
The Cathedral Coronavirus Chronicle



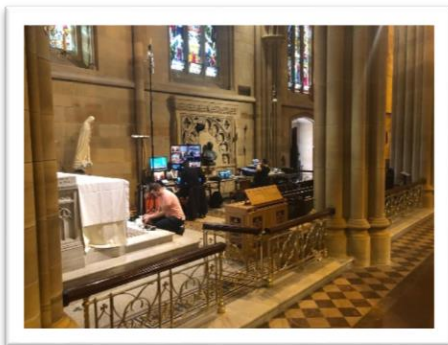
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney — 17 April 2020 — Third edition

EASTER JOY!

Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Holy Week may have been unusual, but it was certainly exciting and prayerful here at St Mary's Cathedral. I do hope many of you were able to participate "remotely" in the Holy Week liturgies from the cathedral!

Our cathedral would usually be jam-packed on Good Friday for the Stations of the Cross and the afternoon liturgy, so it was very odd to walk around outside and see College Street and Hyde Park so quiet and empty, and the cathedral occupied only by empty pews and the television equipment.



With the collaboration of Channel 7, we were able to bring the Cathedral's Mass to at least half a million viewers on Easter Sunday!

Arranging Solemn Mass for social distancing and minimal ministers is challenging in itself, but doing so for a television slot of only one hour required a lot of hard work, especially for Fr Lewi. Our staff did a great job on the technical side, too. The cathedral looked amazing, the sanctuary was beautiful, the music sublime. Are the other metropolitan cathedrals of Australia envious?

Now that Holy Week has passed, we are starting to settle into our new temporary "normal" of daily Mass livestreamed at 9am.

We are glad to have received many prayer requests and petitions to our Lady via the special email addresses

(prayerintentions@stmaryscathedral.org.au and petitionstourlady@stmaryscathedral.org.au) and are remembering

you all in our prayers at Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Please remember that the cathedral priests are available for Confessions by appointment at Cathedral House, and we can make pastoral visits within our parishes, except for Norfolk Island, which is completely quarantined.

Every blessing,

*Fr Don Richardson, **Dean**,
Administrator of St Mary's
Cathedral Parish, Sydney.
Administrator St Philip Howard
Parish, Norfolk Island, South Pacific.
Administrator of Sacred Heart
Parish, Darlinghurst.
Liturgy Office Director, Archdiocese
of Sydney.*

Chronicle Notices

Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19

To help parishioners with any questions they may have around COVID-19 and its impact on sacraments such as weddings, baptisms and funerals, you may find the FAQs page on the Archdiocese of Sydney website helpful at this time by clicking - [here](#)

Prayer Resources during time of Pandemic

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. You'll find the webpage here- <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

A Special Message from CatholicCare:

CatholicCare and Parishes working together

The CatholicCare team here in Sydney Archdiocese sends you all our prayers especially as we move into this very extraordinary and uncertain time – that the certainty of Christ's resurrection, renews hope, increases our faith and ignites our courage to face the challenges yet to come.

Over the coming months CatholicCare will be working with parishes across the Archdiocese of Sydney. Together we can support the most vulnerable and isolated in our communities.

CatholicCare as the Social Service Agency of the Sydney Archdiocese is committed to supporting the new Parish Volunteer Program – helping parishes help those in need.

Our CCareline service on 13 18 19 is available Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm for advice and help finding help with relationships, parenting, aging, disabilities, addictions and mental health

The CCareline 13 18 19 number is available for anyone to call if they are worried about a parishioner or member of the community who may be isolated and in need of assistance


CatholicCare will be sending out regular helpful communications to parishes, parish volunteers and others through the Sydney Archdiocese including: a monthly wellbeing zoom catch up for all involved in the Parish Volunteer Program, regular updates, good news stories and information which can be placed in your Parish

Newsletter, on your website and in your social media posts.

So far we have had over 20 parishes respond to Archbishop Fisher's call for volunteers and we are in the midst of contacting each Volunteer Coordinator and Volunteer. We have also had a number of people call CCareline offering their time and talents to serve on the Parish Volunteer Program. If you would like to volunteer, now is the time. We look forward to working with more parishes as we move deeper into this uncertain time, making sure that the most vulnerable in our community are not forgotten or alone.

Please feel free to contact us for any questions, comments or feedback on 13 18 19 or email connect@catholiccare.org

Please do not forget: St Mary's Cathedral is live-streaming daily mass via its website: <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>



