
The Cathedral Coronavirus Chronicle



St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney — 15 May 2020 — Sixth edition

Keep Calm and Carry on Praying!

Dear Cathedral Parishioners and friends all,

It was great to throw wide the doors of the cathedral (albeit the smaller side doors) this morning at 6.30 and let people inside for our first public Mass since 23rd March!

It was so nice to have a small congregation with me, although I confess I have liked not having to get up quite so early since before Easter.

While it is good that we can open the cathedral now for Mass, confessions and private prayer, there is a strict limit on the number of people permitted in the congregation: ten only! And we are required by the current Public Health Order to keep the name and contact details of everyone who comes in, so that in the event of someone who has been here contracting the COVID-19 illness, the others who were here at the same time can be contacted.



Photo: a small congregation of Media also awaited me very early this morning.

It is still impossible for all our regular Mass-goers to get to Sunday OR weekday Mass: with only ten permitted in the congregation we'd have to have two hundred Masses or more on a Sunday to fit everyone in. We want to give as many people as possible a chance to come to Mass and receive Holy Communion after so long a time, please note:

1. Anyone wishing to attend Mass must ring the cathedral office and book an available place.
2. A booking for only one Mass at a time may be made.
3. Bookings may only be made up to 5 days in advance of the particular Mass.
4. Name and contact details will be taken, and when arriving for the Mass, you will be checked off against the list of bookings.
5. At the Mass, the "social distancing" and hygiene measures must be carefully kept to.
6. Masses are being held in various chapels around the cathedral to allow our staff to sanitise the seating area after each Mass, with a different seating area for the next Mass.
7. Many of the Mass and Confession times are different to the "usual" Sunday and weekday timetable: we are NOT back to normal.
8. We will continue to livestream one Mass each day, as we have been doing for the last few weeks.

We probably are still a long time away from being able to have large crowded Masses. So please:

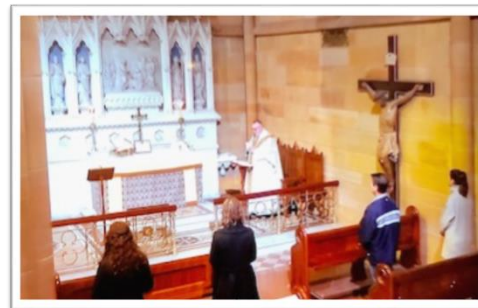
- Keep praying at home
- Keep sending in your prayer intentions (prayerintentions@stmaryscathedral.org.au)
- Keep sending in your petitions to Our Lady (petitionstoourlady@stmaryscathedral.org.au)
- Keep in mind you don't need to book a place to pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, outside of Mass times. Maybe you will have to wait outside a little while if there are already ten people inside.
- Keep coming to Confession at the new temporarily scheduled times, but bring an umbrella if it's wet in case you have to queue outside.
- Keep your social distance but your spiritual closeness.
- Keep in mind it is our Patronal Feast on Monday May 25th: Our Lady, Help of Christians!

Fr. Don

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.



Being interviewed by Channel 10 News



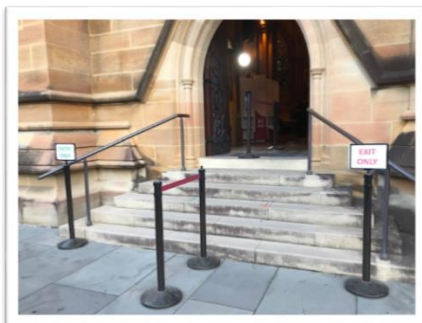
Our first Mass: celebrated in the Chapel of St Peter



Official opening of the doors!



Making front-page news!



Entry is via the Eastern doors.

Chronicle Notices



St Mary's Cathedral

TEMPORARY SCHEDULE 15th to 31st May 2020

LIMIT OF TEN PEOPLE IN THE CONGREGATION AT LITURGIES.
NO MORE THAN TEN PEOPLE INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL FOR PRAYER OR CONFESSIONS.
Attendance at Mass must be pre-booked, not more than 5 days in advance.
Names and contact details must be provided by all booking, attending or visiting.
Please telephone 9220 0400

SUNDAY
7.00am Mass
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass
10.30am Sung Mass (livestream)
4.00pm Mass
5.00pm Vespers & Benediction (livestream)
6.00pm Mass

MONDAY – FRIDAY
7.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (livestream)
1.00pm Mass
5.30pm Mass
Confessions:
11.30am-12.30pm
4.00-5.00pm

SATURDAY
9am Mass (livestream)
12 Noon Mass
6.00pm Mass (vigil of Sunday)
Confessions:
10.30-11.30am
4.30-5.30pm

Please do not forget:

St Mary's Cathedral is live-streaming daily Mass via its website:

<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>



Are you struggling in this time of crisis?

You are not alone. CCareline **13 18 19** is a free and confidential helpline that can connect you with a local volunteer from your community.

 **CCareline 131819**
by CatholicCare

Please keep sending us your
Prayer Intentions and
Petition to Our Lady

PRAYER INTENTION

prayerintentions@stmaryscathedral.org.au

PETITION TO OUR LADY

petitionstoourlady@stmaryscathedral.org.au

SPECIAL SERVICES

Monday May 25
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
9:00am

Saturday May 30
PENTECOST VIGIL
6:00pm