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Sunday, 15 February 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

A very significant event will take place in the Cathedral this Thursday, 20th February 2020 at 5.30pm: the Mass and canonical ceremony for the Opening of the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor.

Born in Melbourne in 1892, Eileen O'Connor was crippled by a fall that injured her spine when aged three. She was largely paralysed for several years and remained in constant pain throughout her brief life. Her family moved to Sydney when she was 10 years old. At Coogee in 1913 Eileen together with Fr Edward McGrath MSC founded Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, the "Brown Nurses," a ministry of compassionate service to the sick poor in their own homes. Despite her growing disabilities, Eileen continued to guide the work of the

fledgling society from her bed, and many people sought her guidance and prayers. She died at “Our Lady’s Home” in Coogee on 10 January 1921, aged just 28 years. Fifteen years later her body was found to be incorrupt when it was exhumed from Randwick Cemetery for reinterment in the chapel at Our Lady’s Home.

I would encourage you to come along on Thursday to this special Mass which is an important phase in the formal Church process which may lead to Eileen’s eventual Beatification and Canonization as a Saint. Be inspired by her life, and perhaps you have some special things you can entrust to her intercessions!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

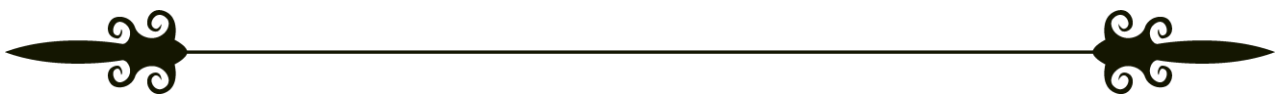
If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

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



Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R v.1

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **(R)**
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **(R)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **(R)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **(R)**



Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

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

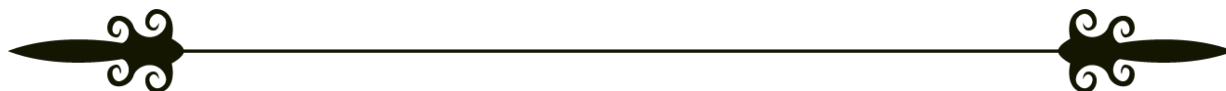
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia



Liturgy...

Gospel Mt 5:17-37

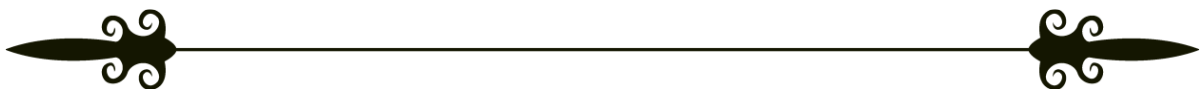
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

‘For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. ‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother “Fool” he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him “Renegade” he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.



Liturgy...

Gospel according to Matthew Cont'd.....

‘It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God’s throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

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)

****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

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.

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

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.

MASS TO LAUNCH THE CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION AND CANONISATION OF SERVANT OF GOD, EILEEN O'CONNOR.

Thursday, 20 February. The co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Eileen O'Connor has taken a major step forward to becoming Australia's second saint after the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP called on Catholics to submit evidence to support Eileen's cause for canonisation. You are invited to a Mass which will formally open the cause. St Mary's Cathedral **5.30pm.** Celebrant Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. All Welcome.

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

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 or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email 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 or visit www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/.

TRYING FOR A BABY? HAVING TROUBLE CONCEIVING? There is a real alternative to IVF – Billings LIFE. . If you have been trying to have a baby without success, our tutors can provide essential information, which will give you the best chance to achieve your pregnancy naturally. Ring for a friendly chat on **1800 335 860** or **03 9802 2022**. Website: www.billings.life

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>

ENCOUNTER

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- 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

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