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2023

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Sirach 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34*

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

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.**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R.**

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.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 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.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Matthew 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!

GOSPEL *Matthew 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.

'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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, which killed so many, will continue to put lives at risk through lack of shelter, warmth, food and health care. Caritas Australia advise that their partner Caritas Syria and other Caritas agencies on the ground are coordinating with local authorities and other organisations to see how they can best assist. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. Please consider donating via <https://www.caritas.org.au>.

Early February at the cathedral brings a cluster of Masses for the commencement of the new academic year for several Catholic schools. This past Wednesday we had the beginning of year Mass for our own St Mary's Cathedral College. At the end of the Mass the new Principal, Mrs Kerrie McDiarmid, was inducted.

Mrs McDiarmid succeeds the College's first lay Principal, Mr Michael Kelleher, whose great leadership brought St Mary's Cathedral College through the special challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Cathedral College now begins a new phase of its development, with a "liberal arts" focus in education. I would encourage you to visit the College's website to find out more: <https://smccsydney.syd.catholic.edu.au>.

The search for the Cathedral's next Director of Music is continuing. Applications for the position have now closed and I am really looking forward to learning more about the applicants' vision and skills.

And, finally, a reminder that Lent begins on Wednesday 22nd February. We will soon be making the ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you have any blessed palms from last year, you can drop them off at the cathedral office to be burned for the ashes.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson,

Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

February - March 2023

			11 Saturday <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> World Day of Prayer for the Sick	12 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults	13 Monday	14 Tuesday <i>Sts Cyril & Methodius</i>
15 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	16 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS	17 Friday	18 Saturday	19 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults	20 Monday	21 Tuesday
22 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	23 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS	24 Friday	25 Saturday	26 Sunday First Sunday of Lent 2pm Rite of Election 2023 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults	27 Monday	28 Tuesday
1 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	2 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS	3 Friday Autumn Ember Day (Special Day of Prayer and Penance)	4 Saturday	5 Sunday Second Sunday of Lent 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults	6 Monday	7 Tuesday

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



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We haven't seen an earthquake of this magnitude for a

long time...

We must do all that we can to support."

Sally Thomas,
Caritas Australia's
Humanitarian Emergencies
Lead for the Middle East.

www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey

SEMINARY OPEN DAY

Thinking about Priesthood? Want to know more about Seminary Life and Formation?

Sunday 19 February

Seminary of the Good Shepherd
52-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush

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 more information, please 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 for Catering
Purposes: <https://forms.gle/rhYT6ZupMj47RL7G7>

Please RSVP by Wednesday 15 February 2023. Every enquirer's details are kept confidential.



GALA FOR LIFE

Sydney

Saturday, 18th February
6pm - 11pm
"The Space" at Cabra-Vale Diggers
1 Bartley Street, Canley Vale

A fun and glamorous evening to support
Pregnancy Help Australia
including a three-course dinner and a jazz band!

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



Jor-El Godsey
President of
Heartbeat
International, USA



Bishop Daniel Meagher
of Sydney



Dr Joanna Rowe
Rhodes scholar
and Professor of
Law



Lara Wynyard
President of
Pregnancy Help
Australia.

BOOKINGS CLOSE 12TH OF FEB 2023

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SCAN ME



"The Journey to the Truth is an Experience"

18 March, 2023
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

St Thomas of Canterbury
3 Thomas Street, Lewisham

**Who am I?
What is worth spending my time on?
What is the meaning of...?**


The community of **Communion and Liberation** invites you for a day to explore these questions, share our experiences and have fun with the kids!

The Religious Sense
10:30AM
Presentation on the book by Fr. Luigi Giussani with Thomas V. Gourlay and Fr. Dan McCaughan

The Miracle of Hospitality
2:30PM
A table talk to share experiences of the miracles that overflow from openness and hospitality

The Journey to the Truth
Guided tours throughout the day
An exhibit on the Servant of God, Fr. Luigi Giussani on the centennial of his birth

Holy Mass
5:00PM



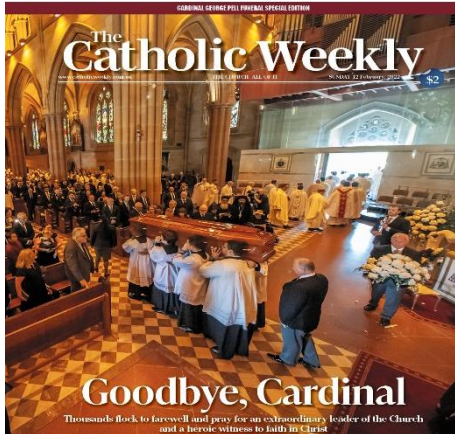
Visit us at
<https://au-nz.clonline.org>

Kids entertainment throughout the day and food trucks on-site

For more information, contact Filippo Begnini
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SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed - Lenten Companion 2023

The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion. *SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed*. This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Sister Joanna Marie Collins OP, Daniel Ang, Fr Lewi Barakat, Mat De Sousa, Anna Harrison, Elizabeth Flynn MCR and Bishop Richard Umbers. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource will be available in parishes and online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au



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Goodbye, Cardinal

Thousands flock to farewell and pray for an extraordinary leader of the Church and a heroic witness to faith in Christ


Catalyst for Renewal

"The Call to Be" Group is pleased to announce its next lecture series:
DEVELOPING YOUR OWN SPIRITUALITY
UNIT II: Crises & dimensions, thinking and willing


Presenters: Fr Michael Whelan and Sr Marie Biddle

Four week course Thursdays March 2, 9, 16, and 23rd from 10am 12noon. Total cost \$100. To be held in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church, 20 Grosvenor St, The Rocks. Please register and pay at <https://www.trybooking.com/CFUSF>

For more information see <https://catalystforrenewal.org.au> or email thecalltobe@gmail.com



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY FREE GUIDED TOURS


**EVERY SUNDAY
at 2pm**

Please join us for a **FREE** guided tour of St Mary's Cathedral

Learn about the history and architecture of this magnificent Cathedral and Crypt


Please note:
Participants receive 10% discount in the Cathedral Shop

Meeting point: Cathedral Shop internal entrance
Wheel chair access is available to Main Cathedral

To book a spot please email:

info@stmaryscathedral.org.au

Walk-ins still accepted



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 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

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.