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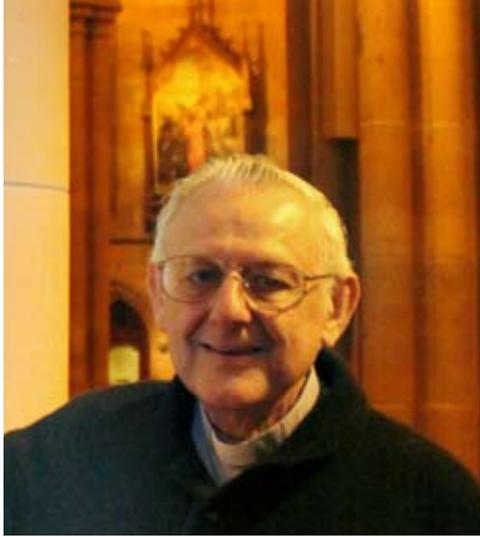
OUR CATHEDRAL

OUR FAMILY

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FROM THE PEN OF FATHER PAUL

Apart from the regular parishioners who attend Mass at the Cathedral, it is always an encouraging sign to see so many people who enter the Cathedral each day to take in the wonders of the sacred space or to spend some time in quiet prayer or contemplation. I suspect that some of these visitors are people of differing faiths, or none, who, nevertheless, are drawn by the unique ambience, and the sense that in this place the Lord is present to their longings and needs. Many stop to light a candle and to offer, in their own way, a prayer or petition.

For centuries, Cathedrals have been places for people to gather, to celebrate life and death, to gain spiritual help and guidance. Whilst the great Cathedral liturgies and the administration of the Sacraments strengthen and nourish the pilgrim People of God on their journey to the Kingdom of Heaven, the Cathedral as the House of God also serves the purpose of catechising and building on our faith which constantly seeks understanding.

A walk around St Mary's Cathedral will reveal many facets of our Catholic faith. The various shrines, the statues and icons, the relics of saints, the beautiful stained-glass windows speak to us eloquently. Under every archway, images of saints abound, some faces so familiar that they remind us of our contemporaries. Some arches still have plain blocks of stone without any features, waiting for the saints

of our own time and place to be added – a veritable passing parade of the soaring human spirit in its struggle to find meaning and fulfilment. Inscribed in the very fabric of the building are these aspirations and longings. For those who take time to see and absorb, they will strike a resonant chord in a simple and faithful soul, finding hope in the promises declared to us by our Divine Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Catholic Faith teaches that there is a loving God who has revealed Himself to us throughout human history and in the latter days has revealed His love to us in His only begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Mystery of the Incarnation is the centerpiece of the Christian faith. As St John the Evangelist proclaimed: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (Jn 3:16) and again he testifies: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life... And these things we write to you that your joy may be full." (1 Jn 1:1ff). "For many deceivers have entered into the world, who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh." (2 Jn 1:7). Thus we believe, not in a God who is remote and uncaring, but a God who is personal and near, who took upon Himself our human nature so that we might share in His Divinity.

BEQUEST BENEFACTORS

We pray for those benefactors who have remembered St Mary's in their will, meeting the need of its conservation, and ensuring a great Cathedral for future generations.

Amabile Attard

May eternal light shine upon them and may they rest in peace. Amen.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 7am, 9am, 10.30am (Solemn Sung Mass), 6pm
Monday to Friday 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm
Saturday 9am and 12noon
Public Holidays 12noon

St Columbkille's

Sunday 9am

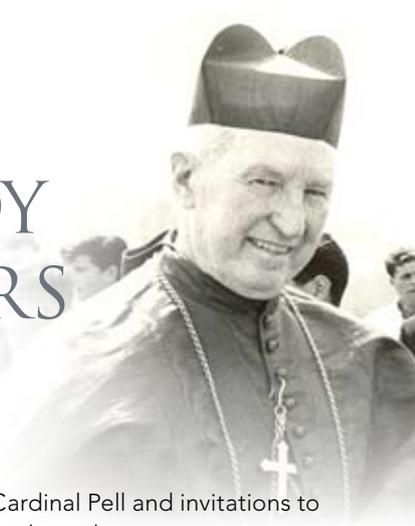
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CARDINAL GILROY SOCIETY HONOURS BEQUESTORS



Cardinal George Pell recently launched the Cardinal Gilroy Society, the new bequest society for St Mary's Cathedral and the agencies of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

The Society was set up to thank and honour those people with the foresight to pledge a bequest for the on-going ministries of the Church. The Society is named after Sir Normal Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney from 1940 to 1971.

