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MASSES THIS WEEK

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Monday - 8am

Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday - 8am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

*Sts Cyril, monk and
Methodius, bishop*

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 16/17

FEBRUARY

*(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year C)*

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30pm

Sunday Masses:

8:00am, 10:00am and

5:30pm

4th Sunday of the Month:

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

1st Friday of the Month:

**7:00pm Mass in
Vietnamese**

1st Saturday of the Month

Fatima Devotions 7.45am

**Adoration/Benediction
8.30am**

Reconciliations:

Saturdays — 4:15—5:00pm

Anointing of the Sick

**Contact the Parish Office
or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

9th & 10th February, 2019

‘Do not be afraid; you will catch people from now on.’

A man hails a taxi in front of his office building, gives his destination to the driver, and climbs into the back seat. About ten minutes into the drive, he leans forward and taps the driver on the shoulder. At his touch, the cab driver screams, swerves off the road, careens off a lamppost, and comes to a stop in the middle of the sidewalk. The astonished passenger apologizes. “I’m sorry”, he says, “I didn’t mean to scare you. I just wanted to ask a question.” “I know”, said the cab driver, “I’m sorry. But this is my first day driving a cab. For the last twenty-five years, I drove a hearse.”

All of us have to face transitions in life, and it is often difficult for us to manage them. Today’s scriptures present us with three people in transition: Isaiah, who is moving from a court official to a prophet of God; Paul, who is moving from one who persecutes the church to one of its greatest apostles; and Peter who is moving from catching fish to catching people. These transitions were in many ways exciting and attractive. But we can also be sure that there was doubt and fear.

Look at our own experience. When we enter a new school, when we begin a new job, when we commit ourselves to someone we love in marriage, we know that our life is going to change. Part of us asks, “Can I handle this? Will I find life in these new places?” When we realize that we will need to raise a child with a learning disability or care for an aging parent, when we make a mistake and our financial situation changes drastically, or when our family is influenced by divorce, it’s natural for us to say, “Do I have the strength to face this? Can I survive in these new circumstances?”

Like Isaiah, Paul and Peter, we are invited to see the transitions in our life as callings. When we must face something new, either because of our own choice or because it is forced upon us, people of faith understand that the new challenge is connected to a God who loves us. A new job, a changed financial situation, the loss of someone we love in death are not simply random events we must endure. They are changes that God asks us to face. And the one who calls us can be trusted. The one who calls us will not forget us. The one who asks us to lower our nets will give us the strength to pull them up again. We might not catch as many fish as Peter, but faith tells us that our nets will not be empty.

Catechism Theme: The Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Two sacraments: Holy Orders and Matrimony are directed towards the salvation of others; if they contribute as well to personal salvation, it is through service to others that they do so (CCC 1534). They confer a particular mission in the Church and serve to build up the People of God.

Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate (Bishops), presbyterate (Priests), and diaconate (Deacons). (CCC 1536).

“The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament” (CCC 1601).

Fr Richard

Your Prayers are requested for the following, for whom Mass will be offered:



Sick: Janelle CLIFTON, Isabelle CROUCHE, Giuseppina LETTIERI, Peter ANDERSON, Inez BUGEJA, Claudio Da SILVA, Bozana VUKOV, Diana VUKOV, Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Nancy VARTULI, Jessie ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Ronald William FENTON, Charlie SALIBA, Manuela REGO, Merita AGUDO

Death Anniversary: Courtney TOPIC, Daniel MICALI, Cristina DEL VALLE

Other: Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Thanksgiving, Special Intention

Saints of the Week



Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated in honour of the Marian apparitions that reportedly occurred in 1858 in the vicinity of Lourdes in France. The first of these is the apparition of 11 February 1858, when 14-year old Bernadette

Soubirous told her mother that a "lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle (a kilometre and a half from the town) while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend. Similar apparitions of the "Lady" were reported on seventeen occasions that year, until the climax revelation of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception took place. In 18 January 1862, Pope Pius IX authorized Bishop Bertrand-Sévère Laurence to permit the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes. On 3 July 1876, the same Pontiff officially granted a Canonical Coronation to the image that used to be in the courtyard of what is now part of the Rosary Basilica. The image of Our Lady of Lourdes has been widely copied and reproduced in shrines and homes, often in garden landscapes. Bernadette Soubirous was later canonized as a Catholic saint.

