



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN








FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2021

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UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

December 2021 – January 2022

<p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> 			<p>18 <i>Saturday</i></p>	<p>19 <i>Sunday</i> FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p>20 <i>Monday</i></p>	<p>21 <i>Tuesday</i></p>
<p>22 <i>Wednesday</i></p>	<p>23 <i>Thursday</i> Cathedral Office will be Closed from Thursday, 23 December 2021 to Tuesday, 4 January 2022</p>	<p>24 <i>Friday</i></p> 	<p>25 <i>Saturday</i> THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</p> 	<p>26 <i>Sunday</i> THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH</p> 	<p>27 <i>Monday</i> <i>St John</i></p>	<p>28 <i>Tuesday</i> THE HOLY INNOCENTS</p>
<p>29 <i>Wednesday</i></p>	<p>30 <i>Thursday</i></p>	<p>31 <i>Friday</i></p>	<p>1 <i>Saturday</i> MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</p>	<p>2 <i>Sunday</i> THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</p>	<p>3 <i>Monday</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Tuesday</i></p>
<p>5 <i>Wednesday</i></p>	<p>6 <i>Thursday</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Friday</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Saturday</i></p>	<p>9 <i>Sunday</i> THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</p>	<p>10 <i>Monday</i></p>	<p>11 <i>Tuesday</i></p>

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,

When Mary visited her relative Elizabeth, there was much joy, as we read in today's Gospel passage for the fourth Sunday of Advent. The two women had so much to talk about, because God was doing such extraordinary things in their lives. Both women were pregnant in amazing circumstances, and there were more signs and wonders going to happen when the time came for Elizabeth's son, John, was born and then when Mary's Son, Jesus, was born six months later.

Fortunately, when Mary travelled to the hill country of Judah to visit Elizabeth, and when she went back home three months later there were no Covid-19 related border passes required. So many Australians are looking forward to being able to visit their family again this Christmas-time, after a long period of enforced separation. We need to be able to share things in person, and to be with those we love, even if only for a time.

There is a certain amount of nervousness: will our Christmas plans be interrupted yet again by Covid restrictions? But as human beings we cannot flourish without each other and as Christ's people we cannot live without the Eucharist. Of course, caution and care are required as we move around, travel, and gather together. In life, and for life, some risks are worth taking, need to be taken, though not recklessly or without care for others.

The "Gloria!" of the angels will call us to the Crib. With the shepherds and the angels themselves, we will watch in reverence as the Virgin Mary nurses her baby. We will ask ourselves "What can this mean? Can God really love the world so much that He has been born into it? How can I ever give enough thanks to Him?"

So, let's cherish the opportunity to come to Mass and to visit and celebrate this Christmas-time. With our hearts and minds refreshed and our hope restored, we will be better able to journey towards whatever the new year may hold.

The cathedral clergy are looking forward to seeing you at Christmas... but not all at once! To help spread out the numbers and reduce crowding, once again this year there is an additional, 10pm, Mass on the night of Christmas Eve. That's four Masses that night, and another four on Christmas Day (five when you add the 6am Dawn Mass for the folk who are attached to the Traditional Latin Mass). During this last week of Advent let's pray, and act, for a safe Christmas!

Fr Don Richardson,

Dean

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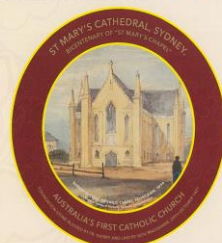
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