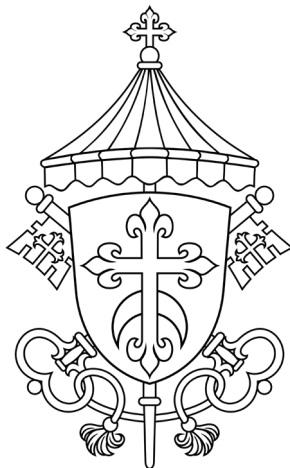


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY



HOLY ROSARY

to pray for
the end of the pandemic

and for all victims of violence
and human trafficking

16 May 2021
6.00pm

WELCOME

to St Mary's Cathedral which stands in the centre of Sydney as a Christian statement of grace and beauty. Generations of artists have bequeathed to it their magnificent gifts in stone and glass, designing a unique space of solace and prayer within this vibrant city. This Cathedral represents the spiritual origins of the Catholic Church in Australia. It is one of Sydney's most treasured historic buildings and one of the finest examples of English-style gothic churches in the world. William Wilkinson Wardell, the 19th century architect, dreamed of a gothic structure shaped from the local yellow-block sandstone on which this city is built. The building was finally completed 100 years after the architect's death. The Cathedral is dedicated to Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, Help of Christians.

INTRODUCTION

The Holy Father Pope Francis has requested that during this month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he has invited all Catholics to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it.

During each day of May, guided by a calendar with specific intentions, all the Shrines around the world, united in a communion of supplication, will lift up their prayers, which, like the fragrance of incense, will rise up to heaven.

Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church and offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day.

At St Mary's Cathedral we are invited to pray specifically for all victims of violence and human trafficking.


**TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY,
PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**


THE HOLY ROSARY

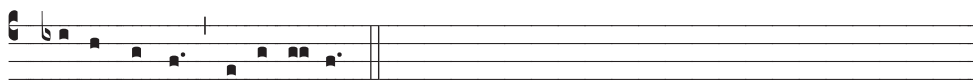
All stand at the sound of the Sacristy bell.

When the Archbishop's procession has entered, all remain standing and sing

THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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E-gí-na cæ-li, * læ-tá-re, al-le-lú-ia, qui- a quem me-ru-ís-ti
Queen of Heaven, rejoice, for he whom you did merit


portá-re, al-le-lú-ia, re-surréxit sic-ut dí-xit, al-le-lú-ia; o-ra pro
to bear, has risen, as he said; pray for


nobis De-um, al-le-lú-ia.
us to God.

The Archbishop welcomes the congregation.

Dear brothers and sisters, in communion with the Holy Father following the example of the first Christian communities in this time of great trial, we lift up to the Lord through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, unceasing supplications for the end of the pandemic. Today, in particular, at this Shrine of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, we wish to pray for all victims of violence and human trafficking.

May these candles, lit from the candle that burns before the image of Our Lady, illuminate and transform this moment of darkness into an aurora of new light.

Candles are lit before the image of Our Lady.

We invite all those who follow us through our web channels to join spiritually to the recitation of this Holy Rosary with their families.



The Resurrection window, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

THE HOLY ROSARY

All kneel and make the SIGN OF THE CROSS, saying

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All say

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I BELIEVE in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

THE OUR FATHER

**O UR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

THE HAIL MARY

Said three times

HAIL Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE GLORY BE

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Archbishop introduces each of

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

THE FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY

THE RESURRECTION

BUT on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.'

Luke 24:1-5

The prayers of the first Decade are led by Ann-Marie Boumerhe, representing 'City Compass', St Mary's Cathedral Young Professionals and Adults.

THE SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY

THE ASCENSION

SO then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God².

Mark 16:19

The prayers of the second Decade are led by John McCarthy QC, GCPO, KCSG, Chair of the Sydney Archdiocesan Anti-Slavery Taskforce.

THE THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WHEN the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

The prayers of the third Decade are led by Augustino Dut, representing the Sudanese Australian Catholic Community.

THE FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

THE ASSUMPTION

HENCEFORTH all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Luke 1:48-49

The prayers of the fourth Decade are led by Ben Saliba, Seminarian, Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Sydney.

THE FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

THE CORONATION

AND a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Revelation 12:1

The prayers of the fifth Decade are led by Sister Mary Julian Ekman RSM.

THE FATIMA PRAYER

Prayed after each Decade

O MY Jesus,
forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of Hell,
and lead all souls to Heaven,
especially those in most need of thy mercy.

Saint Joseph,

✠ pray for us.



