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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Acts 15:1-2, 22-29*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING *Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 14:23-29*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE CATHEDRAL CLERGY



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

THE WAY OF MARY

For the month of May, we can say a few words about several stages on Mary's life's way, stages we can experience in our own lives too:

i) **THE FIRST EVENT IN MARY'S LIFE IS THE ANNUNCIATION**, when the Word became flesh in her womb. As a devout Jewish woman, for her, the Bible was her source of life and inspiration. We know from her use of the word 'lowliness' that her whole existence was oriented towards God, making a complete gift of herself to the One who, on this day, was no longer speaking through the prophets, but sending his Son. Now she's responding to the Trinitarian Face of God: she's told the Lord — that is God the Father — is with her, that she will conceive a Son, and that the Holy Spirit will come down upon her. This revelation has been called 'an apocalypse at the beginning of the Gospel,' not at the end: the spiritual outbreak of a new world. So what we're focusing on, as a first stage in her life, is for us an invitation to unite ourselves with her Immaculate Heart and remake our own choice of God-Love, answering that Love with our own "Yes".

ii) **THE SECOND EPISODE IN MARY'S LIFE IS HER VISIT TO ELIZABETH**. 'Mary first tells by deeds of love and later by the words of love. Her visitation shows us how much Mary's 'yes' relates her to others. She goes 'in haste, to visit and help her cousin. It's the faith that's expressed in charity. And through Elizabeth, the Spirit proclaims the first beatitude of the Gospel, 'blessed she who believed.' It's like the new name for all those who hear the word of God and put it into practise. From her openness to the great things of God, Mary breaks into a song of humble praise, with its thread of gold uniting past, present and future. Her change of situation isn't only religious, but has political, social and economic implications. Ephrem of Syria remarked that when she says that from now on all generations will call me blessed, from that time, the new Reign of God began to be preached.

iii) **THE THIRD EVENT IN MARY'S LIFE IS THE BIRTH OF JESUS**, the Emmanuel who is God-with-us. We love, and sooner or later we're loved in return because almost everyone responds to love. This mutual love brings about the presence of Jesus among people. It's a continuous giving birth to Jesus in the community. And we'll be able to give Jesus spiritually to the world as Mary gave him physically.

iv) **MARY PRESENTS HER SON IN THE TEMPLE** and meets the old Simeon. It is a moment of joy for her, because this just and holy man confirms that her child is the Son of God. The first stages of the Way of Mary have been joyful, but now there's the message of sorrow. Simeon turns to her and says: "And a sword will pierce through your own soul also." This is like a second annunciation, the annunciation of the Cross in her life. The widening out of the old Covenant to all of humanity, to come about through the death and resurrection of her Son, will involve Mary too.

v) **MARY'S LOSING JESUS WHEN HE'S TWELVE YEARS OLD.** He stops in Jerusalem to speak with the doctors in the temple. This looks like a prequel for the losing that will mark Mary's life when she'll be standing beside the Cross. Mary suffers from her not understanding her loss of Jesus in the Temple. When she finds him again, she asks, 'Son, why have you treated us like this?' There, in the Temple, the place where the Father is present, Jesus' complete and exclusive abandonment to his Father is very clear. And, in this first recorded statement of Jesus, reported by Luke, Mary is made aware of Jesus' independence of family ties.

vi) **AND NOW COMES THE HOUR OF IMMOLATION FOR MARY, STANDING BY THE CROSS, HER SECOND 'YES' TO GOD,** what has been called her second motherhood, of the Church. (78) Like two separate columns, close to each other, but unable to touch each other, he was 'parallel' to Mary. When he as it were, dispossessed her of being his mother by appointing her mother of John, she felt cut off from the one she loved the most, as he was cut off from the one of whom he'd said, 'I and the Father are one'. Yet in his forsakenness and her desolation they were never more one in doing the Father's will. Pope Francis says of this moment: 'Mary unites herself to her Son in the martyrdom of the heart and in the offering of life to the Father for the salvation of humanity. Our Lady made her own the pain of her Son and with Him accepted the Father's will, in that obedience that bears fruit, which gives the true victory over evil and death.'

vii) And after the desolation? **MARY IS MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, AT THE CENTRE OF THE UPPER ROOM** with all her maternal charism towards the Apostles, alongside Peter whom Jesus had constituted their head. 'All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary, the mother of Jesus...' Mary through her second 'yes' now finds herself at the centre of the Church in a motherhood that generates Christ in his Body through the Holy Spirit.

viii) Then, **THE ASSUMPTION, WHEN GOD CALLS MARY, BODY AND SOUL, INTO HEAVEN.** This is the eschatological reality of Mary vanquishing the Evil One and involved in the whole work of salvation. In her assumption into heaven we can see where the whole created universe is heading and has its aim fulfilled in the creature Mary, The fact that she has her immaculate heart filled with love for all her children means she's never far from us when we need her.









ix) **MARY AS QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH:** Her mission as mother was due to her lowliness, now expressed by her continuous presence in the Church. Mary as the high point of all creation, who in her being conceived without sin is the image of Eden, the perfection God originally planned for the whole human race, and eventually found in her.

THIS IS THE WAY OF MARY, a journey which each one of us takes, although in different ways, depending our response and on the graces that God freely bestows on whomever he wills.

