



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FOURTH SUNDAY


OF

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2021

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

March - April 2021 (regular Mass schedule has resumed ✝)

			13 Saturday	14 Sunday	15 Monday	16 Tuesday
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17 Wednesday ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS 10:30am	18 Thursday CITY COMPASS 6:30pm Catechesis and Adoration for Catholic Young Professionals & Adults 18-40	19 Friday STATIONS OF THE CROSS 4:30pm	20 Saturday	21 Sunday Day of the Unborn Child Sydney, Sunday 21 Mar 2021 10:00am Mass 11:00am Catechesis 12 noon Regular Mass	22 Monday	23 Tuesday
24 Wednesday	25 Thursday CITY COMPASS 6:30pm Catechesis and Adoration for Catholic Young Professionals & Adults 18-40	26 Friday STATIONS OF THE CROSS 4:30pm	27 Saturday	28 Sunday PALM SUNDAY	29 Monday	30 Tuesday
31 Wednesday	1 April Thursday MAUNDY THURSDAY	2 Friday GOOD FRIDAY	3 Saturday HOLY SATURDAY	4 Sunday EASTER SUNDAY	5 Monday EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday: 9am Mass	6 Tuesday
7 Wednesday	8 Thursday CITY COMPASS 6:30pm Catechesis and Adoration for Catholic Young Professionals & Adults 18-40	9 Friday	10 Saturday	11 Sunday	12 Monday	13 Tuesday
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WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This is the “Year of St Joseph” proclaimed by Pope Francis, and this Friday, 19th March, is the solemn feastday of St Joseph.

There are many aspects of the life of St Joseph that we can contemplate. Here’s one, taken from Pope Francis’s Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, announcing the Year of St Josephs:

“Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.

The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that *explains*, but *accepts*. Only as a result of this acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning. We can almost hear an echo of the impassioned reply of Job to his wife, who had urged him to rebel against the evil he endured: “Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” (*Job* 2:10).

Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit’s gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.

Jesus’ appearance in our midst is a gift from the Father, which makes it possible for each of us to be reconciled to the flesh of our own history, even when we fail to understand it completely.”

One way you can commemorate the Year of St Joseph as a family is by an Act of Entrustment made together on his feastday. The Archdiocese has prepared some “Entrustment to St Joseph” certificates that you can use to make the entrustment and keep in your home. You can pick one up from a table in front of St Joseph’s Chapel, which is the altar at the far left corner of the Cathedral, next to the Lady Chapel. Also available there and at the other statue of St Joseph, (on the right hand side, near the Irish Saints Chapel) are some special prayer cards.

And a reminder that Tuesday 16th March is the anniversary of death of our pioneer Archbishop, John Bede Polding (1877) and our sixth Archbishop, James Cardinal Freeman. And of course it is St Patrick’s Day on Wednesday!

With every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your free copy of *Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer*

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to **"take fresh courage..."** as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

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... I will not forget you. I have carved you on the palm of my hands - Isaiah 49

Day of the Unborn Child

Sydney, Sunday
 21 Mar 2021

10:30am Mass
 St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

12 noon Angelus
 Followed by a prayerful street procession led by Archbishop Fisher and Bishop Umbers. Including an address at Parliament House by Rebecca Gosper

1:30pm Benediction
 At St Mary's Cathedral

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the **Day of the Unborn Child**. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion.

For more latest information check www.lifeandfamily.com.au

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Bishop Terry Brady
 Warmly invites you to the Celebration of

St Patrick's Feast Day Mass

Wednesday 17th March, 2021 at 10:30am

St Mary's Cathedral
 St Mary's Road
 Sydney, Australia

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*Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
 Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.*