Cardinal Gilroy made a significant contribution to Australian society and to the Catholic community. A veteran of Gallipoli, he was ordained a priest in Rome and became the first Australian-born Cardinal. In 1970 he was named Australian of the Year.

Supporters, who advise that they have made a bequest in their Will to St Mary's Cathedral or one of the Sydney Archdiocese charitable works (including the Charitable Works Fund and the Priests' Retirement Foundation), are invited to become a member of the Cardinal Gilroy Society. Members receive a numbered gold pin, a special certificate

signed by Cardinal Pell and invitations to events throughout the year.

"Catholics have traditionally shown their love of the Church and their desire to leave a legacy for future generations through bequest giving. A bequest to our ministries is a wonderful gift and is a testimony to your philanthropy and your vision."

"Many of those who have left bequests have said they feel it is a wonderful way to thank God for the many blessings received during their lifetime," stated Cardinal Pell at the official launch.

For details on how to become a member of the Society without obligation or cost, phone Mari Palomares on (02) 9390 5934.



Cardinal Pell launches Cardinal Gilroy Society



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Over 800 people attended the dramatization of the Stations of the Cross in Hyde Park on Good Friday last year.

Fr Arthur Givney and Embrace, the youth group of St Mary's, will again lead the congregation in this prayer vigil which commences at 5.00pm from the Archibald Fountain processing through Central Avenue in Hyde Park on 2 April.



The western doors of St Mary's Cathedral beautifully illuminated during the Macquarie Night Lights in December

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday – 28 March

- 7.00am Mass
- 9.00am Mass
- 10.15am Blessing of the Palms and Procession followed by the Solemn High Mass at 10.30am
- 6.00pm Youth Mass

Holy Thursday – 1 April

- 10.30am Chrism Mass and Consecration of Oils
- 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 9.00pm Night Prayer (Compline)

Good Friday – 2 April

- 10.00am Stations of the Cross with the Cathedral Choir
- 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
- 5.00pm The Way of the Cross at Hyde Park

Easter Vigil – 3 April

- 7.30pm Service of Light and Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – 4 April

- 7.00am Mass
- 9.00am Mass
- 10.30am Solemn High Mass
- 6.00pm Youth Mass

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Wednesday 29 – 31 March

- 11.30am – 1.00pm;
- 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Holy Thursday

- 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Good Friday

- After the 10.00am Stations of the Cross
- After the 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

