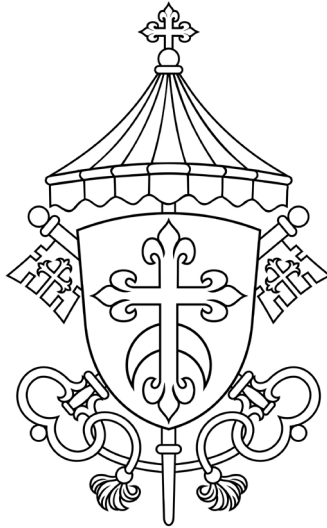


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



March for Life Solemn Mass

Twenty sixth Sunday
of the Year

26 September 2021
10.30am

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.



MARCH FOR LIFE MASS

The March for Life Mass gives public witness to the Catholic Church's belief in the inherent dignity afforded every human being by the Creator from conception to natural death. Every unborn child, every sick and vulnerable person in hospital, and every elderly person who is alone and isolated, is infinitely loved and known by our Heavenly Father. During this March for Life Mass, we pray that as a Church and as a society, we may all work together in the defence of human life and for every single person's right to live and to be loved.

ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

All stand at the sound of the Sacristy bell.

The cantors sing the INTROIT

OMNIA quæ fecisti nobis, Domine, in vero iudicio fecisti, quia peccavimus tibi, et mandatis tuis non obedivimus: sed da gloriam nomini tuo, et fac nobiscum secundum multitudinem misericordiæ tuæ. √. Beati immaculati in via: qui ambulant in lege Domini.

O Lord, you had just cause to judge men as you did: because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will. But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness. √. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Archbishop says

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

℟. **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After a brief silence all say

I CONFESS to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast thrice, saying

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my
brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The Archbishop gives the absolution, saying

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

℟: **Amen.**

The cantors sing the KYRIE and GLORIA

from Messe

Auguste Durand (1830–1909)

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te,
glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Archbishop says the COLLECT

℟: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18:8,10,12-14

℟️ **The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. ℟️

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. ℟️

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. ℟️

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. ℟️

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

The cantors sing the GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

℣️ *cf John 17:17*

Alleluia.

℣️ Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

The Lord be with you.

℟️ **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

℟️ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I BELIEVE in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

All bow during the following line:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The cantors sing the OFFERTORY MOTET

Orlande de Lassus (1532–1594)

Super flumina Babylonis, illic sedimus et flevimus, dum recordaremur tui, Sion.

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, while we thought of you, Sion.

The Archbishop says

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

℟. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Archbishop says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

℟. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. **It is right and just.**

THE PREFACE

The cantors sing the SANCTUS

from Messe

Auguste Durand

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

℣ The mystery of faith.

℟ **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer:

℣ Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

℟ **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

℟: **Our 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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

℟: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

The cantors sing the AGNUS DEI

from Messe

Auguste Durand

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Archbishop shows the host to the congregation, saying

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

℟: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

The cantors sing the COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 118: 49-50

MEMENTO verbi tui servo tuo, Domine in quo mihi spem dedisti: hæc me consolata est in humilitate mea.

Be mindful of your word to your servant, O Lord, in which you caused me to hope; this has been my comfort in my affliction.

The Archbishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

℟: **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

℟: **Now and for ever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

℟: **Who made heaven and earth.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Pièce d'orgue (BWV 572)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

LATER TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL

Solemn Vespers and Benediction *sung by cantors from
the Choir of St Mary's Cathedral*

5.00pm

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