



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2021

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

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

December 2021

			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
22 Wednesday	23 Thursday	24 Friday 	25 Saturday THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 	26 Sunday THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 	27 Monday <i>St John</i>	28 Tuesday THE HOLY INNOCENTS
29 Wednesday	30 Thursday	31 Friday	1 Saturday MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	2 Sunday THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	3 Monday	4 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,

Advent is a liturgical season of preparation for Christmas especially by means of penance. How could it be anything other than penitential, as on the First Sunday of Advent (Year C) we hear the cry of Jesus “Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life”; on the Second Sunday, the cry of John the Baptist proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and today, on the Third Sunday, the Baptist’s warning that Christ will “gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out!”

In the early centuries of the Church in the West, Advent was, like Lent, a longer period of forty days of fasting before the Nativity, with six Sundays in some places, but in Rome by the time of Pope St Gregory the Great it was celebrated with four Sundays, as we still do in our Roman Rite. In imitation of Lent, a mid-point of the penitential season is marked by a more joyful character, with the use of rose-coloured vestments and a bit more splendor in the liturgy.

It is a particular annual challenge, Advent, because the last few weeks of the year do indeed tend to be marked a bit by “debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life.” Those are obviously not the ways to prepare for the coming of the Lord and the joys of heaven.

However, Christian penance should not make us gloomy, nor should it prevent us making joyful preparations for the great feast of Christmas. As St Paul wrote in the Second Reading today, “I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord” – that happiness is based on us receiving the Gospel and trying to put it into practice. Like the people in today’s Gospel reading who ask John “Master, what must we do?” we need to not only listen to the answer, but try to act on it. And we rejoice as we do so, because Christ is with us!

Have a great week, penitential and joyful!

Fr Don Richardson,

Dean

CATHEDRAL NOTICE



EMbrace 2021

Will pray
the Holy Rosary



12th December @7pm

(after the Sunday's 6pm Mass)

St Mary's Cathedral Office

For enquiries:

embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au

02 9220 0400

Say tune for SYMBLON 2022 Session 4: The story of Salvation, Session 5: Who is Jesus?, Session 6: The Paschal Mystery, Session 7: The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace, Session 8: Why do I need the Church?, Session 9: Mary and the Saints, Session 10: The Last Things

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Christmas

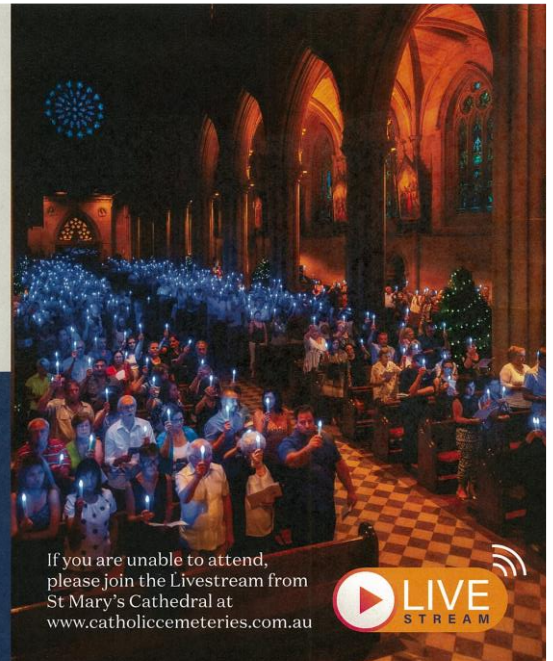
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

to remember those we have lost
during 2021 and past years.

Sunday 12th December, 2021
7.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral

Presided by Bishop Terence Brady,
with live music performances.
After the service, please join us to view
the Lights of Christmas.

All visitors to the Cathedral must check
in with a QR code and wear a mask.
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CATHEDRAL Christmas CELEBRATION

at St Mary's Cathedral

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

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St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society is currently having its Christmas Appeal. If you would like to support the Societies charitable works in the local area you can give cash to the poor boxes within St Mary's Cathedral, or donate via the fundraiser web page, which also contains information about how your donations are used to provide financial and practical support within Woolloomooloo and Darlinghurst area, <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/st-mary-s-cathedral-conference> or scan the QR code



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