
The Cathedral Coronavirus Chronicle



St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney — 1 October 2021 — Twenty-eighth edition

“Fresh beginnings require fresh beginnings!”

Dear Cathedral Parishioners and friends all, I'm glad to say that the cathedral will be open again for public liturgy and for visits when New South Wales reaches the 80% stage of the government's "Roadmap to Recovery", which is estimated to be Monday 25th October. This is the point where we can admit anyone, vaccinated or unvaccinated, to attend Mass, with our capacity according to the 4m2 rule being 600.

So, we are starting our preparations for opening up, and looking forward very much to seeing you again in person, and renewing all the various rosters for volunteers of every kind.

If the estimation of the "80%" date is correct, the first Sunday after reopening

will be 31st October, the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. The last time we had a public Sunday Mass was 20th June, the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time!

We will need the strength and grace that participating in the Mass gives us, because there are many challenges ahead for our society, for Christians generally and for the Church.

But with so many months of reduced availability of the sacraments, if we want the return to Mass and Holy Communion to be most fruitful for individuals, and a source of life, then the Sacrament of Penance will be vital: fresh beginnings require fresh beginnings!

Meanwhile, the life of the People of God goes on, and the coming week brings the opening of the 5th Plenary

Council of the Catholic Church in Australia. Please pray for all the members of the Council - clergy, religious and lay - as they meet to consider important matters of governance and discipline and mission, and especially for the Bishops whose ultimate burden it is to teach, govern and sanctify the Church.

Please join me and the cathedral priests for a livestream of the Rosary, Sunday 3rd October at 3pm on our [YouTube channel](#). We will pray for the Plenary Council and for everyone affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, as well as all of those special intentions you have.

God bless,

Fr Don Richardson, **Dean**

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ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
PRIESTS
INVITE YOU TO

Holy ROSARY

*The Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and
Glorious Mysteries will be prayed for
the Fruitful Success of the 5th Plenary
Council of Australia and for All People
Adversely Affected by the
Covid-19 Pandemic.*

DATE: Sunday 3rd October
TIME: 3:00pm

LIVE STREAM LINK:
https://youtu.be/XW_yN7lyjDM

Evening with Mary

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Join us on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, where we will be reflecting on this feast day and the importance of Mary in our Catholic life.

Date: Thursday, 7 October

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Platform: For Our Lady of the Rosary event- Register [here](#)

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