- 11.30am – 12.30pm;
- 4.30 – 5.30pm

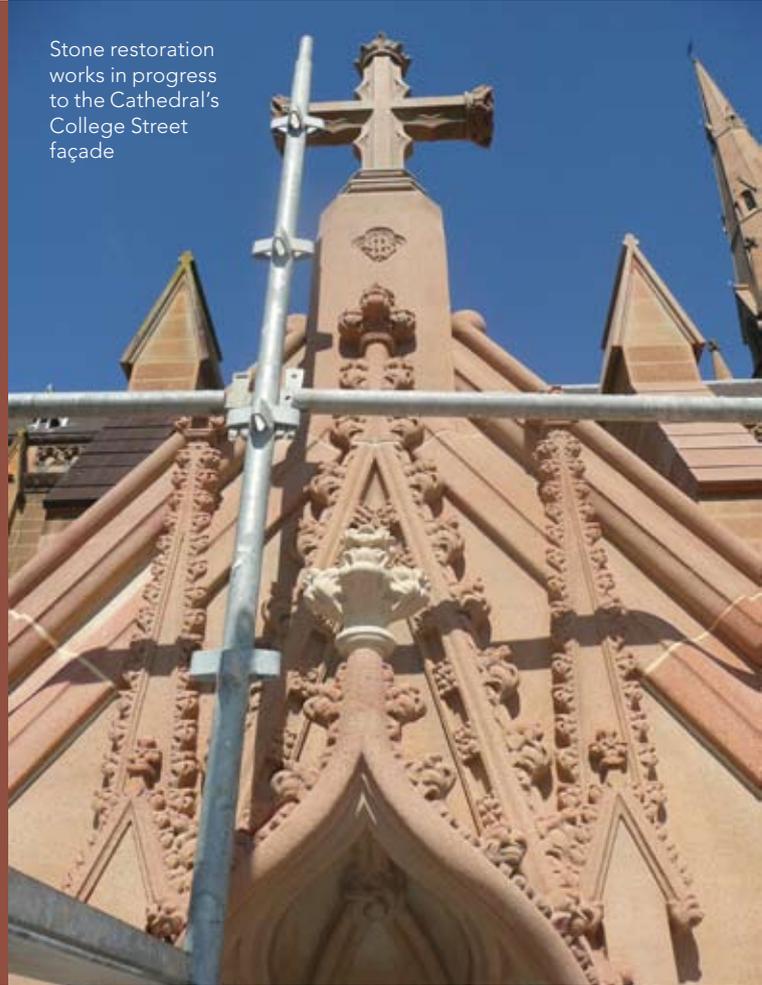


CONSERVATION

PROJECTS FOR 2010

- Completion of restoration of the lower façade of the Cathedral facing College Street.
- Interior stonework restoration.
- Completion of restoration of internal and external doors of the Cathedral.
- Installation of Angelus Bell in the southeast bell tower of the Cathedral.
- Completion of new burial sites in the Cathedral Crypt.
- Restoration of dormers to Cathedral roof.
- Completion and installation of life-sized marble statues of the Risen Christ and Mary Magdalene for the main sanctuary.
- Restoration and installation of historic Pieta in the Cathedral Crypt.

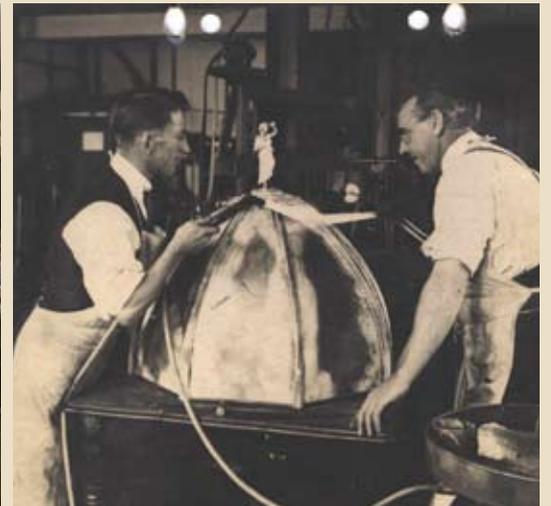
Stone restoration works in progress to the Cathedral's College Street façade



Restored carved figure at base of arched window to south-west Bell Tower. New bird grill, left of figure

NEW LIFE FOR BAPTISMAL FONT

The Cathedral's Baptismal Font has recently been restored after 80 years of service. The remarkable solid silver font basin and hood weighing over 40 kilograms was restored by the same company, WJ Sanders & Co, that produced the works 80 years ago. The font and hood were reputed to be at the time the largest pieces of silver work done in Australia and were a major undertaking for the relatively small company. Old photographs show the hood was at one time lifted by a pulley system, supported by a triangular steel frame. Evidence of the triangular frame base mountings can still be seen in the tessellated tiled floor of the Baptistry. It is assumed that this method of lifting the hood was seen as a dangerous procedure at some point in time and was replaced with a sliding track system. As part of the recent restoration works a new and extended tracking system was installed that now enables the hood to be fully retracted to provide complete access to the font basin. The cast silver figure of John the Baptist which surmounts the hood has also been meticulously restored.



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION APPEAL

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MY GIFT TO ENSURE THE CONSERVATION OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL MARCH 2010

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ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

This year is a big year of change for St Mary's Cathedral Choir. The current Director of Music, Mrs Elizabeth Swain, stepped down from this post to make way for a new Director of Music, Thomas Wilson, who commenced in February.



Thomas Wilson

After a lengthy process of widely advertising the position of Director of Music for the St Mary's Cathedral Choir, assessment and selection by a panel of people of expertise, the Dean of the Cathedral is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Thomas Wilson, a native of New Zealand, who has been Assistant Organist at Westminster Cathedral since October 2004. Since then he has been regularly directing and accompanying the Westminster Cathedral Choir. Recent highlights have included a CD recording of Italian Renaissance choral and organ music on the Hyperion label and giving an organ recital in the Cathedral's Grand Organ Festival. Thomas

will build on the excellence achieved by his two predecessors. We look forward to his leadership and direction, as well as his contribution to the liturgical and musical life of the Cathedral and City of Sydney.

Elizabeth Swain

Elizabeth has been associated with the Choir for the past six years, assisting the then Director of Music, Mr David Russell, who filled that role for many years. When David retired at the end of 2008, Elizabeth was appointed Director of Music and has carried the Choir through 2009, continuing to build up its repertoire and maintaining the excellence to which it has always aspired and been renowned. Elizabeth has worked tirelessly in this task, sometimes under stress and with great difficulty, but she has achieved great results in such a short time, lifting the spirits of the choir, its enthusiasm and commitment, as well as its overall performance. At the middle of 2009, she decided to step down from the Directorship to allow someone younger to take on the role. We thank Elizabeth for her work with the Choir over the years, and particularly for her leadership as Director over the past year. Elizabeth's special role as a spiritual guide, mother and mentor for the



younger members of the Choir, as well as her teaching skills and administrative ability are most appreciated. It is hoped that Elizabeth will be available to continue in some capacity after the new Director commences in February.

