



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2021

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UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

December 2021

			4 Saturday 10.30am Lourdes Day Mass	5 Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	6 Monday	7 Tuesday <i>St Ambrose</i>
8 Wednesday IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 7pm Episcopal Ordination Bishop-Elect Fr Danny Meagher	9 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	10 Friday	11 Saturday	12 Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	13 Monday <i>St Lucy</i>	14 Tuesday <i>St John of the</i> <i>Cross</i>
15 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian</i> <i>Initiation of Adults)</i>	16 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	17 Friday 11am & 7pm St Mary's Cathedral Annual Carols Celebration	18 Saturday	19 Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	20 Monday	21 Tuesday
22 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian</i> <i>Initiation of Adults)</i>	23 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	24 Friday 	25 Saturday THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 	26 Sunday THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 	27 Monday <i>St John</i>	28 Tuesday THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Mass & Confessions Schedule

Mass

Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm, 5.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am, 12noon

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 12.15pm (Latin Mass), 6.00pm

Reconciliation

Monday to Friday: 12.00noon to 1.00pm, 5.00pm to 5.25pm

Saturday: 11.30am to 11.55am, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Evening Vespers

Monday – Friday: 5.00pm

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 5.00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)



CHRISTMAS LITURGY 2021 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER:

5.00pm: 1st Vespers of Christmas (Evening Prayer)

6.00pm: Mass, Vigil of Christmas

8.00pm: Mass, Vigil of Christmas

10.00pm: Mass of Christmas Night

11.15pm: Matins of Christmas (The Office of Readings)
Followed by midnight Mass of Christmas Night (Archbishop)

SATURDAY 25th DECEMBER:

7.00am: Mass of Christmas Day

9.00am: Mass of Christmas Day

10.30am: Mass of Christmas Day (Archbishop)

6.00pm: Mass of Christmas Day

MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 1200

NO BOOKINGS ALLOWED

MASKS ARE MANDATORY

Please remember to practice social distancing

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This Wednesday, 8th December, which is a major feast day, being the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will see the episcopal ordination of Fr Danny Meagher to be Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney. It will be an event of great significance for the Catholic of Sydney, because the Auxiliary Bishops assist the Archbishop of Sydney in his somewhat onerous pastoral responsibilities, and take their place in the worldwide “college of bishops”, as successors of the Apostles.

Now, I think it is fair to say that recently, bishops in general have had a lot of “bad press” in this country, and indeed worldwide, especially due to the widespread sex-abuse scandals. And one can always find examples of good and bad among bishops, as among people generally. But despite their human frailties, bishops are an essential part of the Church willed by Christ our God.

The Code of Canon Law puts it this way:

Can. 375 §1. Bishops, who by divine institution succeed to the place of the Apostles through the Holy Spirit who has been given to them, are constituted pastors in the Church, so that they are teachers of doctrine, priests of sacred worship, and ministers of governance.

Well, that might sound a bit brusque and legalistic, so here’s part of what the Catechism of the Catholic Church has to teach about bishops:

861 "In order that the mission entrusted to them might be continued after their death, [the apostles] consigned, by will and testament, as it were, to their immediate collaborators the duty of completing and consolidating the work they had begun, urging them to tend to the whole flock, in which the Holy Spirit had appointed them to shepherd the Church of God. They accordingly designated such men and then made the ruling that likewise on their death other proven men should take over their ministry." [LG 20; cf. Acts 20:28; St. Clement of Rome, Ad Cor. 42, 44: PG 1, 291-300.]

862 "Just as the office which the Lord confided to Peter alone, as first of the apostles, destined to be transmitted to his successors, is a permanent one, so also endures the office, which the apostles received, of shepherding the Church, a charge destined to be exercised without interruption by the sacred order of bishops. [LG 20 # 2] Hence the Church teaches that "the bishops have by divine institution taken the place of the apostles as pastors of the Church, in such wise that whoever listens to them is listening to Christ and whoever despises them despises Christ and him who sent Christ." [LG 20 # 2.]

And indeed there is vastly more that could be said about the office of bishops in the Church, but my point is, that without them there would be no One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, and so:

WE ALL NEED TO PRAY FOR THE BISHOPS and we must respect their divinely appointed ministry of Teaching, Sanctifying, and Governing. We may or may not be happy with their prudential judgements about this or that important thing but we always owe their office our respect and their person, our prayers.

Obviously, it helps us do this when our bishops are very good, Christ-loving men, which Archbishop Fisher, Bishop Brady, Bishop Umbers and Bishop-Elect Meagher are.

So do ask Our Lady to intercede for them all on her feast day!

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

CATHEDRAL NOTICE




CATHEDRAL Christmas CELEBRATION
at St Mary's Cathedral

Friday 17 December 2021
11am / 7pm
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