



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2021

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

November - December 2021

			27 Saturday	28 Sunday  FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12noon Blessing of Nativity Scene (Cathedral Forecourt)	29 Monday	30 Tuesday <i>St Andrew</i>
1 Wednesday 7pm Cathedral Organ Concert 6:30pm RCIA	2 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	3 Friday <i>St Francis Xavier</i> 7pm Priestly Ordination Redemptoris Mater	4 Saturday 10.30am Lourdes Day Mass	5 Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	6 Monday	7 Tuesday <i>St Ambrose</i>
8 Wednesday IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 7pm Episcopal Ordination Bishop-Elect Fr Danny Meagher	9 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	10 Friday	11 Saturday	12 Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	13 Monday <i>St Lucy</i>	14 Tuesday <i>St John of the Cross</i>
15 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	16 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	17 Friday 11am & 7pm St Mary's Cathedral Annual Carols Celebration	18 Saturday	19 Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	20 Monday	21 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)



CHRISTMAS LITURGY 2021 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER:

5.00pm: 1st Vespers of Christmas (Evening Prayer)

6.00pm: Mass, Vigil of Christmas

8.00pm: Mass, Vigil of Christmas

10.00pm: Mass of Christmas Night

11.15pm: Matins of Christmas (The Office of Readings) Followed by midnight Mass of Christmas Night (Archbishop)

SATURDAY 25th DECEMBER:

7.00am: Mass of Christmas Day

9.00am: Mass of Christmas Day

10.30am: Mass of Christmas Day (Archbishop)

6.00pm: Mass of Christmas Day

MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 1200

NO BOOKINGS ALLOWED

MASKS ARE MANDATORY

Please remember to practice social distancing

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As I write this I am visiting my family in country New South Wales. Where I am, it is lush and green, and although there's a lot of rain about, sometimes at night the cloud breaks up and the vast array of stars is visible in the darkened countryside.

It reminds me of the Australian poem "Clancy of the Overflow" by Banjo Patterson, first published in 1889, one stanza running:

And the bush hath friends to meet him, and their kindly voices greet him
In the murmur of the breezes and the river on its bars,
And he sees the vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended,
And at night the wondrous glory of the everlasting stars.

Advent is season for stars and planets. We are moving towards that wondrous night when the star hovered over the mother and baby at Bethlehem. But even before then, the readings of Advent turn our attention to the skies: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and the moon and the stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves...and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.'

The stars, then, despite their glory are not as "everlasting" as we may think...

Patterson's poem contrasts the pleasures of the drover's life with the uglier features of the city-dwellers':

And the hurrying people daunt me, and their pallid faces haunt me
As they shoulder one another in their rush and nervous haste,
With their eager eyes and greedy, and their stunted forms and weedy,
For townsfolk have no time to grow, they have no time to waste.

Perhaps these people are what Our Lord warns of: "Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap."


Our city is coming back to life after a very difficult time. That's exciting for us all, but we don't want to let our hearts be coarsened, or find that we have no time to grow.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

CATHEDRAL NOTICE






CATHEDRAL Christmas CELEBRATION

at St Mary's Cathedral

Friday 17 December 2021
11am / 7pm
The Choir of St Mary's Cathedral
The Sydney Youth Orchestra

Book tickets: www.cathedralchoir.sydney/concerts

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"Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

3rd (Friday) DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY
6:00pm - 8:30pm

4th (Saturday) ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT
10:00am - 2:30pm
DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY,
5:30 pm to 9 pm, for Young Adults ages 18+
For more details pls call Melinda Rego on 0423786768

17th-19th (Fri-Sun) ADVENT RETREAT
"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
Friday 6:00pm - Sunday 4:00pm

26th (Sunday) ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)
9:00am - 1:00pm
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
• Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

31st (New Year's Eve) NEW YEAR'S EVE
9:00pm - 12:00am
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
• Confession • Rosary • Praise and Worship • Thanksgiving Adoration • New Year's Mass

• BOOKING REQUIRED • LIMITED NUMBERS
Pls contact 02 4372 1398, divinerearetreatcenter@gmail.com



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10th - 12th December

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Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022. Find out more about the work catechists do, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL ORGAN CONCERT

by Simon Niemiński
Assistant Director of Music, St Mary's Cathedral



Rachmaninov's 2nd Symphony

arranged for organ by
Simon Niemiński
1st performance

Wednesday 1st December, 7.00 p.m.
Free Admission with retiring collection

Owing to Public Health Orders, due to the nature of the event, all audience members must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19

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By
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