



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF LENT

2022

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



## FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:16-21 (Year C)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 125 (Year C)*

**R.** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

## **SECOND READING** *Philippians 3:8-14 (Year C)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Joel 2:12-13 (Year C)*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## **GOSPEL** *John 8:1-11 (Year C)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Round about now, many Catholics are thinking, with regret, “I haven’t quite kept as good a Lent as I should have.” Well, there’s still time to keep the last weeks of Lent better, with some prayer and penance. Don’t give up!

From today, the Fifth Sunday, we enter the section of Lent known as “Passiontide.” During this time, the liturgy draws into a more intense preparation to commemorate the Lord’s passion. The Gospel readings at Mass during this week are from Chapters 8, 10 and 11 of St John, and the Old Testament readings include such evocative stories as Susannah and the elders in the Book of Daniel, the bronze serpent in the Book of Numbers, and the three young men thrown into the burning fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar in the Book of Daniel.

So next Sunday is “Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.”

The Blessing of Palms and Procession will begin at 10.30 next Sunday, in the cathedral grounds. The Solemn Mass will follow the Procession.

As many people as possible ought to join in the Procession, and only the infirm should wait inside the cathedral for the Procession to arrive.

In the (unlikely?) event of wet weather, we will gather in the Crypt and process from there into the cathedral.













Small palm leaves will be available, but I would encourage you to bring your own branches of palm or olive to be blessed, carry in procession, and take home.

Meanwhile, let’s continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and in the whole world. It was really great to have so very many people in the cathedral at three o’clock in the morning last Saturday for the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Over 1,000 were present!

*Fr Don Richardson,*  
Dean

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## April 2022

			2 <i>Saturday</i>	3 <i>Sunday</i> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 2.30pm Annual Catechist Mass 	4 <i>Monday</i>	5 <i>Tuesday</i>
			6 <i>Wednesday</i>  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	7 <i>Thursday</i>  6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	8 <i>Friday</i> 12.15pm Stations of the Cross [Livestream] 	9 <i>Saturday</i>
13 <i>Wednesday</i>  <b>HOLY WEEK</b>  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	14 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Mass Times 10.30am Chrism Mass 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 9.00pm Compline 	15 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Mass Times 10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Passion of the Lord 	16 <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Mass Times 10.00am Tenebrae 6.30pm Easter Vigil 	17 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Mass Times 7.00am 9.00am 10.30am 5pm Vespers & Benediction 6pm 	18 <b>Easter Monday</b> Public Holiday Mass 9am	19 <i>Tuesday</i>
20 <i>Wednesday</i>  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	21 <i>Thursday</i>  6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	22 <i>Friday</i>	23 <i>Saturday</i>	24 <i>Sunday</i> 6pm Anzac Eve Vigil Mass 	25 <i>Monday</i>  <b>ANZAC DAY</b> Public Holiday Mass 9am	26 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Mark</i>

## Weekly Mass Schedule

### MASS

Monday to Friday: 6:45am, 1:10pm, 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 6:00pm

### RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 12:00 noon to 1:00pm, 5:00pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11:30am, to 11:55am, 4:30pm to 5:30pm

### EVENING VESPERS

Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

## CATHEDRAL NOTICES



### Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives.

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

**Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.**

Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

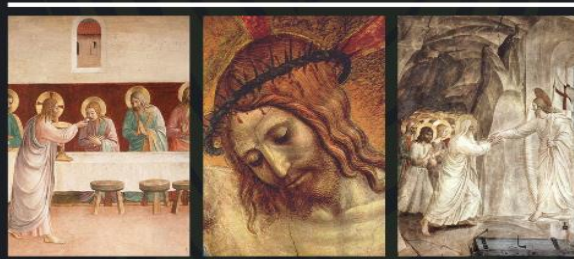


**STAND AGAINST EUTHANASIA**  
Sign the e-petition to NSW Upper House MPs

**The Debate on euthanasia and assisted suicide has resumed in NSW Parliament. A petition against this Bill can be signed by using the QR codes on the flyers in the church. Please pray that this Bill will not be passed, and that the dignity of every individual will be upheld.**

