

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

2022

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ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,
MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. *R*.

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R**.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

I hope your Easter has been full of happiness! It was great to have so many people with us for the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We have so many things to think and pray about these days, and it really is a blessing that we can do so TOGETHER.

For many Eastern Christians, including Eastern Catholics and Orthodox in Ukraine, today is Easter Sunday. Let us remember to pray hard for the people of Ukraine and for all the victims of war.

There are a number of special events to bring to your attention.

This evening (Sunday) the 6.00pm Mass is the special ANZAC Eve Mass, celebrated by the Archbishop with the presence of the Governor of NSW and representatives of returned service personnel, the Government, the Australian Defence Force, and diplomatic representatives of several foreign nations.

On Sunday 1st May, a specially commissioned painting in the cathedral will be unveiled. The new painting of St Joseph with Our Lady and the boy Jesus was commissioned in commemoration of the recent Year of St Joseph, thanks to the efforts of the Archdiocesan Family, Life and Marriage Office, and made possible by a generous donor. The painting, which will hang in the West Chancel Aisle near the Altar of St Joseph, is to be unveiled and blessed after the 10.30 Mass next Sunday.

On Sunday 8th May, as I mentioned last week, a plaque commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Old St Mary's Cathedral, will be unveiled and blessed by the Archbishop at the 10.30 Mass, and almost all the Australian Bishops are expected to be present. Something very special for that celebration: the beautiful engraved silver trowel presented to Governor Lachlan Macquarie at the laying of the Foundation stone of Old St Mary's in 1821 will be displayed in the cathedral, on loan from the State Library of NSW. It will be here for only a couple of days, so do take the opportunity to come and see it! Some other items associated with Old St Mary's – Australia's first Catholic church – will also be on display.

Once again, Happy Easter! Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

April - May 2022

ANZA	DAY		23 Saturday	24 Sunday 6pm Anzac Eve Vigil Mass	25 Monday ANZAC DAY Public Holiday Mass 9am	26 Tuesday St Mark
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	Thursday St Peter Chanel 6:30pm CITY COMPASS	Friday St Catherine of Siena	Saturday	Sunday 10.30am Mass Paschal Eucharist	Monday St Athanasius	Tuesday Sts Philip & James
4	5	6	7	8 CWF	9	10
6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6:30pm CITY COMPASS	Friday	Saturday	Sunday 10.30am Mass 200 th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Old St Mary's	Monday	Tuesday
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6:30pm CITY COMPASS	Friday Our Lady of Fatima	Saturday St Matthias	Sunday Embrace	Monday	Tuesday

U feelly Mass Schedule

MASS

Monday to Friday: 6:45am, 1:10pm, 5:30pm Saturday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 12:00 noon to 1:00pm, 5:00pm to 5:25pm **Saturday**: 11:30am, to 11:55am, 4:30pm to 5:30pm

EVENING VESPERS

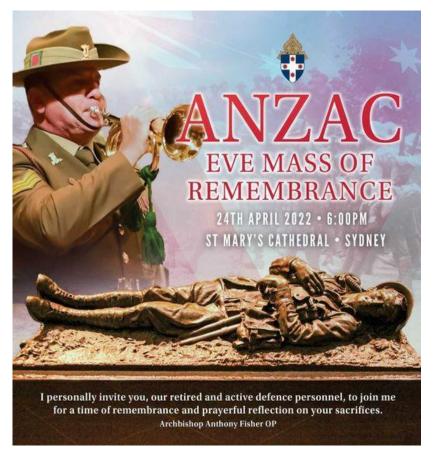
Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES







The Debate on euthanasia and assisted suicide has resumed in NSW Parliament. A petition against this Bill can be signed by using the QR codes on the flyers in the church. Please pray that this Bill will not be passed, and that the dignity of every individual will be upheld.







Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives.