Fr Brendan Purcell,
Cathedral Priest

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

May - June 2022

		21 <i>Saturday</i> 12pm Mass (In honour of Mary Help of Christians)	22 <i>Sunday</i>  Catholic Mission Appeal 	23 <i>Monday</i>	24 <i>Tuesday</i> Our Lady Help of Christians The principal Mass for the feast will be the 5.30pm Mass 	
25 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	26 <i>Thursday</i> St Philip Neri 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	27 <i>Friday</i>	28 <i>Saturday</i>	29 <i>Sunday</i> The ASCENSION of the LORD 	30 <i>Monday</i>	31 <i>Tuesday</i> The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 <i>Wednesday</i> St Justin 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	2 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	3 <i>Friday</i> Charles Lwanga & Companions	4 <i>Saturday</i>	5 PENTECOST SUNDAY 10.30am Mass Adult Confirmations 	6 <i>Monday</i> The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	7 <i>Tuesday</i>
8 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	9 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	10 <i>Friday</i>	11 <i>Saturday</i> St Barnabas	12 <i>Sunday</i> HOLY TRINITY	13 <i>Monday</i> St Anthony of Padua Public Holiday Mass 9am	14 <i>Tuesday</i>

Weekly 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: 12noon to 1:00pm and 4:30pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11.00am to 12noon and 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



PATRONAL FEAST DAY

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
Our Lady Help of Christians

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022

Join us for 5:30pm Mass
as we celebrate!

Please note:
this Mass will be live-streamed,
instead of the daily 1:10pm Mass


200TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Black-tie gala dinner

with guest speaker Bishop Richard Umbers

Thursday 26th May 2022, 6.30 p.m.
Cathedral House, by kind invitation of the Dean
Tickets \$130 (\$110 for members of the Friends)
Come and celebrate the Cathedral's anniversary in style!

Read more and book online
www.cathedralfriends.org.au



Ethiopian Archbishop visits Sydney



The aid agency Catholic Mission is hosting a visit to Sydney this month by Cardinal Berhaneyesus Demerrew Souraphiel, the Archbishop of Addis Ababa and member of the Congregation for Oriental Churches. During his visit Cardinal Souraphiel will celebrate a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 22 May at 10:30am. All are welcome. Please support Catholic Mission through their appeal this weekend (envelopes provided).

Online Renewal Series 2021-2022

RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION

How Jesus' Great Commission Will Renew Our Parishes

Why Make Disciples?
What our Tradition
tells us about calling
and forming disciples.

Live online with

Fr Mike Schmitz

Saturday 28 May
10 - 11:30 am



 **GO MAKE DISCIPLES**
Registration and information
gomakedisciples.org.au



Walking in the Spirit: the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia

As we move towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council the People of God in Australia are invited to make the prayerful journey through the Walking in the Spirit prayer pilgrimage. The campaign began on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. The link below has been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities.

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/>

Flame Night with the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters

A night of prayer and fellowship for young single women. Mon 23rd May, 6pm at the Sisters house: 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville.

RSVP mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

Didaskō

Online Catholic Adult Faith Formation

In His Great Commission, Our Lord commanded the Apostles to make disciples and "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20). **Didaskō** seeks to support parishes to respond to this by building a culture of formation in which disciples are encouraged to grow by investing time in spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation.

<p>Jun What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism Bishop Richard Umbers Wednesdays 1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June - 7:30pm - 8:45pm</p>	<p>Jul Simple Suggestions to Spiritual Obstacles: Rekindling our Prayer Life after 'Pandemic Procrastination' Rev. Dr Gregory M W Morgan Thursdays 21 and 28 July, and 4 August - 7:30pm - 8:45pm</p>
<p>Aug The Evangelising Mission of the Church Prof. Tracey Rowland Wednesdays 10, 17 and 24 August - 7:30pm - 8:45pm</p>	<p>Sep How Catholics Can Quietly Transform the World: the Church's Unknown Treasure of Social Teaching Prof. Renée Köhler-Ryan Wednesdays 7, 14 and 21 September - 7:30pm - 8:45pm</p>
<p>Oct Introduction to Scripture Dr Peter Holmes Wednesdays 12, 19 and 26 October - 7:30pm - 8:45pm</p>	<p>Nov Learning from Our Lady: Disciple and Missionary Prof. M Isabell Naumann ISSM Mondays 14, 21 and 28 November - 7:30pm - 8:45pm</p>

Cost: \$25.00 per course (includes three evening sessions)
Each course will be delivered online via Zoom.
Register at gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/
More information, contact Helen at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATORS MID-YEAR RETREAT

What is needed is a "new evangelization" or "re-evangelization" - St John Paul II

Join us for a time of prayer and spiritual nourishment with two experienced speakers

When: Saturday, 28 May 8:45 am - 2:00 pm
(9:00 am Mass with Bishop Umbers)
Where: Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa
230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa NSW 2745

Bishop Richard Umbers
Being on Mission & Personal Conversion

Daniel Ang
Director of SCE
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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.

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Discernment Retreat for young men (24 – 26 June 2022)

We invite you to immerse yourself in a quiet environment for you to really focus your attention on listening to God. Surrounded by the serene and peaceful bushlands of Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, it will enable you to spend some quality time in prayerful silence with Mass, Rosary, Prayer of the Church, Adoration and much more. This is a silent retreat weekend for young men 18-35 years old considering a vocation to the Priesthood. The retreat will be led by the Assistant Director of Vocations, Fr Daniele Russo. Registration: \$75 (includes accommodation and meals)
Online Registration: <https://forms.gle/Wi3Vq63kwBwdHRRv9>