**ENTERING INTO HOLY WEEK**

A WOMENS RETREAT DAY WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA



**9TH APRIL 2022 | 10AM - 4PM**  
ST. PETER CHANEL, BERALA

REGISTRATION: [TRYBOOKING.COM/BXLBZ](http://TRYBOOKING.COM/BXLBZ)  
QUESTIONS: [SYDNEY@OP-TN.ORG](mailto:SYDNEY@OP-TN.ORG)

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## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY

### Marcel Dupré's *Le Chemin de la Croix* (The Stations of the Cross)

a Holy Week concert for organ  
played by THOMAS WILSON  
(Director of Music, St Mary's Cathedral)

**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
**7.00 p.m.**

Dupré's most profound work,  
tracing the story of the Passion in  
a procession of fourteen dramatic  
musical illustrations.

Free admission (retiring collection)

### Prayer for Unity and Peace with the songs of Taizé

We invite you to join us for some time to reflect in our candlelit church and pray for unity and peace amongst war-torn countries, using the meditative songs of the monastic community in Taizé, France.

**WHERE:** St Canice Catholic Church, 28 Roslyn St, Rushcutters Bay, NSW, 2011

**DATE/TIME:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April @ 6.30PM - optional song practice @ 6.10pm

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Email [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au)

Men striving for greatness

## CAMINO of ST JOSEPH

An overnight pilgrimage for men  
FRIDAY 29 APRIL - SATURDAY 30 APRIL

Contact Ivica Kovac on 0403 201 444 or [ivica.kovac@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:ivica.kovac@sydneycatholic.org)

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28

**APRIL 2022**

- 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday)** DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY 6:00pm - 8:30pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday)** 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE, CHATSWOOD  
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067, Tel 02 9410 9000  
6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)** ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT 10:00am - 2:30pm  
DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY, 5:00pm to 7:30pm, for Young Adults ages 18+  
For more details pls call Melinda Rego on 0423786768
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> (Fri-Sun)** DIVINE MERCY GROWTH RETREAT with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George  
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." Mathew 5:7  
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm **BOOKING: 04 6848 6782**
- 18<sup>th</sup> (Monday)** SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. PATRICK WALLSEND  
11 Macquarie St, Wallsend 2287  
7:00pm - 9:00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)** DIVINE MERCY FEAST (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)  
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George, 9:00am - 4:00pm,  
• Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

<b>KID'S MINISTRY</b> FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 - 8 YEARS	<b>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</b> FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 9 - 12 YEARS	<b>TEENAGER'S MINISTRY</b> FOR TEENAGERS AGED BETWEEN 13 - 17 YEARS
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**DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE**  
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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.



Aid to the  
Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA

### Offer a Mass for your loved one this Easter

As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones. These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card.

Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/masses](http://www.aidtochurch.org/masses)



## Catholic Engaged Encounter

### Marriage Preparation Course: Engaged Encounter



How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life.

We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site:  
[www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au)

Choose any of the coming Weekends:

**Apr 30 - May 01, Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13**

If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.



# EASTER

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## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

*"I invite you to join us as we  
commemorate the saving  
Passion, Death and Resurrection  
of Jesus Christ, celebrated in the  
sacred Liturgies of Holy Week".*

Fr Don Richardson,  
DEAN OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

### PALM SUNDAY / 10 APRIL, 2022

7.00am: Mass  
9.00am: Mass  
10.30am: Procession & Solemn Mass  
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers &  
Benediction  
6.00pm: Mass

### MAUNDY THURSDAY / 14 APRIL, 2022

10.30am: *Chism Mass*  
6.30pm: *Mass of the Lord's Supper*  
9.00pm: *Compline The Office of Night Prayer*

### GOOD FRIDAY / 15 APRIL, 2022

10.00am: *Stations of the Cross*  
3.00pm: *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*

### HOLY SATURDAY / 16 APRIL, 2022

10.00am: *Tenebrae The Office of Readings*  
6.30pm: *Easter Vigil*

### EASTER SUNDAY / 17 APRIL, 2022

7.00am: Mass  
9.00am: Mass  
10.30am: Solemn Mass  
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers &  
Benediction  
6.00pm: Mass