



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH  
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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING *Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14*

**R.** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

**SECOND READING** *1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 4:12-17*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness

has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death

a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The Gospel reading of today's Mass refers to the town of Capernaum. Jesus chose to settle there after he left Nazareth. He preached in the synagogue there, he called several of the disciples who would become apostles there, and it was in Capernaum that he worked a number of miracles recorded in the Gospels.

One of the great blessings in my life was a visit to Capernaum a few years ago. I hope that many of you may have that opportunity also, for it brings a whole new perspective to prayerful reading of the scriptures, and it challenges one to a deeper faith in Jesus, our Master. In Our Lord's time Capernaum was a thriving lakeside town on the trade route between Damascus and Egypt. Capernaum was the place where Son of God's voice was heard in the streets and the synagogue, where divine power healed the sick and cast out devils and Our Lord even terrified his disciples by walking on the lake, and whose citizens had more opportunity than almost anyone else to hear and believe in Christ – and because of that, the harsher would be the judgement they would receive for their unbelief. Jesus said: "And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day." (Matthew 11.23)

The message Jesus preached to them at Capernaum began with "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand" and his miracles should also have spurred them to a strong new fidelity to God. Alas, it seems that on the whole, they lacked faith.

What are the divine words and signs that you and I witness in our life that we should give more heed to? How is it that we sometimes wander in the darkness, even though a great light has shone?

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean.*

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## January - February 2023

		<b>21</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>St Agnes</i>	<b>22</b> <b>Sunday</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	<b>23</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	
<b>25</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i> 6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>26</b> <b>Thursday</b> AUSTRALIA DAY Public Holiday Mass 9am	<b>27</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>Sts Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	<b>28</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	<b>29</b> <b>Sunday</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	<b>30</b> <b>Monday</b> 9am St Thomas More Society Red Mass	<b>31</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>St John Bosco</i>
<b>1</b> <b>Wednesday</b> Today's 1.10pm Mass will be a Mass for the Dead 5.30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil 8pm A Mass for the Dead	<b>2</b> <i>The Presentation of</i> <b>Thursday</b> <i>the Lord</i> 11am Solemn Pontifical Funeral Mass 1.10pm Mass has been cancelled 5pm Vespers & 5.30pm Mass as per normal schedule World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life	<b>3</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Sunday</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour Word of God Sunday Embrace Resumes for 2023 at 7pm 	<b>6</b> <b>Monday</b> <i>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i>	<b>7</b> <b>Tuesday</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>St Josephine Bakhita</i> 6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>9</b> <b>Thursday</b> 6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	<b>10</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>St Scholastica</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> World Day of Prayer for the Sick	<b>12</b> <b>Sunday</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm <b>Embrace</b>  Young Adults	<b>13</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Sts Cyril &amp; Methodius</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: 12noon to 1:00pm and 4:30pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11.00am to 12noon and 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



## Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late George Cardinal Pell AC 2 February

The Funeral Mass for our late Archbishop will be held on Thursday 2 February at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral. Members of the public are invited to attend.

If you're unable to attend the Funeral Mass, there will also be other opportunities to pay our respects to our late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral:

### Wednesday 1 February

9:30am Reception of the Body and Commencement of Lying in State

1:10pm A Mass for the Dead

5:30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil

8:00pm A Mass for the Dead

### Thursday 2 February

11:00am Pontifical Requiem Mass (Cathedral Doors open from 9:00am)

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our late Archbishop.



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**EVERY SUNDAY  
at 2pm**

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Learn about the history and architecture of this magnificent Cathedral and Crypt

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Participants receive 10% discount in the Cathedral Shop

**Meeting point: Cathedral Shop internal entrance**

Wheel chair access is available to Main Cathedral

To book a spot please email:

**info@stmaryscathedral.org.au**

Walk-ins still accepted

## Synod of Bishops Continental Stage

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: [www.catholic.org.au/synodalc-hurch](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalc-hurch)

