



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**CHRISTMAS 2021**

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH  
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# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## December 2021 – January 2022

			<b>25</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> 	<b>26</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b> 	<b>27</b> <b>Monday</b> <i>St John</i> <b>Mass at 9am</b> <i>(Holiday Schedule)</i>	<b>28</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b> <b>Mass at 9am</b> <i>(Holiday Schedule)</i>
<b>29</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>Mass at 9am</b> <i>(Holiday Schedule)</i>	<b>30</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>Mass at 9am</b> <i>(Holiday Schedule)</i>	<b>31</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>Mass at 9am</b> <i>(Holiday Schedule)</i>	<b>1</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b> <i>Resume normal Sunday Liturgy Schedule</i>	<b>2</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>  <i>Resume normal Sunday Liturgy Schedule</i>	<b>3</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>Public Holiday</b> <b>Mass 9am</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Resume normal Liturgy Schedule</i>
<b>5</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Tuesday</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Monday</b> <i>St Anthony</i>	<b>18</b> <b>Tuesday</b>

### 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 HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Please remember to practice social distancing

\*mass will be live-streamed

## WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

So, we now have a greater appreciation of just what a blessing it would be to have peace, goodwill, harmony and health, at Christmas time and in the new year ahead!

It is apparent we have some difficult days ahead before this pandemic is over and there are some big things happening in our society and globally, but the uncertainties of the world just highlight the need to anchor our lives on Jesus Christ our Lord.

Again and again, Christmas after Christmas, we have heard these words in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: ***For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*** (Isaiah 9.6)

At Christmas 2021, keep in mind that this prophecy has been fulfilled, and that Christ's reign has begun, drawing us towards our true home with the Father.

On behalf of Fr Brendan Purcell, Fr Gerard Woo Ling, Fr Lewi Barakat and myself: thank you for joining us at St Mary's Cathedral during this special and unique time, and we pray you will have a happy Christmas and keep your inner calm and trust no matter what happens!

Remember what St Paul wrote to the Romans: ***I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>1</sup> neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*** (Romans 8.38-39)

Fr Don Richardson,

Dean

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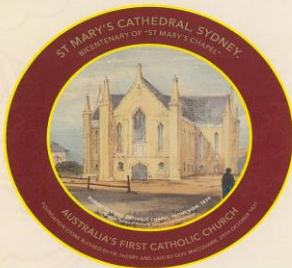
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<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/st-mary-s-cathedral-conference> or scan the QR code



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**Please Note - The Cathedral Office is closed from Thursday, 23 December 2021 to Monday, 3 January 2022.**



**On behalf of the Cathedral Clergy and Staff,  
we wish you a happy and blessed Christmas.**