

Liturgy Times

SUNDAY:

8:30am, 10:00am.

Children's Liturgy during school term

TUESDAY: 8:30am Adoration, 9.15am Mass

WEDNESDAY: 7:00am THURSDAY: 9:15am

FRIDAY: 8:30am Adoration, 9.15am Mass

SATURDAY: 9:00am

(Adoration and Reconciliation after

Mass)

5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30-10:00am; 4:25-4:50pm



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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 July 2018

Blessed are those who mourn. Occasionally, there are times when the eyes of the person in front of me well up with tears and my response is one of perplexity because I am too busy trying to figure out how to continue the conversation. And I forget to ask, even to myself, the most basic of questions, namely, What is the person mourning about, in the depth of his or her heart? What could have been a beautiful pastoral moment for a gifted pastor seems to be lost on me. One saving grace is that at least a realisation of sorts seems to dawn on me in hindsight, if I allow myself a chance for further reflection, even if a little late.

What could be so blessed or happy about mourning? Well, perhaps because a person who mourns is in a state of vulnerability - the defences are down, better disposing that person to a more than usually deep encounter with God. The question is, What kind of God? The god of indifference, or the merciful God who is unfathomably compassionate toward us and sheds tears over our pains, especially those which are too deep and therefore incomprehensible to us? Scriptural evidence, especially as revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, points to the fact that God is "burning" with compassion for us and "dying" to apply the medicine of consolation to where we are most grieving. Hence the beatitude, blessed are those who mourn; and blessed are those also who share in the mourning of others.

We are tempted to look away in the presence of another person who is in pain; after all, our popular culture leads us to believe that "happiness" trumps everything and that being "happy" means the absence of all negative emotions. There are at least two reasons for concern here: firstly, because the goal of finding meaning is far more important than merely having a happy emotion, especially in our long term search for authentic happiness; secondly, because opting for happy emotions at the neglect of meaning actually fills us with deep unhappiness at the core of our being - the heart of our existence. The fact of the matter is that mourning is an inevitable process for everyone, whether directly or indirectly. So, the big question is not whether or not we should mourn, but how we should mourn when the time comes. Here is Pope Francis' answer from Gaudete et exultate:

A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathises with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness. He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations. They discover the meaning of life by coming to the aid of those who suffer, understanding their anguish and bringing relief. They sense that the other is flesh of our flesh, and are not afraid to draw near, even to touch their wounds. They feel compassion for others in such a way that all distance vanishes...Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness.

- Fr Peter -

The Week Ahead

Sun 1 Jul 13th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
	11.00am	Morning tea—Parish Centre
Mon 2 Jul		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 3 Jul St Thomas Apostle	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Year 5
Wed 4 Jul	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 5 Jul	9.15am	Mass
Fri 6 Jul	8:30am 9:15a	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 7 Jul	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 8 Jul 14th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Please pray for..

Recently deceased

Patricia Gates, Vito Maita

In Loving Memory

Norm Coleman, Georgia & Philip Spiteri, Donato Tozzi, Bernie Crawford, Santo Ilardo, Francesco & Salvatore Cocilovo, Irene Hall, Mary Dovile, Catherine Lin Siew Ngiik, Ita Phillips, Gail Moore, Cono Reale, James & Eileen Donlan, Dikran, Angela, Boudi, Nicola Repole, Angela Maria Pinto, Mary Croke, Pat Smith, Gertrude Smith, Margaret Roche, Mollie Lazzarini, Assia & Damia Dagher, Antonio Mattiussi, Iris Smith, Theresa Sui Tiong, Ugo Buracchi, Steven Mortimer, Judith Partlin, Kate & Vicko Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Margherita Falsone, Matt Taglini, Josephine Agius, Lambert Glaudemans & Vicky Brown, Alfia Coco, Jimmy Simmons, Florence Mitchell, Nicola Kohen, John Souter, Gary Collins, Anna Motisi, Anna Puglia, Marie Therese Rierchy, John Trisley, Jim Campisi, Frederika Streiff & Buyung Elias, Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Pauline Elias, Tony Tesoriero, Gino Morassut, Anna Maria Cicuto, Carmelo Algozzino, Joe Costa, Onofrio Tesoriero, Fintan Lawlor, Sam Xerri, Francis Son H Tran, Antonino Puglia, Adel Hakim, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Laspina Giuseppa Leotta, Rosa Ferlito, Frank Meaney Snr., Frank Meaney Jnr, Lina Paolercio, Margaret Wilkie, Maria Dos Santos, Tereza Dos Santos, Manuel Vieira, Gloria Vieira, Bernard John Mortimer, Dan Hall, Maria Mandich, Anthony Nguyen, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Bartolo Tesoriero, Stephen Xuereb, Marc David Sollazzo, Edmund Banfield, Anna & Joseph Pham, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Connie Fedele, Darren Seymour, Mark Phillips, Frances Spinella, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Thomas Tran, Edward Cantwell, Carl John Sollazzo, Joseph Ovens, Thomas Mendes, Salvatore Licari,

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Mary Emery, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic

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2018 Holy Father's Appeal

The Holy Father's Appeal will take place this weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes of Pope Francis and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, the refugee crisis and poverty, to name a few. It's an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we ask you to give what you can.