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

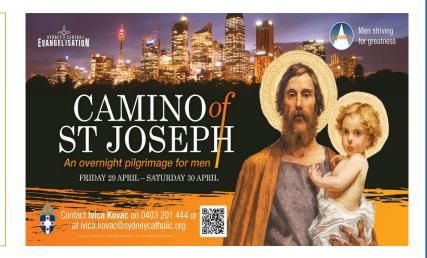
Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

Married Couple Leader Formation



Are you a married couple interested in getting involved in marriage ministry?
Progress through a marriage enrichment course whilst learning how to host a marriage enrichment experience locally!
The program will start after Easter on Wednesday the 27th of April and runs fortnightly, online, from 7.30pm, ending on 22 June.
This experience is run by the Catholic marriage apostolate SmartLoving, with opportunity for couples from the Archdiocese to take part. To find out more visit: smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation





Catholic Engaged Encounter

Marriage Preparation Course: Engaged Encounter

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with Geopei insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au Choose any of the coming Weekends:

Apr 30 - May 01, Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13

If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

The Siena Event: Confidence Support Services

Personal development opportunity in a Catholic context! The Siena Event, inspired by the teaching and philosophy of St Pope John Paul II, will take place at St Fiacre's Leichhardt 30 April 2022 from 10am-3:30pm. For tickets and info contact Bridget Spinks 0408 496 610 or



visit www.confidencesupportservices.com.au



Open your heart to foster care

Family Spirit are looking for compassionate people who can provide security and comfort to children in need.

To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online information session on:

Wednesday, 27th April 2022 6.30pm – 7.30pm

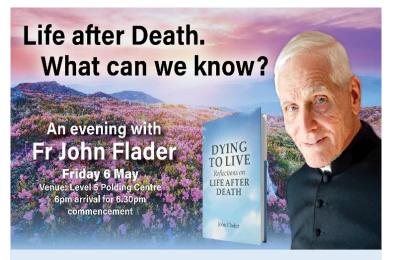
To register call

Family Spirit 131819
FamilySpirit.org



For 75 years, the support of Christian refugees has been a major pillar of the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN).

Today ACN is supporting displaced Catholic families by attending to basic needs such as food and medicine, but these families also hunger for the healing power of the sacraments and the pastoral support of the Church. As such, the help we provide is not only material. Our support of priests, sisters, and catechists all work to build up the faith and to offer help and consolation to those in desperate need. Can you give hope to Christian refugees today? Please visit www.aidtochurch.org



A fascinating evening with Fr John Flader, author of "Dying to Live: Reflections on Life after Death"

Friday 6 May Level 5, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney 6pm arrival for 6:30pm

Register online:

https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/msb/flader

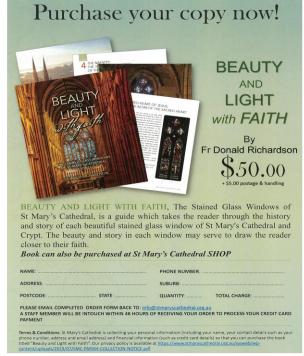


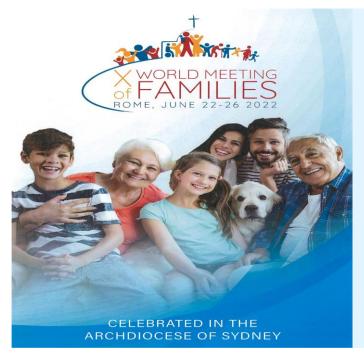
POSITION VACANT

Parish Secretary

Parishes of Summer Hill & Lewisham

St Patrick's Summer Hill and St Thomas Lewisham are seeking a part time Parish Secretary. Hours are 9.30am to 1.30pm every Wednesday and Friday. Responsibilities include general administration, phone enquiries and sacramental registers. Experience preferred. Please send your application including a one-page cover letter and CV to priest@thomaspatrick.org.au If you have any questions regarding the role, please contact Jane Marmotta on 02 9798 6016.





World Meeting of Families

The 2022 World Meeting of Families will be marked in the Archdiocese of Sydney with a local diocesan celebration. This local gathering will take place from Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June.

Initiatives will include a local parish celebration, an opportunity for families to make pilgrimages to sacred locations within the Archdiocese, and will culminate with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP with an associated Sunday afternoon 'Festival of Families'.

For more detailed information: Contact Simon Yeak from the Life, Marriage and

Family team E: simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org or 0402 859 123.