FORTH COMING EVENT

ANZAC Vigil Mass of Remembrance

On ANZAC Day each year we remember members of the Australian Defence Force who offered their lives and service for peace. A solemn ANZAC Eve Mass will take place at 6.00pm on Saturday, 24 April celebrated by the Archbishop.

Retired or serving military personnel are welcome to attend and are asked to contact the Cathedral on (02) 9390 5934 to reserve seating.

Everyone is welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the fallen, and pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.



WRONG NAME & ADDRESS DETAILS?

We sometimes make mistakes with your name or address. Please contact us so that we can make a correction.

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COLLEGE STUDENTS 2010

Being set squarely in the commercial heartland of Australia's largest city, it's unsurprising that St Mary's Cathedral College draws its students from scores of different suburban areas. Even so, the magnitude of the College's diversity is staggering.

In 2010 staff and students returning from their holidays welcomed 175 new students, primarily in Years 7 and 11, but with an additional eight students beginning in Year 5 (all of whom are choristers at St Mary's Cathedral), and 29 students in Years 8-10. The majority of this latter group have arrived at Cathedral from CBC Burwood, another Christian Brothers school with a long and proud history, which closed at the conclusion of last year. Students have entered Year 11 at Cathedral College from Burwood and Marist Peshurst in substantial numbers over the last decade and have succeeded in making a valuable contribution to the environment of the College.

The 120 new students in Year 7 had their first taste of senior school on Friday 29 January when they entered the College Hall to the strains of the theme from Indiana Jones, played by one of the College's polished musical ensembles. Many of these students are the only representatives of their primary school at the College but, given that the student body can boast attendees of no fewer than 157 primary schools, inhabitants of 178 suburbs, and speakers of 26 languages, any feelings of isolation should not last long.

Creating a safe and welcoming environment is something that everyone at the College, staff and students alike, takes very seriously. Such an environment welcomes and celebrates difference, just as it creates and nourishes a sense of community.

MEMBERS OF EMBRACE

Embrace, St Mary's Cathedral youth group, has been going since 2006 and meets every Sunday following the evening Mass. It strives to unite and provide support for young people in their faith in a setting which is welcoming and also informative. It encourages its members to continue learning about Christianity and to live their faith in society. Embrace offers various activities such as prayer sessions, discussion groups, social gathering and outings, retreats and talks given by specially invited speakers. Embrace undertakes charitable works with St Vincent de Paul Society and the Little Sisters of the Poor. At the

Cathedral parish, Embrace contributes in Liturgy and assists with major events. Due to the multicultural nature of Sydney, the members of the group come from diverse backgrounds and this greatly enriches those who attend. Embrace has been a spiritual place and a family away from home for many. Indeed, the group has shared more than 40 nationalities and 25 languages!

Embrace receives spiritual guidance from Fr Arthur Givney and is coordinated by Marcella Yudo. People aged 18-35 years are free to either drop in or come regularly to Embrace. Contact Embrace at mail@embrace-stmarys.org.

Former students of Christian Bros Burwood, William Scuderi and Andy Park, carrying the crest of their past school



Matthew Hall and Ethan Hough, new Year 7 students



THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, INC

The Friends of St Mary's Cathedral have the specific opportunity of assisting the Dean of St Mary's to continue the Cathedral's pastoral, historical, musical and arts tradition and suggest practical initiatives to expand this mission.

For more information on how to become a member, contact Michael Walker on 0411 711 096 or the Cathedral Office on 9220 0400 or visit www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/friends-of-stmarys.html.

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YOUR WILL

Join those who support the conservation of this great Cathedral and ensure that St Mary's, the Mother Church of Australian Catholics, continues into the future as a building of great beauty and significance.

To obtain a free copy of our Wills and Bequest Guide, or for more information, contact our Bequest Manager on ☎ 9390 5934 or ✉ bequests@sydneycatholic.org.



CONSERVATION WORKS IN PROGRESS



Completed stone restoration works to the Cathedral's College Street facade



Stone replacement and repair works College Street facade



Dilapidated roof dormers to be restored



Bronze relief of Cardinal Gilroy installed on east wall of Cathedral Belvedere



Cardinal Norman Thomas Gilroy KBE
1896 - 1977
5th Archbishop of Sydney
1948 - 1971

Restored bronze relief of Cardinal Gilroy