



# St Mary's Cathedral

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**Sunday, 09 February 2020**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

## **Relics**

The visit to St Mary's Cathedral of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and of her parents, Ss. Louis and Zélie last weekend was wonderful and I want to thank the many volunteers and staff who made everything go so smoothly. It was a great blessing for so many people to be able to come and venerate the relics and pray.

## **Coronavirus Risk**

This week the possible spread of the novel coronavirus strain has been on everyone's minds. With regard to reducing the risk infection when at church, please do exercise common sense and good hygiene: If you are unwell, or have reason to think you might be contagious, then don't come to Mass and spread the germs. If you are worried about catching the virus, avoid shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, and keep in mind that it might perhaps be possible for the fingers of the minister of Holy Communion to transfer the virus. Likewise if you are vulnerable to infection you might not use the Holy Water near the doors of the cathedral because many people will have touched the water and the bowl. Neither the Blessed Sacrament nor Holy Water is sterile or

antiseptic, let alone you, so please be considerate and sensible. We should pray for the efforts to contain the spread of this sickness to be successful and for the recovery of all who have caught it.

## **Lent**

Now that we are well into February I want to remind everyone that Lent begins this month on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to start planning for your Lenten penance and prayer regime. Don't let Ash Wednesday catch you by "surprise" so that you just do your usual "no chocolate" routine. The ashes for Ash Wednesday are made by burning the blessed palms from last Palm Sunday. If you have any blessed palms at home from last year you can drop them off in the cathedral Office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February so they can be used.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*

*Liturgy...*

**First Reading Is 58:7-10**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9. R v.4**

*A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

**1.** He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R)**

**2.** The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R)**

**3.** With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **(R)**

*Liturgy...*

**Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5**

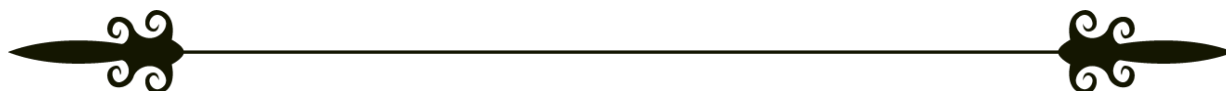
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

***I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.***

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**The word of the Lord**

**Response: Thanks be to God**



**Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia**



*Liturgy...*

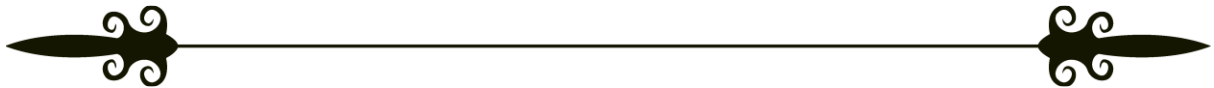
**Gospel Mt 5:13-16**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

***You are the light of the world.***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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



<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass) <b>12.15pm Latin Mass in the extraordinary form is held each Sunday in the Lady Chapel.</b> 6.00pm Mass
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Monday-Friday: 12noon - 1.00pm & 5.00pm - 5.25pm Saturday: 11.30am - 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Vespers (Evening Prayer)</b>	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.

<b>CATHEDRAL CLERGY</b> <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>	<b>CATHEDRAL STAFF</b> <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  
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

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

**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](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought).

**11TH ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT 21-23 FEBRUARY 2020 BY CROATIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH.**

Inviting all Aussie Croats to spend a weekend away uniting in the spirit of faith, culture and friendship. Meet new people, discuss hot topics and learn more about your faith. Register by 5th February 2020 at <https://www.trybooking.com/BGNHK> Cost is \$250 includes 2 night accommodation & meals Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Arrival & check in on Friday 21st Feb 10am -12pm Start time 12pm | Retreat ends Sunday 3pm. Contact: [crocatholicretreat@gmail.com](mailto:crocatholicretreat@gmail.com)

Anita on 0411 285 308 or Antonia 0432 660 855. Youth retreat is in English. Please note due to unforeseen circumstances, the retreat guest Don Damir, will no longer be coming. Other speakers will be lined up.

