
The Cathedral Coronavirus Chronicle



St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney — 21 August 2020 — Thirteenth edition

“Mask...uerade!”

Dear Cathedral Parishioners and friends all,

When I was growing up in rural New South Wales, almost the only time we saw people really dressed up was at Sunday Mass. Accessories were a feature: carrying gloves, the ladies wore hats of various shapes. Middle aged and older women usually had some sort of toque, the younger went for something lighter, and the less stylish girls would throw on a mantilla at the last possible moment before entering the sacred building.

For the men, generally at least a sports jacket would be worn, and the more professional types in town would wear a suit and tie, usually with a cardboard mounted pocket square.

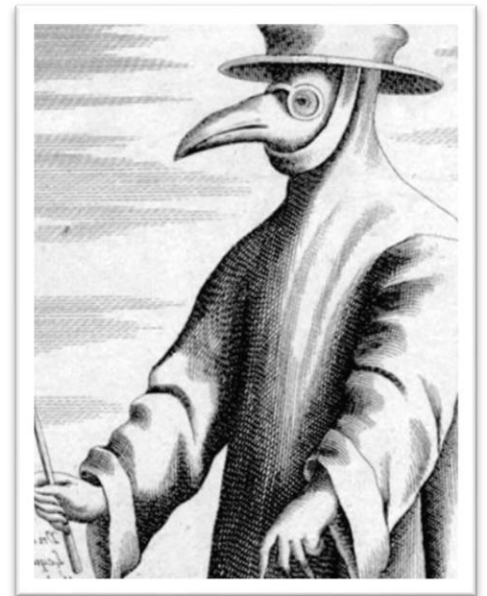
Today, however, the must-have clothing accessory for Sunday Mass is a *masque facial*. The public health authorities and the Archdiocese recommend and encourage you to wear a face-

mask at Mass, as a way to help lessen the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

I know masks can be a little uncomfortable to wear until you get used to them, and people sometimes feel a bit self-conscious about wearing them in church. Even so, they are a sensible and practical precaution and testify to our willingness to help protect each other from this pandemic. Why not take the opportunity to acquire a “Sunday-best” mask?

One of my nephews has crafted for himself one of those big black beaked masks they used to wear in times of plague in the 17th Century. It's not necessary to go to that much effort, but some creativity might help brighten our days!

Before you come to Mass at the Cathedral, which we are hoping you will do regularly now, you're encouraged to book ahead using our online system, to ensure you



are among the 100 persons permitted inside. There are almost always quite a few available spots, especially at the earlier Sunday times of 7 and 9am.

Here in Sydney we are fortunate that we can gather safely for Mass. Let's keep in mind the people in other places who cannot, and include them in our prayers. And please, find ways of reaching out to those who are

feeling isolated, especially the elderly in aged care homes that are presently closed to visitors.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us!



Fr Don Richardson, Dean,

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Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Darlinghurst.

Liturgy Office Director, Archdiocese of Sydney.

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POLITICS NEEDS CATHOLIC MEN, with Kevin Conolly

This week on the Maximus Podcast

This week we were blessed to chat to NSW State Member for Riverstone, Kevin Conolly. After leaving a fulfilling career in Catholic education, Mr Conolly has given his life to fight for Christian values on a far more hostile stage: state politics. Consistent with Catholic Teaching, he believes we all need to step up and take our place to ensure the flourishing of the Kingdom of God in Australia.

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2 SEPTEMBER**



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to celebrate the

**Anniversary
of
the Dedication
of
St Mary's Cathedral**

Please note: these liturgies will be livestreamed on this day instead of the 1.10 Mass

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PRAYER INTENTION

prayerintentions@stmaryscathedral.org.au

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