



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN




PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2021

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UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

March - April 2021 (regular Mass schedule ☩)

 <p>HOLY WEEK</p>			27 <i>Saturday</i> ☩	28 <i>Sunday</i> PALM SUNDAY 10:15am START for Solemn Procession. Please congregate outside the Cathedral Office under the Jacaranda Tree	29 <i>Monday</i>	30 <i>Tuesday</i>
31 <i>Wednesday</i>	1 April <i>Thursday</i> MAUNDY THURSDAY	2 <i>Friday</i> GOOD FRIDAY	3 <i>Saturday</i> HOLY SATURDAY	4 <i>Sunday</i> EASTER SUNDAY	5 <i>Monday</i> EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday: 9am Mass	6 <i>Tuesday</i>
7 <i>Wednesday</i>	8 <i>Thursday</i> CITY COMPASS 6:30pm Catechesis and Adoration for Catholic Young Professionals & Adults 18-40	9 <i>Friday</i>	10 <i>Saturday</i> ☩	11 <i>Sunday</i> ☩	12 <i>Monday</i>	13 <i>Tuesday</i>
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WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Thanks be to God, restrictions on congregational singing on “public health” grounds are being lifted! Just in time for Easter! The government’s prohibition on congregational singing was intended to protect the community from the spread of Covid-19, and so it was good to keep that rule...up to a point. It was tolerable for a while, but unless such a rule is an urgent and proportionate response to a clear and present danger, it is an unwanted and unwarranted intrusion into the Church’s inner life of divine worship and prayer.

Can we celebrate Mass and the sacraments without singing? Yes, of course we can, and we regularly do.

Should we celebrate the liturgy without singing? Not too often. We should sing whenever we reasonably can.

The Catholic approach is that we participate more fully in the sacred mysteries when we sing. And it is not that we sing the music “at” Mass – hymns that are tacked onto the Mass – but that we should sing the music “of” the Mass, that is, the dialogues between ministers and people and the parts of the Mass where we all give voice to the great prayer of the whole Church. It is not that everyone has to sing everything. Cantors, choirs, clergy and assembly all have their place. And it is not that we have to sing at every Mass. But a full and proper celebration of the liturgy absolutely requires that we all sing. Singing is integral to liturgy.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal expresses it like this:

The Importance of Singing

39. The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord’s coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. *Col* 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart’s joy (cf. *Acts* 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, ‘Singing is for one who loves’,⁴⁸ and there is also an ancient proverb: ‘Whoever sings well prays twice over’.

40. Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration for the culture of peoples and abilities of each liturgical assembly. Although it is not always necessary (e.g., in weekday Masses) to sing all the texts that are in principle meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people not be absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on Holydays of Obligation.

However, in the choosing of the parts actually to be sung, preference is to be given to those that are of greater importance and especially to those which are to be sung by the Priest or the Deacon or a reader, with the people replying, or by the Priest and people together.⁴⁹

48 St. Augustine of Hippo, *Sermo* 336, 1: PL 38, 1472. 49 Cf. Sacred Congregation of Rites, Instruction, *Musicam sacram*, 5 March 1967, nos. 7, 16: *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* 59 (1967), pp. 302, 305

So, it is great that we are now able to return to a more full and proper use of singing in the Cathedral. May the efforts of the whole world to overcome the pandemic soon be successful, and let us pray to the Lord that we in Sydney may be spared a further Covid-related interference to the pattern of our worship.

And now, we journey to through Holy Week to Easter!

Fr Don Richardson,

Dean

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



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