The Ascension window, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

All stand and sing

S Al-ve, Re-gí-na, * **ma-ter mi-se-ri-cór-di-ae** : **Vi-ta, dul-cé-do, et spes**
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and

nostra, sal-ve. Ad te clamámus, éx-su-les, fi-li-i Hevae. Ad te su-spi-rámus,
our hope, hail. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up

ge-méntes et flén-tes in hac la-crimárum val-le. E-ia er-go, Ad-vo-cá-ta
our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious

nos-tra, il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-cór-des ó-cu-los ad nos con-vér-te. Et Ie-sum,
advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; And show

be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu-i, no-bis post hoc ex-sí-li-um os-tén-de.
unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, after this our exile.

O cle-mens : O pi-a : O dul-cis Vir-go Ma-rí-a.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

The Archbishop says

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

All say

O GOD, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

All kneel.

LITANY OF LORETO

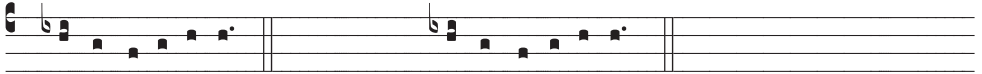
Cantor

All



Ky-ri-e, e- lé- i-son.
Lord, have mercy.

℟ Ky-ri-e, e- lé- i-son.



Christe, e- lé- i-son.
Christ, have mercy.

℟ Christe, e- lé- i-son.



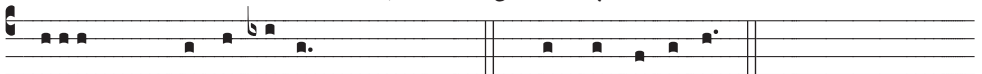
Ky-ri-e, e- lé- i-son.
Lord, have mercy.

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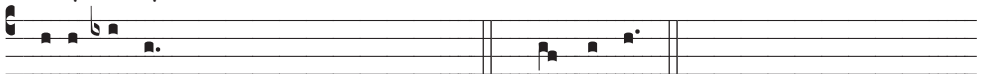
Christ hear us.

℟ Christ graciously hear us.



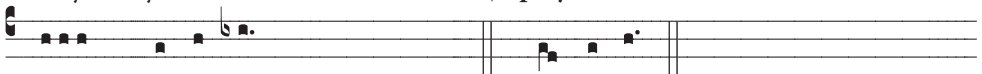
God, the Fa-ther of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

℟ have mer-cy on us.



Holy Ma-ry,

℟ pray for us.



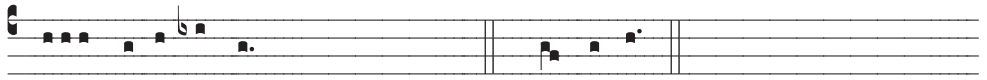
Holy Mo-ther of God,

℟ pray for us.



Holy Vir-gin of vir-gins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of the Church,
Mother of Mercy,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother of Hope,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honour,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,

℟ pray for us.



Health of the sick, ℟: **pray for us.**

Refuge of sinners,

Solace of Migrants,

Comfort of the afflicted,

Help of Christians,

Queen of Angels,

Queen of Patriarchs,

Queen of Prophets,

Queen of Apostles,

Queen of Martyrs,

Queen of Confessors,

Queen of Virgins,

Queen of all Saints,

Queen conceived without original sin,

Queen assumed into heaven,

Queen of the most holy Rosary,

Queen of families,

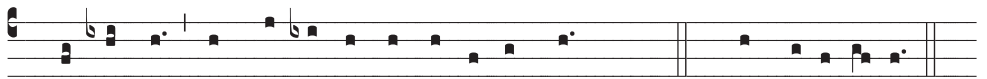
Queen of peace,



Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins of the world, ℟: **spare us, O Lord.**



Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins of the world, ℟: **graciously hear us, O Lord.**



Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins of the world, ℟: **have mercy on us.**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

℟: **For the Lord has indeed risen, alleluia.**

All stand and say

GOD our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All address the following prayer to Our Lady:

WE fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

VIRGIN Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

MOTHER of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

PROTECT those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity, and continued health.

MARY, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

TO you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

All remain standing.

The Archbishop gives

THE FINAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

MAY God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race, be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.

℟: **Amen.**

MAY you know always and everywhere the protection of her, through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life.

℟: **Amen.**

MAY you, who have devoutly gathered on this day, carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards.

℟: **Amen.**

AND may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

℟: **Amen.**

All remain standing as the Archbishop's procession departs.

Organ music after the service:

Fugue on the Magnificat (BWV 733)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)



The Assumption window, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

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