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# CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



### FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings *Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.* 

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came to Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

**R.** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. *R*.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *R*.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. *R*.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**.

## SECOND READING Galatians 5:1, 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians *My brothers, you were called to freedom.* 

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Luke 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury the dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him. 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

A very warm welcome to St Mary's!

The Church is celebrating the "World Meeting of Families" in Rome, with local celebrations around the world, and our own local celebration of it this weekend.

The World Meeting of Families is an international gathering of families first initiated by Pope St John Paul II in 1994. Here in Sydney this weekend the celebrations include a FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES today (Sunday) right here in the cathedral grounds and college hall, with free food, coffee, stalls, activities for children, live music and more, beginning at 11.30!

Soon (3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July) the Plenary Council for the Catholic Church in Australia will be meeting here at the cathedral and college for its Second Assembly. This is a very important moment for the Church, and I want to invite everyone to come and pray in the cathedral each day the Council is meeting, so that the Lord may guide the work of the Assembly. The daily sessions of the Council in the college hall are not open to the public but the daily Masses in the cathedral are. The Members will need our prayers, and so there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each morning in the cathedral so we can pray while the Council is at work; You are also invited to join the Members of the Council at their daily Mass here in the cathedral, which will commence at 6pm Monday to Thursday (4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>) and 7.45am on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, with the closing Mass on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

The usual 5.30pm Mass will not be celebrated Monday to Thursday that week, in favour of the 6.00pm start for the Plenary Council Masses. Also, the Mass at 6.00pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> will be in the Byzantine Rite of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, which would be a great opportunity for many people to experience the richness of a different Catholic liturgical rite.

Finally, I hope you brought your money with you, because this weekend we take up the "Peter's Pence" Collection, which is sent to the Holy Father Pope Francis.

Blessings and peace in the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean.* 

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

# June - July 2022

			25	26	27	28
			Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Family			World Meeting of Families 24-26 June 2022		Holy Father's Appeal	St Irenaeus
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sts Peter and Paul					PLENARY COUNCIL WEEK 4 to 9 July 2022	
6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6:30pm CITY COMPASS			Empresenter	5.30pm Mass to be moved to 6pm	5.30pm Mass to be moved to 6pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
PLENARY COUNCIL WEEK 4 to 9 July 2022					St Benedict	
5.30pm Mass to be moved to 6pm	5.30pm Mass to be moved to 6pm	6.45am Mass to be moved to 7.45am		CENTRAL CONTRACT		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Wednesday	Thursday	<b>Friday</b> St Bonaventure	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6:30pm CITY COMPASS			Embrace H Mays Cablana		

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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

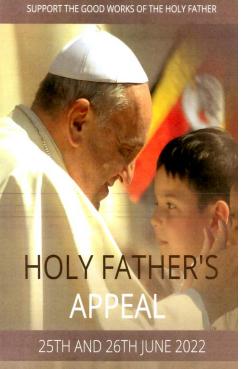




FRI, 24 JUNE Local Parish Celebrations SAT, 25 JUNE Family Pilgrimage – 8 locations to choose from SUN, 26 JUNE 10:30 am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral followed by Family Festival

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families

A WORLD MEETING



low marvellaus it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others! - Pope Francis

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# News on the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly of the 5<sup>th</sup> Plenary Council of Australia meets from 3-9 July in Sydney to discern responses and vote on propositions to guide renewal of the Church in Australia. Members will make their final responses to the question: *What is God asking of us as a Church in Australia at this time?* People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage in support of the Assembly. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

### PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER Prayer in support of Plenary Council Members

God of all blessings, you revealed in St Mary MacKillop a sensitivity to the rights and dignity of every person, regardless of race or creed. May we learn from her to overcome the obstacles of prejudice and fear. Help us to value the goodness of each person and all the blessings of unity in diversity. We ask this through the depth and unity of you, our bountiful God, who hold all things in being. Amen.

### **Inviting Non-Catholics (RCIA)**

Would you like to find out about the Catholic Faith? Perhaps you have visited St Mary's Cathedral, or another Catholic church; perhaps you have been to a Catholic wedding, or funeral; perhaps you have Catholic friends. Jesus Christ is alive and He continues to draw people to eternal happiness, in and through the life of His Church and believers!

Every year hundreds of people respond to the gentle call of God and decide to explore the Catholic faith. They all have different stories, and are drawn to the Church for many different reasons. All are welcome!

People usually become Catholic at Easter-time after careful and prayerful preparation, depending on when someone is ready to take this important step in their life. There is no rush, and no pressure or obligation on anyone. Jesus proposes not imposes – He invites people to new life (John 1:35-42).

### COME AND SEE!

We will be holding our regular enquiry gatherings for people who are not Catholics every Wednesday, 6.30 - 8pm starting again on July 13, 2022, in the Pastoral Centre next to Cathedral House. We invite you to meet God through His believing community, to learn what the Church teaches, to ask questions, and to meet Catholics who are eager to share their Faith and the Good News of Jesus Christ with you.

For more information or enquiries please contact RCIA@stmaryscathedral.org.au



### Ignite Conference 2022

Thursday 29 September- Sunday 2 October Freeman College Bonnyrigg.

This popular conference was postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-lockdowns, but is back this year, featuring the Holy Sacraments of Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration, inspiring speakers, workshops and dynamic music.

The event is aimed at all ages with a program of interest to primary and high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from across the country.

Speakers will include Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Fr Rob Galea and Therese Mills MGL.

\$100 Discount available for the first 50 young adults who register or volunteer from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

EMAIL: John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org for the Discount Code. Read more about the conference online: https://igniteconference.com.au/



Distribution of Religious Literature

In 2021 alone, 565,000 religious books were produced and distributed with the help of ACN. Often in poor countries, the child's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently it is the only picture book that the little ones can get hold of in their entire lives. Can you help us continue this important work in distributing religious books throughout the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles



### Open your home and heart to foster care

Family Spirit are looking for safe and stable homes for children and voung people.

We need all types of carers - long-term, short-term, or part-time/weekend respite carers.

To learn more, register for our next online information session on Wednesday 29th June 2022 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

To register call 13 18 19 Family Spirit FamilySpirit.org

admin@familyspirit.org
8am – 6pm Monday – Friday



### **Come and Listen! Catechesis at Leichhardt**

Everyone wonders about the meaning of life. Why did God create me? Why does God allow certain things to happen to me? Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30pm St Fiacre's Parish Hall 90 Catherine St, Leichhardt Enquiries: David – 0418 245 159



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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.

### **POSITION VACANT**

#### Part Time Finance and Administration Officer Presentation Sisters, Berala

A Part time position is available for a Finance and Administration Officer, for the Presentation Sisters, based in Berala in Sydney's Western Suburbs. Working 4 days per week. For further information contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055.





### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or <u>safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org</u>.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.