Feast day: February 11

Patron of illness and healing

CATECHIST NEWS

Catechist Meeting Tuesday 19th February

A catechist meeting has been organised for all catechists and helpers for **Tuesday 19th February** in the **Church at 7pm**. Please all try to attend, if unable to attend, please let your coordinator know. Blessings to all as we begin to start a new year.

6 Catechists + many helpers needed to cover all classes this year

Due to work and family commitments and some catechists teaching 2 or 3 classes we need **6 catechists to cover all classes in 2019**.

Cecil Hills Primary, Wednesdays 9:20am to 9:50am, Year 3 and Year 6

Edensor Park Primary, Wednesdays 9:00am to 9:30am, Kindy and Year 4

What is involved? You are invited by the Church to share our faith with over **1100** children in our **6 public schools** who receive **30 minutes of Scripture** each week during the school term. Classes are on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday mornings and afternoons and Friday mornings.

If you would like more information about the mission of a Catechist or Helper, please contact Nina Laureti on 0408465149 or speak to Fr Dominic or Fr Richard or contact the Parish Office on 98232572.

NSW Special Religious Education Teacher Training for Parish Catechists and Helpers

Monday 11 February

6:30pm to 9:30pm - JB Meeting Room

1.1 Training - Safeguarding and Role of the SRE Catechist (mandatory for all new catechists/helpers)

Monday 18 February

6:30pm to 9:30pm - JB Meeting Room

1.2 - Using the authorised curriculum

Monday 25 February

6:30pm to 9:30pm - JB Meeting Room

1.3 - Classroom Management

To book courses, please contact the CCD Office 9307 8330 or email office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au



Sts Cyril and Methodius

Cyril and Methodius, the apostles of the Slavs, were brothers who hailed from Thessalonica. After receiving an excellent education, they were sent by the Eastern Emperor Michael III (842-856) into the kingdom of Grand-Moravia; through great effort and in spite of tremendous difficulties they converted the Slavonic nations.

They translated the Bible into Slavonic and devised a kind of writing, called glagolitic, which even to the present day is used in the liturgical services of some Eastern rites.

In 867 the two brothers came to Rome, were met by Pope Hadrian II (867-872) and the whole papal court. They gave a report of their labors but encountered opposition on the part of jealous clergy who took offense, it was said, because of their liturgical innovations. Cyril and Methodius explained their methods and from the Pope himself received episcopal consecration (868). Soon after, Cyril died at Rome, only forty-two years old, and was buried in St. Peter's; later his body was transferred to San Clemente, where his remains still rest. His funeral resembled a triumphal procession.

Methodius returned to Moravia and labored as a missionary among the Hungarians, Bulgarians, Dalmatians, and the inhabitants of Carinthia. Falling again under suspicion, he returned to Rome and defended the use of the Slavonic language in the liturgy. The Pope bestowed upon him the dignity of archbishop. After his return to Moravia, he converted the duke of Bohemia and his wife, spread the light of faith in Bohemia and Poland, is said to have gone to Moscow (after the erection of the See of Lemberg), and to have established the diocese of Kiev. After his return he died in Bohemia and was buried in the Church of St. Mary at Velehrad, the services being conducted in Greek, Slavonic, and Latin.

Feast day: February 14



LOST after 8pm Christmas Eve Mass black shopping bag (with red love hearts on the front) containing cables and four microphones in cases belonging to the Tongan Choir. If found please contact the Parish Office on 9823 2572.



MEMORIAL BOOK: Parishioners are invited place their loved ones names in the permanent Memorial Book which will be left in the Church for the whole year. Please call or email the Parish Office with their names and date of their death so that we can add them to the Book. Thank you



PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to attend **10:00am Mass on Sunday 3rd March**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.



