

## The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time - YC

3rd Mar 2019

**Entrance Ant:** The Lord became my protector, He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

**First reading :** from 1 Sirach 27: 2 - 7.

**Responsorial Psalm :** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**Second Reading :** 1st Letter to the Corinthians 15: 54 - 58.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! I give You a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** according to Luke 6: 39 - 45.

**Communion Antiphon:** I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High

### Sydney Archdiocese News

#### **Day of the Unborn Child**

*"I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand."* Isaiah 49.

The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on Sun 24/3. This is a day of celebration & remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Details 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo and 1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral

#### **St Patrick's Day Mass**

Please find attached invitations from Bishop Terry Brady to join him for the Annual St Patrick's Day Mass on 17 March 2019 and 18 March 2019. The Masses will take place at St Patrick's Church Hill on Sunday, 17 March commencing at 12.00pm and in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Monday, 18 March 2019 commencing at 10:30am

#### **Discernment Retreat for Men 2019**

A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions. Keynote address by His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Friday 22 5pm to Sunday 24 March 1pm. Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. Cost: \$99

Registration is Essential: [https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSel39KjJXVZ\\_O9xu2kQn4o8RYbEf07t7PIS955JTyxcpwAIQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSel39KjJXVZ_O9xu2kQn4o8RYbEf07t7PIS955JTyxcpwAIQ/viewform)

#### **Candidates, activists to hold religious freedoms rally at Fairfield**

Attached please find a link to a Catholic Weekly event publicising the rally event at Fairfield on Saturday, 9 March. <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/candidates-activists-to-hold-religious-freedoms-rally-at-fairfield/>

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**LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK**

A Greek word for an actor is hypokritēs, and Jesus often uses it in a disparaging way. How often have we heard the sad, sometimes angry, remark by someone let down by a person they trusted: 'It was all a big act'. Eventually, the true character of the dishonest or manipulative person is revealed. All the acting in the world will not forever suppress what is bound to overflow from the heart. This takes us to the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus pronounces a blessing on 'the pure in heart, for they will see God'. This does not describe those who are ritually or sexually pure, but those who, at the core of their being, are not actors. There is no duplicity or camouflage, no lie or deception clouding the heart. Because of this, Jesus says they are well prepared to see God because they do not have the great plank of acting in their eye. Of course, we already see God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, so that we can pray with the clear-sighted Richard, Bishop of Chichester in 1253: 'O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.' We could pause for a moment and resolve to make that prayer with a pure heart. Then, when we grace-fully share Christ's resurrection life in Heavenly Glory, in the embrace of Divine Love we shall truly see the Triune God face-to-face!

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## Parish News

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#### Lenten Program 2019

This years Lenten program is titled "Discerning the Way of Jesus" with the first session titled "The Way Through the Desert." It is a program released from the Broken Bay Dioceses. There is no cost involved to join this program and the meetings will be held in the Parish hall at 9:45am. There is a sheet on the table at the rear of the Church to register your interest or please contact Helen Carter if further details are required on 0418 403 842

#### Project Compassion (Caritas) Sunday

This weekend is the beginning of Easter Project Compassion program titled "Give Lent 100%." Project Compassion works with partners around the world offering hope to people who are the most vulnerable and at risk of poverty. There are envelopes and brochures in the foyer, and boxes will be available at the back of Church from next week. These can be taken home and returned after Easter.

#### Trash & Treasure

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work. We are currently collecting quality saleable goods including books, CD's, children toys and homewares for the Trash and Treasure stall for our next Fete on the 14th September, 2019. All goods to be left in the crate in the foyer of the Church. At this stage we are unable to accept electrical goods or heavy furniture. For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

**Deanery Men's Breakfast** Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other good men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in Sydney archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by St. Christopher's Parish Panania, hear from Robert Haddad from Sydney Catholic Schools on his experience of Catholic brotherhood and what helped him connect with his faith as a young man. Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Saturday March 16, 8am Exposition and Adoration, 8.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Randazzo, 9.30am BBQ breakfast. St. Christopher's Parish, 233 Tower St. Panania. \$10 per person. Register: [www.trybooking.com/BAACH](http://www.trybooking.com/BAACH) More Info: [christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org) Ph: 9307 8402  
Dates for the next Men alive program will be run of the weekend of 23 + 24th Mar at All Saints Casula. Register [www.menaliveliverpool.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.menaliveliverpool.eventbrite.com.au)

#### Could you help a child in care?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. Tuesday 7th May 2019, 7:30 – 9:00pm Parish Centre, All Saints Catholic Parish Liverpool 48 George St Liverpool NSW 2170 RSVP to [Ashleigh.Green@catholiccare.org](mailto:Ashleigh.Green@catholiccare.org) to secure

## Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	2nd Mar	5 : 30 pm	Valentine Varmadevan (RIP)
Sunday	3rd Mar	8 : 00 am	Mass Intentions
Sunday	3rd Mar	9 : 30 am	Special Intentions
Monday	4th Mar	No service	No Service
Tuesday	5th Mar	7 : 00 am	The Unborn Child
Wednesday	6th Mar	7 : 00 am	Ash Wednesday.....Mary Thomas (RIP)
Wednesday	6th Mar	9 : 00 am	Ash Wednesday at School. All welcome
Wednesday	6th Mar	7 : 00 pm	Ash Wednesday.....The Sick
Thursday	7th Mar	7 : 00 am	Vocations
Friday	8th Mar	7 : 00 am	Armed Forces

**Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:15 pm.**

Baptism & Preparation meetings by appointment through the Parish office  
Ph 9825 1679 or [stchris@tpg.com.au](mailto:stchris@tpg.com.au)

Adoration - Thursday 7:30pm (except before first Friday of each month)

## Sacramental Program 2019

The dates for First Holy Communion have been finalised.

Masses will be as follows:

+ Mass 1 -	Vigil Saturday	22nd June 2019 -	5:30pm
+ Mass 2 -	Sunday	23rd June 2019 -	9.30am
+ Mass 3 -	Vigil Saturday	29th June 2019 -	5.30pm
+ Mass 4 -	Sunday	30th June 2019 -	9.30am

Enrolment forms are available on the website and in the foyer of the Church and must be returned to the Parish office by 22nd March 2019.

## Saints of the Week / Feasts

### Wednesday 6th—Ash Wednesday

## The Easter timetable

Dates have been confirmed and are available on the website.  
[www.stchristophers.org.au/](http://www.stchristophers.org.au/)  
Hardcopies will be available in the Church from next weekend

#### We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener, Johnny Price



#### Recently Deceased

David Wastie, Joel White

#### Anniversaries

Mary Thomas, Gabriel Do Pao, Valentine Varmadevan

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*