

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent - YC

7th Apr 2019

**Entrance Ant:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God are my strength.

**First reading :** from the Prophet Isaiah 43: 16 - 21

**Responsorial Psalm :** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading :** from Letter to the Corinthians 3: 8 - 14

**Gospel Acclamation :** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel :** according to John 8: 1 - 11.

**Communion Antiphon:** Everyone who lives and believes in Me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

### Sydney Archdiocese News

#### **2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance**

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Forces for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW, and the Australian army band will join the Cathedral choir, to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass. 24th Apr 5.30pm, St Mary's Cathedral

#### **Prayer Campaign Pentecost 2019**

In order to prepare for this new Pentecost, CHARIS is launching a major prayer campaign from this month. This campaign is simple and accessible to everyone. Each month (March, April, May) an address will be given by Father Raniero Cantalamessa, the Ecclesiastical Assistant to CHARIS, who will prepare us to open our hearts for a new outpouring of the Spirit. Go to <https://goo.gl/CXmNSC>

#### **Tribunal of the Catholic Church**

Outreaching to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Enquiries: Ph (02) 6239 9813 Email: [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au)

#### **Bereavement Support Reflection Mornings**

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / [bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au)

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*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,  
love and commitment*

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Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent. Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet. The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving. Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

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## Parish News

### Project Compassion (Caritas)

This weekend continues the 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 money boxes, envelopes and brochures in the foyer. The boxes can be taken home and returned after Easter.

### Parish council fund raising news

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work. It has come to our notice that some items donated have been removed from the crate in the foyer. It would be appreciated if parishioners could contact the Parish Office if they notice this happening. All donations are left for the benefit of the Parish to be sold at the Fete on 14th September as part of our fund raising. We still need homeware goods and children's toys and we do not have a great supply of CD's, DVD's and books. Your contributions would be appreciated. We are also asking our gardeners to start preparing for the plant stall so that plants are ready to sell on the day. 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 further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

### Parish Working Bee

Thank you to the parishioners who have nominated to help on the day of our "Working Bee" next Saturday, 13th April from about 8.30am to prepare the church surrounds and hall for Palm Sunday and Easter Ceremonies. More volunteers would be appreciated. Activities will include preparing the palms around the Church area and cleaning the hall to allow the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday night. If you are able to assist in any way please leave your name and contact details of the list on the table at the rear of the church. For further details please contact the Parish Secretary, David Moore on 9825 1679



### Palm Sunday 14th April

The parish is asking for donations of palms for this years celebration. If you can assist, please leave fresh palms at the rear of the Church on either Friday 12th or Saturday, 13th April.



### Monthly Mass at Hammondcare

This months Mass at Hammondcare Village will be held this Tuesday at 11.00am.

### Pope Francis awards

St Christophers Primary school is once again participating in the Pope Francis Award program. This program is offered to Year 6 students and is aimed to encourage prayer and reflection through their involvement in service to the community and parish. If you notice our students assisting at Mass handing out bulletins, reading, or taking up the offertory, please make them feel welcome.

## Mass Times

### Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm  
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

### Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

**Adoration** : Thurs 7:00pm (except before first Friday of month)

**Reconciliation** : Sat 4:30 pm.

### **Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals**

By appointment.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held during Lent in the Church on Friday evening's at 7pm.



## Easter Timetable

**Palm Sunday 13th Apr** Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9:30am  
**Weekday Reconciliation** 15th, 16th, 17th April, 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
**Holy Thursday 18th Apr** 7:00pm only (no 7:00am)  
**Good Friday 19th Apr** Stations 10:00am, Passion 3:00pm  
**Easter Saturday 20th Apr Vigil 6:00pm**  
**Easter Sunday 21st Apr** 8:00am, 9:30am

### We Pray For The Sick

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

### Recently Deceased

Rene Rovillos

### Anniversaries

Thomas Mendes 25/3 Mark Cavallaro



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