



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THE THIRTY FIRST
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

2021

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
INCLUDING
ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,
MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

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>			30 <i>Saturday</i>	31 <i>Sunday</i>	1 <i>Monday</i> ALL SAINTS	2 <i>Tuesday</i> ALL SOULS
3 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	4 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Charles Borromeo</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	5 <i>Friday</i>	6 <i>Saturday</i>	7 <i>Sunday</i> 	8 <i>Monday</i>	9 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>
10 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Leo the Great</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	11 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Martin of Tours</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	12 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Josaphat</i>	13 <i>Saturday</i>	14 <i>Sunday</i> 	15 <i>Monday</i>	16 <i>Tuesday</i>
17 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	18 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	19 <i>Friday</i>	20 <i>Saturday</i>	21 <i>Sunday</i> CHRIST THE KING 	22 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Cecilia</i>	23 <i>Tuesday</i>

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,

Welcome to St Mary's Cathedral once again. Please remember to check-in at the doors when you come to Mass, and to wear a face mask while here, in accordance with the current Public Health Orders. Unfortunately, singing by members of the congregation is not permitted at this time.

During most Sunday Masses this weekend, Confessions will be available. Keep an eye out for the light on at the confessionals on the College Street side.

Friday 29th October 2021 was the 200th anniversary of the day that Fr Therry blessed and Governor Macquarie laid the foundation stone of St Mary's Chapel on this site. So the story of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, began. The Covid pandemic has interfered with our planned lead-up to the bicentenary of Old St Mary's, so our commemorations will take place between now and the 201st Anniversary in 2022! A commemorative plate will soon be available – a nice Christmas present perhaps?

Tomorrow (Monday) is All Saints Day, and Tuesday is All Souls Day: November, the month we especially remember the dead, has arrived. There are "November Mass" envelopes available for you near the doors.

It has been lovely seeing people inside the cathedral again for this past couple of weeks!

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

CATHEDRAL NOTICE



Ten things you should know about the NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

1 Mental illness no barrier

The bill (the "Greenwich Bill"), makes it clear that mental illness does not make a person ineligible to access euthanasia or assisted suicide. Treatable mental health conditions such as depression, which are known contributors to the decision to suicide, do not prevent lethal drugs being prescribed or administered.

2 No requirement for psychological or psychiatric referral

There is no requirement for a doctor to refer a patient for psychiatric or psychological assessment or treatment before prescribing them lethal drugs. The last time a bill to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide was debated in NSW was 2017. That bill (the "2017 Bill") required a qualified psychologist or psychiatrist to examine a patient before the patient was able to be given the means to kill themselves. This has been removed in the Greenwich Bill.

3 No obligation to offer palliative care before deadly drugs

The Greenwich Bill does not require that palliative care first be offered and made available to a patient with a terminal illness. That 2017 Bill required doctors to offer a referral for palliative care that they could accept or decline. Alex Greenwich MP has removed this requirement, meaning a patient seeking end-of-life 'choices' is not given the real choice of palliative care.

4 Doctors can suggest patients should take their own lives

Doctors are allowed to suggest euthanasia and assisted suicide to their patients, something that is prohibited under the Victorian law. Doctors have enormous influence over a patient's end-of-life decisions, and allowing them to suggest a patient end their life puts vulnerable patients at risk of undue influence from inexperienced, incompetent, exhausted or even unscrupulous doctors.

5 Doctors do not need to specialise in a patient's illness

The doctors who certify that a patient is suffering from a terminal illness and is likely to die within six months and who are supposed to provide them with details about potential treatments do not need to be a specialist in the patient's condition. This is another one of the key safeguards that was in the 2017 Bill that has now been removed. The doctors do not need to have any experience in treating a particular condition, but still be permitted to prescribe deadly drugs to someone suffering from that disease.

6 Doctors do not need to meet or physically examine the patient
The doctors approving a patient's request for euthanasia or assisted suicide never have to meet the patient or examine them in person. A doctor can use telehealth to sign off on a request for death.

7 Death can be approved in as little as 5 days
The time between a patient's first and final request for death can be as short as 5 days. This condensed timeframe means that there is no time for serious reflection, for family to be notified, or for palliative care or mental health specialists to have time to step in and consult. In some circumstances (where the patient is expected to die or lose mental capacity within 5 days), the time period can be even shorter.

8 Conscience rights of doctors is not protected
The Greenwich Bill removes conscientious objection rights for doctors, requiring all doctors to provide information to a patient about where they can access euthanasia. It also requires doctors to inform the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board every time they conscientiously object to providing euthanasia or assisted suicide. For many doctors who know the scrutiny of health regulators when it comes to those who wish to follow their consciences, this requirement to announce their objection will amount to an implicit threat to their careers.

9 Faith-based institutions must participate
Faith-based aged care facilities cannot opt-out of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Even if staff members do not want to be involved, the facility is required to allow doctors and nurses on to the premises for every stage of the euthanasia process, including allowing them to enter and kill a patient on site. Faith-based hospitals can object to having euthanasia occur on the premises, but must still allow Voluntary Assisted Dying Navigators to consult with patients on site.

10 Offenders protected against prosecution
Under NSW law, crimes like murder or manslaughter can be prosecuted at any time. In the Greenwich Bill, there is a 2-year statute of limitations, which means that once evidence comes to light of foul play, prosecutors only have two years to bring charges. If they don't, then a person can go unpunished for a wrongful euthanasia death.

Please contact your local MP,
and ask them to vote against this Bill

Online Renewal Series 2021-2022

RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION

How Jesus' Great Commission Will Renew Our Parishes



Live online series launch with

Bishop Robert Barron

Saturday 13 November | 11am - 12:30pm



Registration and information
gomakedisciples.org.au

MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS
Please offer Mass for the Family,
Friends, Relatives and Benefactors of:

Name:

Address:

Amount \$

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,
that they may be freed from their sins."*
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November Masses

November Mass Envelopes are available in
the Cathedral and in the Cathedral Office.



Please note:

Face masks are compulsory while
inside the Cathedral.
Please respect and be mindful of social
distancing requirements and practice
good hygiene