LIVE-STREAM SCHEDULE
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

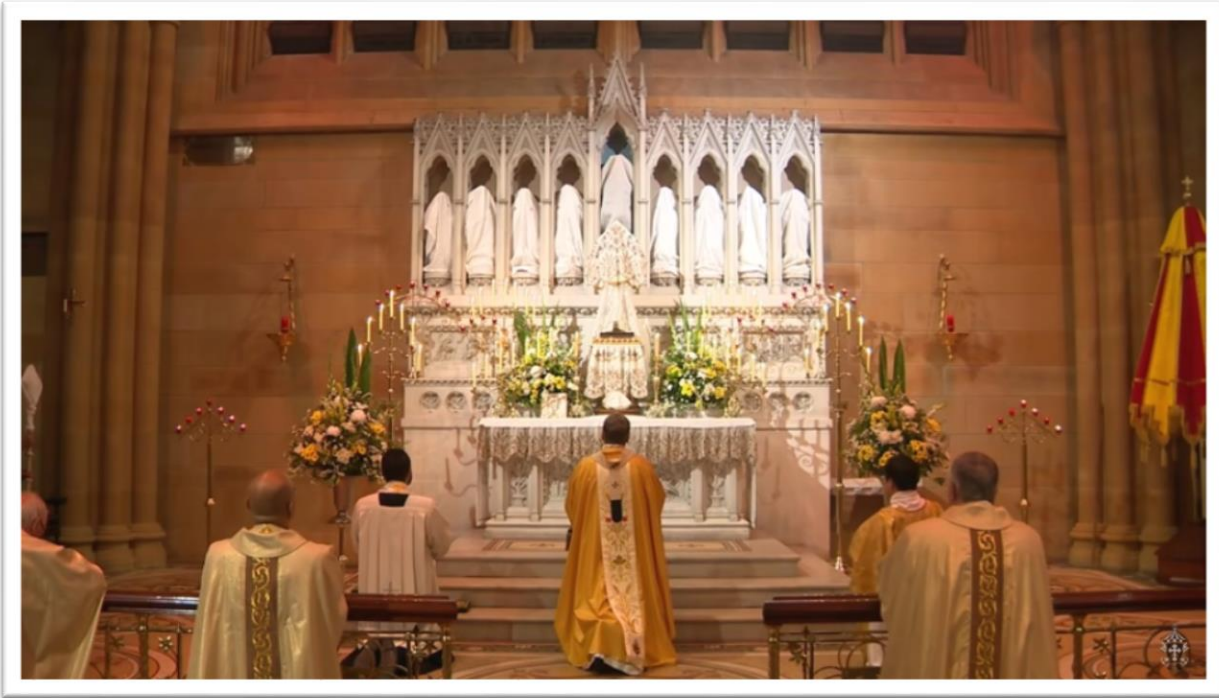
SUNDAY:
10:30am
Solemn Mass

5:00pm
The Liturgy of the Hours: Vespers and Benediction

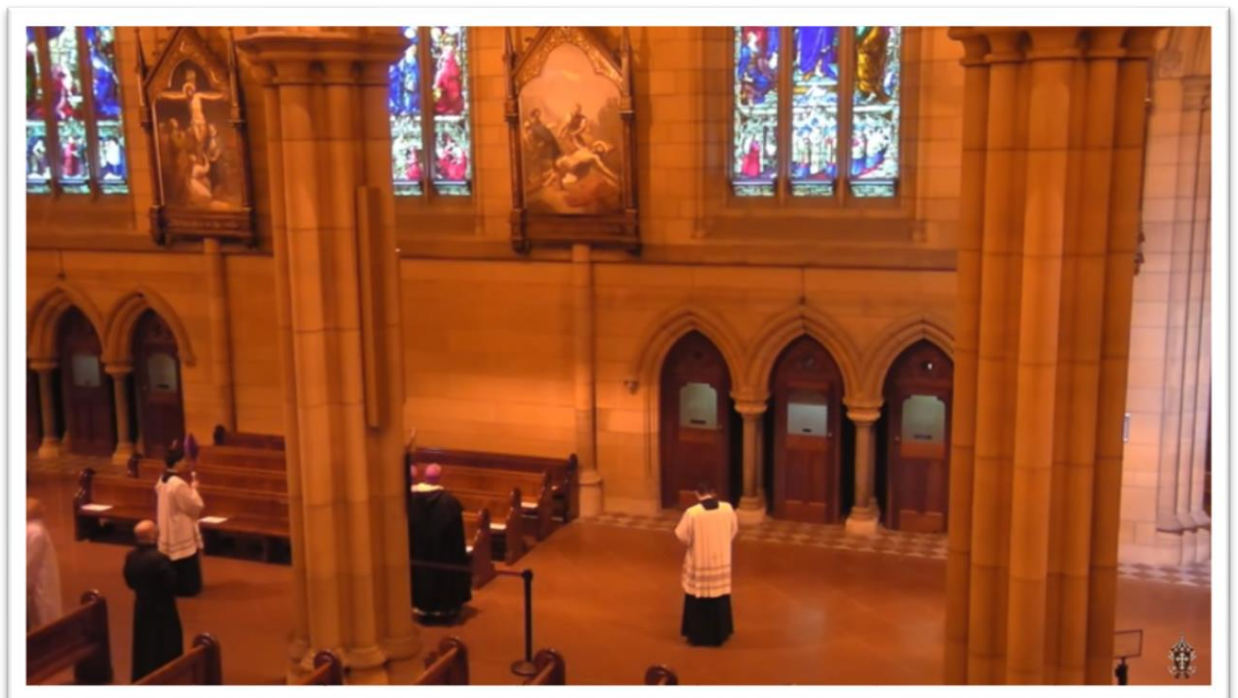
MONDAY - SATURDAY
9:00am
Mass

VISUAL CHRONICLE OF HOLY THURSDAY THROUGH TO EASTER SUNDAY EVENING:

Holy Thursday: Altar of Repose



Good Friday morning: Stations of the Cross



Good Friday afternoon: Liturgy of the Passion (Televised on Channel 7)



Holy Saturday morning: Tenebrae

Holy Saturday evening: The Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday morning: Mass (Televised on Channel 7)



Easter Sunday evening: Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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