**DAY OF HEALING WITH SR.**

**MARGARET SCULLY RSC.** To be held on **Saturday, 22 February 2020. 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@ccrnsw.org.au](mailto:mscully@ccrnsw.org.au).

**ST BAKHITA'S DAY MASS AND LUNCH SATURDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2020.** Please join Archbishop Fisher at St Mary's Cathedral at 12pm for **St Bakhita's Day Mass** and lunch to honour St Josephine Bakhita, the Patron Saint of victims of modern slavery. For more information contact: **Anna Dimo 0409 458 695.**

**MASS TO LAUNCH THE CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION AND CANONISATION OF SERVANT OF GOD, EILEEN O'CONNOR.** Thursday, **20 February.** St Mary's Cathedral **5.30pm.** Celebrant Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. All Welcome.

**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](http://www.cera.catholic.org.au)

**THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?**

**'Come And See' Seminary Open Day 2020**

**A Seminary Open Day** will be held on **Sunday, 23 February 2020** at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with Morning Prayer at 9am and a public Mass at 10:00 AM. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided. For registration or more information visit us at [vocationcentre.org.au](http://vocationcentre.org.au) or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org). Online Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/jnLAJibjizNRpvPR7> Please **RSVP** by Wednesday **19 February 2020.**



**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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/).

**THE SONG COMPANY - CRIES OF JUSTICE.** St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, **Friday 14 February at 7pm.** The battle again injustice, betrayal and oppression has been playing out for millennia. Join Australia's leading vocal ensemble in ethereal and earthy settings of the ancient Book of Psalms that still resonates today with its perennial cries from the human heart – "I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war." Hear seven superb voices intricately weave together sublime music by Britten, Byrd, d'India, Gombert, White, and more. Tickets from \$50. Use the **code StMarys15 to receive 15% off** your ticket order. Website: [the.song.company/cries-of-justice](http://the.song.company/cries-of-justice) or **02 9156 2781.**

**INVITATION:** You are cordially invited to an **OPEN NIGHT** to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of **THE GREGORIAN SCHOLA OF SYDNEY.** The evening will be at 6:30pm on Thursday, **13 February 2020** at St Bede's Church, 43 Pyrmont Rd, Pyrmont. The programme will include singing by the schola. Digital copies of medieval manuscript sources will be shown, including those composed by St Hildegard of Bingen d.1179. Audience participation will be invited with QandA. Bookings are essential and recommended early. Email [Stephens.harry@gmail.com](mailto:Stephens.harry@gmail.com). Entry by voluntary donation. Enquiries **0418 230 322**

**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](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

**BUSHFIRE CRISIS AND LAUDATO SI MEETING.** Laudato Si and the bushfire emergency – what it means and what we are willing to do in response. Thursday, 13 February 2020 6.00-7.30pm. Level 8, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. Fr Peter Smith, Promotor of Justice and Peace, Felicity Wade, Pacific Calling Partners, a member of the RFS, other speakers to be confirmed. Please **RSVP** to [jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org) or **0400 925 217.**

**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](http://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](mailto: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>



# ENCOUNTER

## 11TH ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT 21-23 FEB 2020



**AGES**  
**18-35**  
*years*

- MEET NEW PEOPLE
- DISCUSS TODAY'S HOT TOPICS
- OPPORTUNITY FOR Q&A
- LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH
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Special guest  
& retreat leader  
**Don Damir Stojić**

Register by 5th February 2020

at <https://www.trybooking.com/BGNHK>

Cost is \$250 includes 2 night accommodation & meals

Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre Grose Vale NSW

Arrival & check in on Friday 21st Feb 10am -12pm

Start time 12pm | Retreat ends Sunday 3pm

### CONTACT

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# *'Come and See'*

SEMINARY OPEN DAY

## **WHERE**

Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush

## **WHEN**

Sunday 23 February 2020

There is no cost,  
but RSVP is required for the brunch at 11:30am

## **RSVP**

02 9307 8424 or [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org)

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