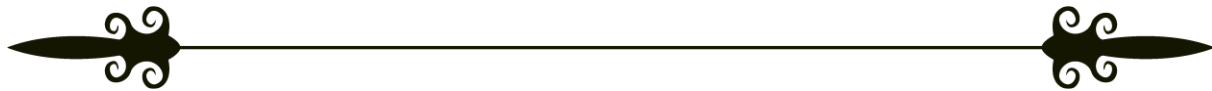
Liturgy...

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.
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Alleluia



Gospel Mt 4:1-11

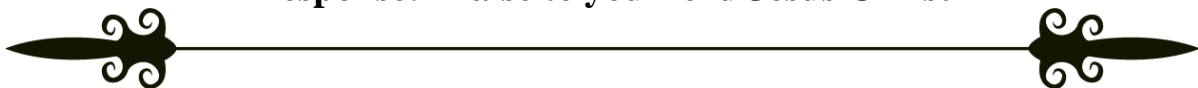
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

**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 is held each Sunday in the Lady Chapel. 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)
Stations of The Cross	Fridays @ 4.30pm: March – 06, 13, 20, 27 & April – 03

****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.



Please note: you can continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: STATIONS OF THE CROSS A SPECIAL DEVOTION COMMEMORATING THE JOURNEY OF CHRIST TO HIS CRUCIFIXION AND BURIAL IS PRAYED EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 4.30PM.

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.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is an International Catholic voluntary organisation of lay people. Local conferences (groups) meet as a community based on spiritual bonds of friendship between members and a common mission to help the poor and marginalised. The St Mary's Cathedral Conference was established in 1881 but is in urgent need of new members. If you are interested in being involved or just learning more please contact jennifer.murphy@vinnies.org.au or attend our **next meeting on Tuesday, 10 March at 6:15pm** in the Parish Centre. At worst you will meet some new people and have some supper....but it could lead to lifelong connections and making a difference to those in need.

DIVINE RENOVATION. Transform your Parish from maintenance to mission! Pastors, Ministry Leaders and Lay Faithful are invited to a Divine Renovation Conference in Canada. The Archdiocese of Sydney will join with Parishes from across the globe at the Divine Renovation Conference to experience hands-on leadership formation and networking to develop mission-focused parishes. For more information and registration details, contact Helen Wagner **02 9307 8499** or: HELEN.WAGNER@SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG

THE 12.15PM LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM EACH SUNDAY IS HELD IN THE LADY CHAPEL.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX AND HER PARENTS. The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse, and her parents, Louis and Zélie, is returning to the Archdiocese of Sydney in March.

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THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL are again hosting a **Trivia Night!** The quiz will have something for everyone, including those who say they don't like trivia nights! (No, the questions aren't all religious) A light supper will be served; BYO drinks. **Saturday, 07 March 2020 at 7.00pm** in the Br Hoffman Hall at the Cathedral. Come with a team of up to eight people, or join a team on the night. **Tickets \$25 members, \$30 non-members, including supper.** To **purchase tickets** and read more (including about all our 2020 events), please visit our website: www.cathedralfriends.org.au.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL. Special collections at Masses across the country on the Australia Day weekend have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support people and communities affected by the devastating bushfires. Catholic Emergency Relief Australia (CERA) is a new collaboration of national Catholic organisations that will help coordinate the Church's ongoing response to the bushfire crisis and future domestic natural disasters. Find out more at www.cera.catholic.org.au

THE BISHOP'S BLEND BREAKFAST.

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Tues, 24 March 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets visit

<https://thebishopsblendtenthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL COLLEGE – OPEN DAY. Friday, 06 March 2020. Tours 9.00am – 12.00pm. Student performances: Choir & Music Scholars 12.30pm. **Enrolments** welcome across greater Sydney and **close on 27 March 2020.** Yrs 3 – 6: 20201, Yr 7: 2022, Yrs 8 – 12: 2021. Contact: **02 9235 0500** or www.smccsydney.catholic.edu.au.

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/.

SHRINES OF OUR LADY WITH FR SEBASTIAN MANOHARAN (MSFS). Journey with our Lady as you visit famous shrines and sites of her apparitions. Explore various pilgrimage sites in Portugal, France, Italy, Croatia and Bosnia during this 15N pilgrimage led by Fr. Sebastian Manoharan (MSFS) that features Fatima, Lourdes, Paris, Rome and Medjugorje for an all-inclusive price of \$7990+Tips. The fare includes Entrances &

Sites as per itinerary + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. 2020 Departures Available: **20th May 2020.** For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615** or **1300721561** or email us info@magiholidays.com.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** to find out more **13 18 19** or email connect@catholiccare.org

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS – Children's Liturgy, Sacramental Preparation, Public School Catechists. You are invited to 'come and see' and experience the pilgrimage of a lifetime to where Jesus walked. "To experience the Garden of Gethsemane, the place of the Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee – scriptures come alive and you will never be the same again!" Very Rev Michael McLean, Episcopal Vicar for Education (Schs), Leader of the Archdiocese's CCD Parish Catechist Support team's Jubilee Pilgrimage. Departs **16 May 2020, 10** Nights/13 Days in the Holy Land with Optional Rome Extension (5 Nights). Book now **1800 819 156** www.harvestjourneys.com/PV3120 DEPOSIT due 20 Dec 2019. "Next year, Jerusalem!"

PLENARY COUNCIL. Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese to participate in the plenary council general assembly held in Adelaide in October? If so, speak with your Parish Priest or Barbara Perry (Sydney Plenary Council Working Group) on **0438 012 964**, barbara.perry@sydneycatholic.org for more details. All applicants must fill in and submit an application form found here: <https://sydneycatholic.org/plenary-council.pdf>



STATIONS
OF THE CROSS
at
ST MARYS CATHEDRAL



*“You are welcome to join us
for Stations of the Cross,
a special devotion that
commemorates Jesus Christ’s
suffering and death for
our sake”.*

Fr Don Richardson,
DEAN OF ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL

DATE: FRIDAYS
28 FEBRUARY, 6 MARCH,
13 MARCH, 20 MARCH,
27 MARCH & 3 APRIL
TIME: 4.30PM

ABOUT STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

The Stations of the Cross is a special devotion that commemorates the journey of Christ to his Crucifixion and burial.

St Mary’s Cathedral has 14 stations arranged in order in which we visit to commemorate and pray. The stations are magnificent oil paintings painted in France, which were acquired by Cardinal Moran in 1885 during a visit to Europe.

***INFORMATION ON IMAGE:**

*The Carrying of the Cross Window – 4th Sorrowful
Mystery of the Rosary.*

Positioned on the eastern side of the Cathedral. The image depicts Jesus being forced to carry his cross uphill to the place of execution.