

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2021

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

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

November - December 2021

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



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."

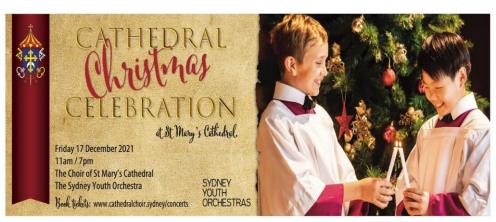
Our city is coming back to life after a very difficult time. That's exciting for us all, but we don't want to let our hearts be coarsened, or find that we have no time to grow.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

CATHEDRAL NOTICE









Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022

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/