We congratulate the families of Antonio BUCCIARELLI and Mila NGUYEN who will be baptised here this Sunday 10th February.



CHANGES TO MORNING MASSES AT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday and Tuesday Mornings at 8:00am starting 4th February

Wednesday Evening 7:00pm

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Mornings 9:10am

The weekend Masses will remain the same.

MEMORIAL

For Courtney Jayde TOPIC

27/2/92 - 10/2/15

Memorial at Hungry Jacks, Hoxton Park

4th Anniversary

Sunday 10th February, 2019

From 10:30am onwards

All welcome.



'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Course: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays. 2019 dates include: March 13, 20, 27 and October 16, 23, 30. To book online visit <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or please contact LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fr Dominic would like to hold on the **First Sunday of each Month** a supper after the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass and a morning tea after the 8:00am Sunday Mass. If you are able to assist please contact Teresa Vartuli on 0413 835 250.

Ministries Next Week 16/17 FEB	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	E Vella J Oliveri	R Golubic M Jebail	N Debuissou A Bautista	M Abdal V Arbanas
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	E Vella M Camilleri A Pace J Victorino A Jameson C Araco	B O'Connor D Sullivan J Finucane S Xuereb D Triganza	T Nguyen M Aulsebrook R Hibbs J Habib A Bautista N Laureti	R Imbert M Abdal S Cook M Mai
CHURCH COUNTER	G Adam	E Villegas		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	18/02/2019 A Portolesi	25/02/2019 M De Luca	4/03/2019 C Monteleone	11/03/2019 J Sultana
10AM MORNING TEAS	17/02/2019 Group 3	24/02/2019 Group 4	3/03/2019 Group 1	10/03/2019 Group 2

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Do you have a child older than Year 4 who is needing to make the First Holy Communion? If so please contact Tamara Vella on 0424 166 248 or Kylie Farias on 0473 779 338.



PARISH WORKING BEE Saturday 16th February 8am-1pm

The church and surrounding gardens are in need of a little working bee to polish, clean and tidy up. Anytime you can spare between 8am and 1pm will be much appreciated. Please bring along any gardening tools or cleaning products which may be useful for your tasks. Parents may wish to have their children assist too!

Please place your name on the sign up sheet outside church this weekend, and remember to sign your name on the sheet when you arrive on the day for correct parish records. Morning tea will be provided.

Thank you—Details and enquiries—Grant 0409 958 744



OLD PALMS: We are asking parishioners to bring their old palms from the previous year, so that they can be burnt on Shrove Tuesday, to use as ashes on Ash Wednesday. Please leave your palms at the back of the Church. Thank you



LENTEN GROUPS

If any Parishioners are interested in leading a Lenten Group or you wish to join a Lenten group please contact the parish office on 9823 2572 so that we can order the appropriate Lenten Resources. Thank you

The Bishop's Blend: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? The join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 11 March 2019 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for the Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendseventhedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - relationship enrichment for married couples - **26th-28th April** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Bookings online at www.wme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com



You are invited

The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone for a special evening of Praise and Worship and Teaching/Sharing and fellowship.

Speaker on Thursday 14th February, 2019 @ 7:00pm
Fr Richard Ddumba

Topic: "GOD IS LOVE"

Where: John the Baptist Parish Hall

Contact: Susan (02) 9607 5137 or 0415 342 672

Meetings will take place on a fortnightly basis

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.*

Communion Antiphon: *Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.*

Next Sunday:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I hear God calling me to..... Some of my excuses for not accepting God's call are.....
- ♦ I allow Jesus to take command of my possessions when I..... of my heart when I.....of my life when I.....
- ♦ I feel the challenge of discipleship when..... I feel the joys of discipleship when.....

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

137:1-5, 7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord..

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

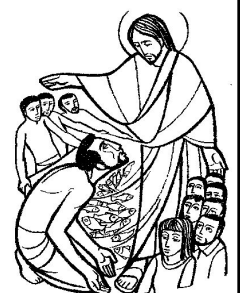
A reading from the Holy Gospel according Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord



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