To give, please use the appeal envelopes provided or phone the Fundraising Office on during office hours on 1800 753 959. Thank you.

Please note the following Saturdays for Youth Group gatherings.

11 August	27 October
25 August	10 November
08 September	24 November
22 September	8 December

Calvary Remembrance Service July 7 at 2 pm

An invitation is extended to all those who have suffered bereavement, especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary Hospital. Attendees are invited to bring along a photograph of their loved one. Light refreshments follow each service. For more information: Pastoral Care Team 9553 3111.

Life Ascending Meetings

Friday, 6 July 2018
meeting in the parish centre after the 9:15am Mass
Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass
Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

"The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal raised \$3570.85. We thank our very generous Parishioners for their ongoing support in helping the needy in our Parish area."

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs R Sakr 8 Stoddart Street

Ph: 0421 306 411



School Principal

Mr Chris Egan Asst. Principal Mr Peter Busch

REC

Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 24 June 2018		
2nd Collection	\$1,796.55	
1st Collection	\$1,087.15	

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, $\textbf{8}^{th}$ July at

St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am.

All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.

World Youth Day Panama 2019 Subsidise on Offer

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to pre-register for the WYD 2019 Panama via Washington DC pilgrimage, which will be led by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

How does the subsidy work?

Pilgrims wishing to accept the offer of a subsidy need to pre-register by depositing a minimum, non-refundable deposit of \$1,000. The deposit will confirm your place on the pilgrimage. The Archdiocese of Sydney will then add \$1,000 to your account.

The indicative cost of the pilgrimage, provided by, is \$8,686. For pilgrims considering the optional Mexico extension, the indicative total cost is \$9,786. Note that, should the pilgrimage not go ahead as planned, all deposits shall be returned in full.

How do I make a deposit?

Step 1: Reference your deposit using: WYD19 + FULL NAME (Ex.WYD19PETERHARRISON)

Step 2: Select and pay your deposit amount to: BANK ACCOUNT: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

BSB: 062 000

ACCOUNT: 10289801

Step 3: Email <u>abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org</u> the details of the transaction.

Step 4: Wait for an email confirming your deposit. Once registration officially opens, your deposit and subsidy will be transferred into your COSMOS account.

We are all excited to journey with you and enjoy this experience of a lifetime.

For more information, you can contact me on abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org

The sixth session of our "Challenges" Forum will be held at St Bernadette's Parish, Carlton on Thursday 19th July 7:30pm-9:30pm.

The speaker will be **Phil Glendenning** who is the Director of the Christian Brothers' Edmund Rice Centre for Justice. He is a well known (and respected as a Member of the Order of Australia) advocate for refugees as well as a wide range of Justice Education issues.

His topic will be

"The Preferential Option for the Poor"

a topic often stressed by Pope Francis as integral to being a Catholic these days.

Please see parish notice boards for details.

SPIRITUAL SYMPATHY

The more you come into communion with God, catch His spirit, understand His life, the more quick your eye becomes to detect the spiritual life of other men, though it be hidden under the strangest forms, the more broad your heart grows to embrace it. Coming to love God is like climbing a high mountain. It takes you out of the valley of formal life. It sets you upon the open summit of spiritual sympathy, close to the sun. Thence you look out into unguessed regions of noble thought and living, with which you never dreamed that you had anything to do There never was a man who really tried to serve God who did not have his sympathy with his fellow-men widened thereby.

Bishop Phillips Brooks (18135-1893)

Sunday 12th August 2018—Create Hope

"Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths."

Pope Francis, World Youth Day Vigil with Young People, 30 July 2016

Join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team to raise funds for CatholicCare Sydney's HOPE program in this year's City2Surf. We're aiming to raise \$75,000 to help vulnerable young mothers and their babies. Challenge yourself and run for HOPE!

Register online at https://

fundraise.catholiccare.org/city2surf and join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team today! For further information please contact Ashleigh Green on 0419 954 839 or at community@catholiccare.org.au

First Reading Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.
To be – for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in them,
in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.
Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the
world.

as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

- I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me And have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
 O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
 - restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
- Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.
 - His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.
 - At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
- The Lord listened and had pity.
 The Lord came to my help.

 For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
 O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Tm 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death

and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 5:21-43 or shorter form Mk 5:21 1-24. 35-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the wellbeing of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as lifeenhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

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