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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Exodus 22:20-26*

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51*

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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 *Matthew 22:34-40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The months of the year pass quickly, like the years of our lives.

November is upon us. November, a beautiful month in the Church, when we remember with gratitude and love our deceased family and friends.

In particular, we pray for the souls in Purgatory: those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven.

Because of the communion of saints, we who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in Purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice.

On All Souls Day (2nd November), a *plenary indulgence* may be gained, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, by visiting a church and praying at least the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Likewise on each day from November 1st to 8th inclusive, a *plenary indulgence* may be gained - applicable only to the souls in purgatory and not to one's self – by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead.

If you have particular people you would like remembered at the Altar during November do feel free to let us know using one of the November Mass envelopes available in the cathedral.

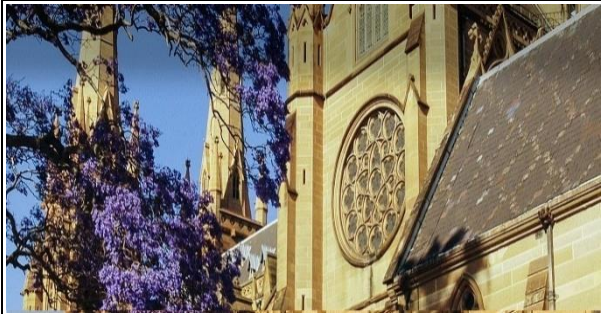








As the Scripture says, "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." (2 Macabbees 2.46)

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson,
Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

October - November 2023

			28 <i>Saturday</i> <i>Sts. Simon & Jude</i>	29 <i>Sunday</i> 10.30am Mass Adult Confirmation 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm EMBRACE 	30 <i>Monday</i>	31 <i>Tuesday</i>
1 <i>Wednesday</i> ALL SAINTS  6:30pm RCIA	2 <i>Thursday</i> ALL SOULS' 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	3 <i>Friday</i>	4 CWF Appeal 4 & 5 November <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Charles Borromeo</i> 10.30am Neo-Cat Priestly Ordinations Please Note due to the Ordinations today's 9am and 12noon Masses and 11am Reconciliation are cancelled	5 CWF Appeal 4 & 5 November <i>Sunday</i> Sydney Open from 1.15pm to 4.15pm 7pm EMBRACE  Young Adults	6 <i>Monday</i>	7 <i>Tuesday</i>
8 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	9 <i>Thursday</i> <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	10 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Leo the Great</i>	11 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Martin of Tours</i> 12pm Mass Irish Mass of Remembrance	12 <i>Sunday</i> 12.30pm & 3.30pm (2 Sessions) Western Deanery Confirmations * Please Note due to the Confirmations there will be <u>no</u> 2pm Public Tour 7pm EMBRACE 	13 <i>Monday</i>	14 <i>Tuesday</i>
15 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	16 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	17 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	18 <i>Saturday</i>	19 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2pm Sunday Public Tour 2.30pm Annual Catechist Mass 7pm EMBRACE 	20 <i>Monday</i>	21 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</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)



UPDATE ON ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL MASTERPLAN ENGAGEMENT



October 2023

Throughout July, you helped us to explore the future vision for St Mary's Cathedral, the spiritual home to Catholic communities across Greater Sydney and NSW.

Drawing on your feedback, we have now prepared a masterplan which seeks to retain the cultural and heritage value of the Cathedral while providing much-needed facilities for parishioners and visitors.

More information about our masterplan will be provided in November 2023: we will be holding five information sessions after Mass. At these masses, you will have an opportunity to view the detailed plans, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Please come and speak with the project team after any of these Mass services. There is no need to register.

- Sunday, 12 November (9:00am)
- Tuesday, 14 November (12:00pm)
- Thursday, 16 November (5:00pm)
- Saturday, 18 November (9:00am)
- Saturday, 19 November (9:00am).

More information will also be available on the SMC website from Friday 10 November and in future bulletins, so keep an eye out in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



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The option to make an offering via credit card is available at St Mary's Cathedral.



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.



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