



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord

all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity,
seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 145:7-10*

R. Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

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

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 5:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

A warm welcome to you all, as for many the holiday season now ends and work and school begin again. I had been hoping for a nice quiet January myself, but it didn't turn out that way...

I know many of you will want to pray for and pay your respects to the late Cardinal Pell in the time leading up to his funeral and burial, as well as being present for the funeral Mass. The Cardinal's body will be received into the cathedral on Wednesday 1st at 9.30am, and will lie in state for visitation and prayers all that day, with Mass at 1.10pm Evening Prayer at 5.30pm and another Mass at 8.00pm, after which the cathedral will close. For the funeral Mass itself on Thursday 2nd, we are making special arrangements to allow as many people as possible to be present for this historic moment, and there will be video screens and sound in the cathedral square for those unable to get a seat inside.

I also want to mention the funeral of the late Fr John de Luca, which takes place this Tuesday afternoon in St Mary's Parish Church at Maroubra Bay. Fr de Luca served here at St Mary's Cathedral in the 1970's and, as an accomplished musician himself, contributed to preserving and promoting sacred music here and elsewhere. In retirement he maintained a strong interest in the cathedral's musical life. May he rest in peace.

May Christ, who said "blessed are those who mourn," bless all of you and your families in the week ahead.

Fr Don Richardson,

Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

January - February 2023

 <p>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Matthew 5:9</p>		<p>28 <i>Saturday</i> St Thomas Aquinas</p>	<p>29 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour</p>	<p>30 <i>Monday</i> 9am St Thomas More Society Red Mass</p>	<p>31 <i>Tuesday</i> St John Bosco</p>	
<p>1 <i>Wednesday</i> Today's 1.10pm Mass will be a Mass for the Dead 5.30pm (No Mass) Evening Prayer and Vigil 8pm A Mass for the Dead</p>	<p>2 <i>The Presentation of Thursday 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</p>	<p>3 <i>Friday</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Saturday</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour Word of God Sunday Embrace Resumes for 2023 at 7pm </p>	<p>6 <i>Monday</i> St Paul Miki & Companions</p>	<p>7 <i>Tuesday</i></p>
<p>8 <i>Wednesday</i> St Josephine Bakhita 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</p>	<p>9 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm  CITY COMPASS</p>	<p>10 <i>Friday</i> St Scholastica</p>	<p>11 <i>Saturday</i> Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the Sick</p>	<p>12 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm  Embrace Young Adults</p>	<p>13 <i>Monday</i></p>	<p>14 <i>Tuesday</i> Sts Cyril & Methodius</p>
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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



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Masses and Prayer Vigils at
St Mary's Cathedral

Wednesday 1 February

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

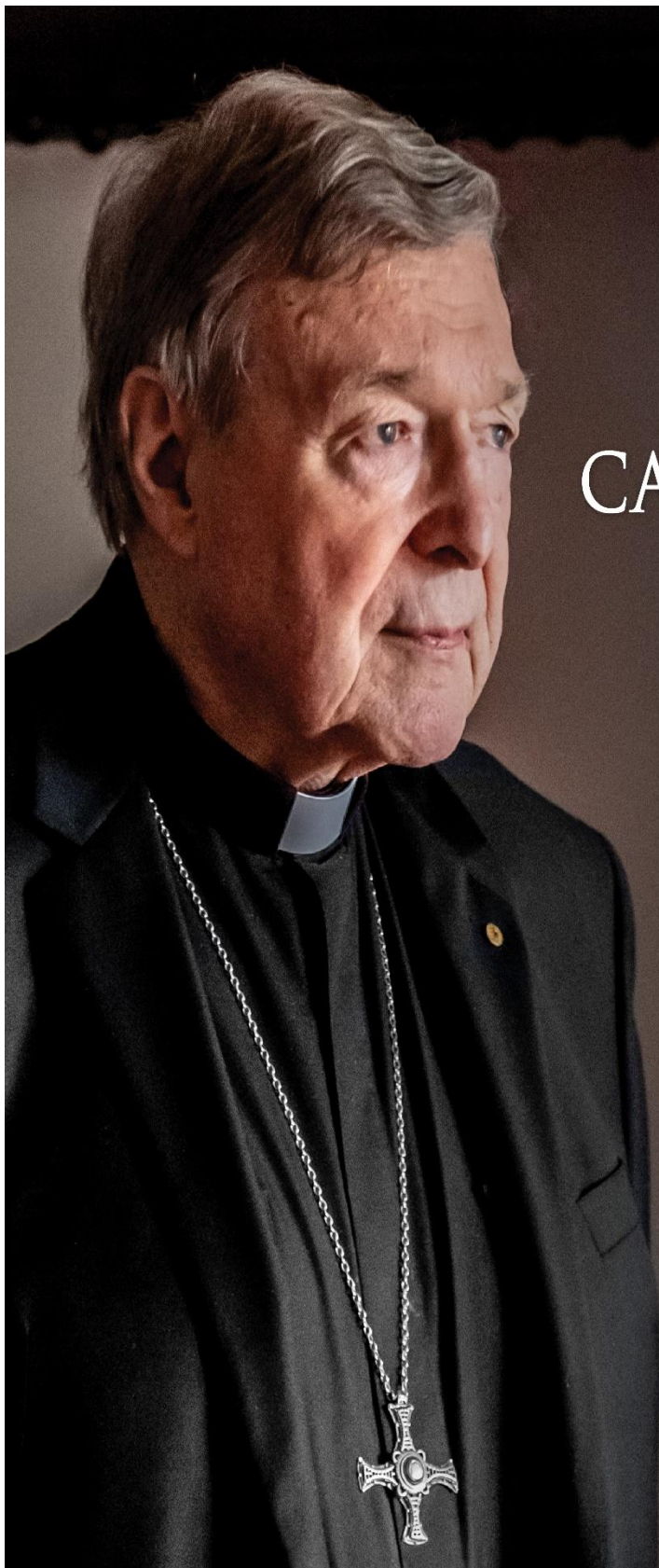
1:10pm A Mass for the Dead

5:30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil

8:00pm A Mass for the Dead

Thursday 2 February

11:00am Pontifical Funeral Mass
(Cathedral Doors open from 9:30am)



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of sponsorship
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Sunday 5 February 2023
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ccd.sydneycatholic.org/jycp



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/synodalchurch

Purchase your copy now!



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AND
LIGHT
with FAITH**
By
Fr Donald Richardson
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Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation
dedicated to supporting the suffering
and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society. Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY FREE GUIDED TOURS

**EVERY SUNDAY
at 2pm**

Please join us for a **FREE** guided tour
of St Mary's Cathedral

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

Please note:

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



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.

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.