



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

2021

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UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

October – November 2021

 <p>January 1, 2020 to December 8, 2021 commemorates the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being solemnly declared Patron of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX.</p> <p>The Holy See has proclaimed 2021 the Year of St. Joseph</p>			23 Saturday <i>Saturday of week 29 in Ordinary Time, or Saint John of Capistrano, Priest, or Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	24 Sunday 10:30am Solemn Mass with Renewal of Marriage Vows	25 Monday	29 Tuesday
27 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	28 Thursday <i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	29 Friday <i>Bi-centenary of St Mary's Chapel – Australia's First Catholic Church</i>	30 Saturday 10:30am Adult Confirmations	31 Sunday	1 Monday ALL SAINTS	2 Tuesday ALL SOULS
3 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	4 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	5 Friday	6 Saturday	7 Sunday	8 Monday	9 Tuesday
10 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	11 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	12 Friday	13 Saturday	14 Sunday	15 Monday	16 Tuesday

Mass & Confessions Schedule

Mass

Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm, 5.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am, 12noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 12:15pm (Latin Mass), 6:00pm

Reconciliation

Monday to Friday: 12.00noon to 1:00pm, 5.00pm to 5.25pm

Saturday: 11.30am to 11.55am, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Evening Vespers

Monday – Friday: 5.00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5.00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Opening up the cathedral doors again on Monday was very exciting! On behalf of myself, Fr Brendan, Fr Gerard and Fr Lewi, **WELCOME BACK!**

We can't exactly put Covid-19 behind us, since the virus is still around, but thankfully we are able to gather again for the celebration of the Liturgy, and people may spend time here with the Lord.

Masks on, for the time being please, and no congregational singing for now, but it's great to have you with us.

Now that you're back after nearly four months, you may have some spiritual housekeeping to do, so for the next couple of weekends, before and during most Sunday Masses there will also be a priest hearing Confessions in the cathedral. I hope many of you will find that helpful.

While you were away, we naturally continued our daily Masses, livestreaming one Mass as well as Vespers every day. The priests made many pastoral visits, taking Holy Communion to people, anointing the sick, hearing confessions, praying together in person and via Zoom and YouTube.

Our groups like the Legion of Mary, St Vincent de Paul Society, our RCIA group, and others, are now gradually moving back from online meetings to in-person gatherings, and the Bell Ringers are back too!

I am especially glad that - despite everything - we were able to keep the sacred music of the cathedral "alive" with at least a couple of cantors for our Sunday Solemn Masses and for sung Evening Prayer each day. Our Director of Music and his colleagues in the Music Department have continued the musical education of our young choristers via "remote" learning, which is very important, for the music of a great cathedral choir like ours is not a tap you can just turn off, leave for a while and turn on again.

I want to use this first Bulletin after our re-opening to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of all the cathedral staff: those who were working on-site, those working from home, those who were on leave or living in the "forbidden zone" and unable perform their usual duties here. It has been a hard, challenging time, but we've pulled through and things are looking much brighter!

Welcome back to our many volunteer ushers, readers, acolytes... welcome back everyone, it's great to see you all again.


This week – Friday October 29th to be exact – marks the 200th anniversary of the blessing and laying of the foundation stone of "Old St Mary's", the first Catholic Church in Australia, on this site. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how we will celebrate this milestone: instead of a year of celebrations leading up to the Bicentenary, we'll start our celebrations now and conclude them on the 201st Anniversary.

By way of kicking things off, we have commissioned some special commemorative plates, being crafted for us at this very moment, which will soon be available to buy, and my newly-published book on the stained glass windows of St Mary's Cathedral will also be available in the Cathedral Shop very soon. (Just in time for Christmas!)

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

CATHEDRAL NOTICE



**HOW TO SAY NO TO THE
NSW EUTHANASIA BILL!**

A key discussion with Monica Doumit

Thursday 21 October

Livestreamed on Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney/ Life, Marriage and Family Facebook page

7:30pm

The Director of Public Policy and Engagement with the Archdiocese of Sydney, Monica Doumit leads a critical discussion about the death dealing Euthanasia Bill introduced into the NSW Parliament by Independent MP Alex Greenwich.

The conversation will have a particular focus on the impact the Bill will have on our society, our doctors and nurses, and our most vulnerable brothers and sisters who are in line to lose their very lives at the hands of this atrocious Bill.

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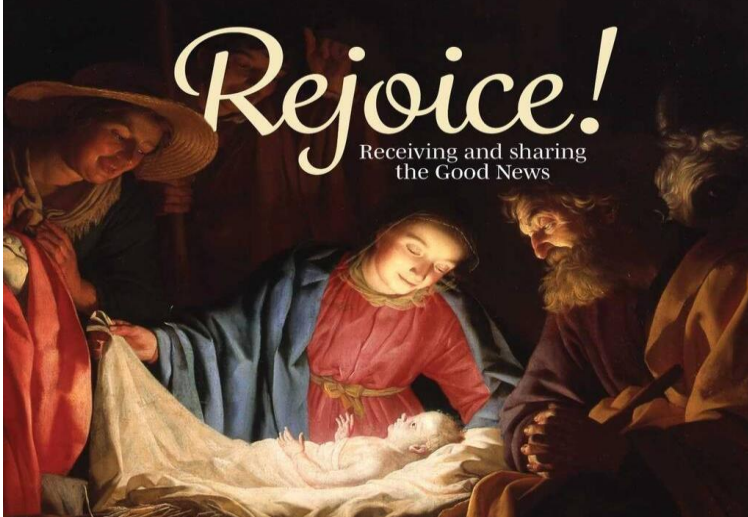
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Face masks are compulsory while inside the Cathedral.

Please respect and be mindful of social distancing requirements and practice good hygiene

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is
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Tuesday - Friday 10am-1pm; 2pm-5pm*
Saturday 10:30am-1:00pm*
Sunday 12noon-4pm*