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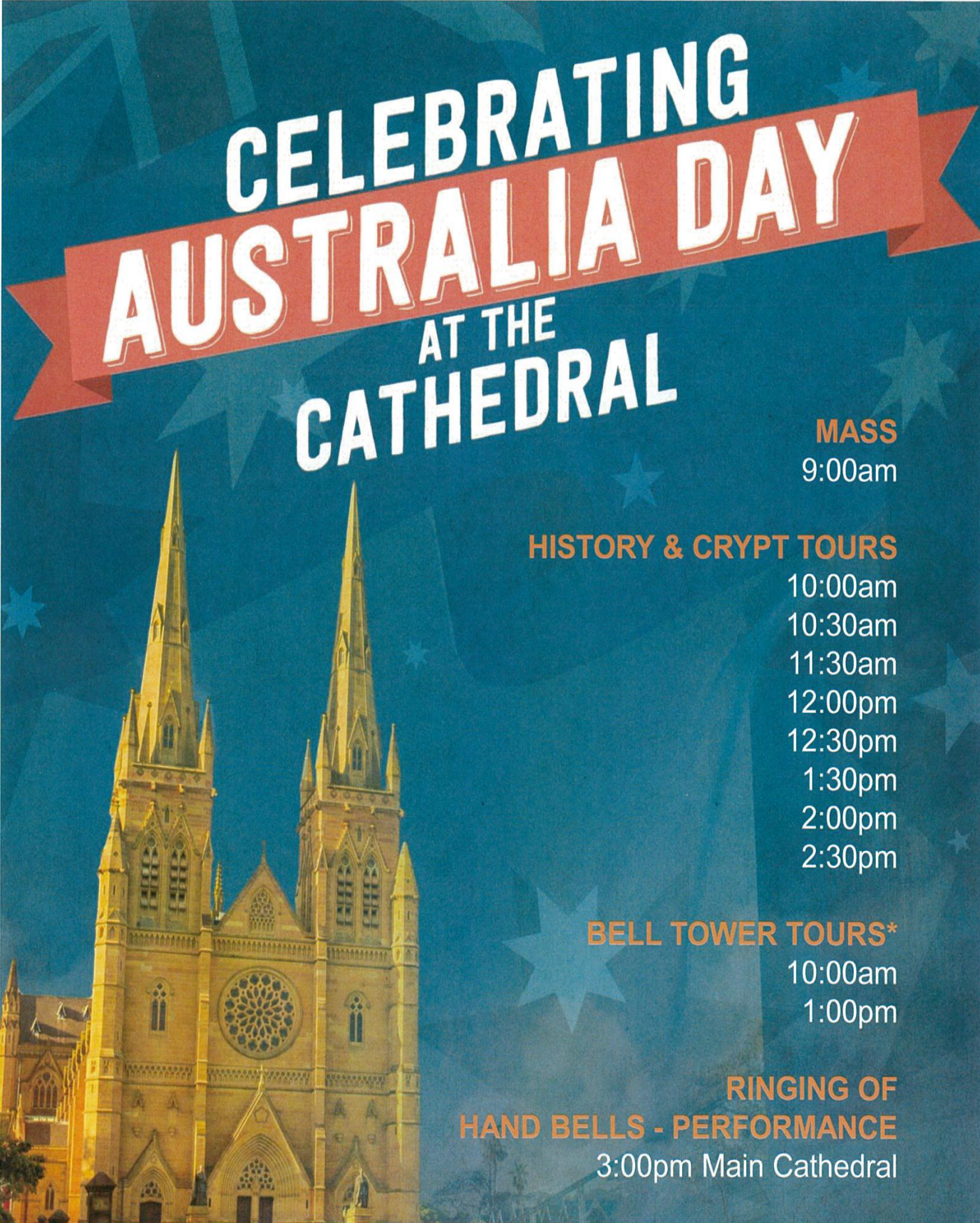


### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



# CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

## MASS

9:00am

## HISTORY & CRYPT TOURS

10:00am

10:30am

11:30am

12:00pm

12:30pm

1:30pm

2:00pm

2:30pm

## BELL TOWER TOURS\*

10:00am

1:00pm

## RINGING OF HAND BELLS - PERFORMANCE

3:00pm Main Cathedral

**26 January 2023**  
**OPEN HOURS 8:00am to 6:30pm**

\*Bell Tower Tour participants must be in good health and sign a standard waiver form.