



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13*

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *1 John 2:5*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:38-48*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today is the last Sunday before Lent, so penance should be on our mind. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, if you are over 14 years of age you are bound by the precepts of the Church to not eat meat.

The Australian bishops suppose that you have the maturity to take seriously your obligations, and so have left room for your own choice in what penitential practices you will embrace on the other Fridays of Lent. So, in the dioceses of this country, you can eat meat on the Fridays of Lent, provided you undertake some other penance in the form of prayer and/or self denial and/or, or helping others.

Frankly, I'm not sure the bishops are right on this: I think there is a lot to be said for a simple, distinct and common penance like no meat on Fridays, as we did for centuries - but perhaps I'm wrong. Anyway, as an additional or alternative penance you might try attending the Stations of the Cross devotion in the cathedral each Friday in Lent beginning at 12.15pm, or making the Stations individually at any convenient time...

And there are many "unseen" penances you might do as well, such as making an extra effort to spend time with family or neighbours.









Every blessing for the week ahead – especially Ash Wednesday!

Fr Don Richardson,

Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

February - March 2023

			18 <i>Saturday</i>	19 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	20 <i>Monday</i>	21 <i>Tuesday</i>
22 ASH WEDNESDAY Mass Times 6.45am Mass 12.00pm Mass 1.10pm Mas 5.30pm Mass <i>(Ashes will be distributed at all Masses)</i>	23 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	24 <i>Friday</i> 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	25 <i>Saturday</i>	26 <i>Sunday</i> First Sunday of Lent 2pm Rite of Election 2023 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	27 <i>Monday</i>	28 <i>Tuesday</i>
1 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	2 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	3 <i>Friday</i> Autumn Ember Day <i>(Special Day of Prayer and Penance)</i> 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	4 <i>Saturday</i>	5 <i>Sunday</i> Second Sunday of Lent 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	6 <i>Monday</i>	7 <i>Tuesday</i>
8 <i>Wednesday</i> Today's 5.30pm Mass Concelebration for Sydney Catholic Schools 6:30pm RCIA	9 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	10 <i>Friday</i> 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	11 <i>Saturday</i>	12 <i>Sunday</i> Third Sunday of Lent 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	13 <i>Monday</i>	14 <i>Tuesday</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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS at ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

*"You are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross,
a special devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's suffering and
death for our sake".*

Fr Don Richardson

DATE: FRIDAYS
24 FEBRUARY, 3 MARCH, 10 MARCH, 17 MARCH, 24 MARCH
& 31 MARCH
TIME: 12.15PM

SEMINARY OPEN DAY

Thinking about Priesthood? Want to know more about Seminary Life and Formation?

Sunday 19 February

Seminary of the Good Shepherd
52-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush

The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided. For more information, please visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email vocations@sydneycatholic.org

Online Registration Form for Catering

Purposes: <https://forms.gle/rhYT6ZupMj47RL7G7>

Please RSVP by Wednesday 15 February 2023. Every enquirer's details are kept confidential.

SPIRIT AND TRUTH:

The Power of Christ Revealed - Lenten Companion 2023

The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion. **SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed.** This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Sister Joanna Marie Collins OP, Daniel Ang, Fr Lewi Barakat, Mat De Sousa, Anna Harrison, Elizabeth Flynn MCR and Bishop Richard Umbers. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource will be available in parishes and online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au





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We haven't seen an earthquake of this magnitude for a long time...

We must do all that we can to support.”

Sally Thomas,
Caritas Australia's
Humanitarian Emergencies
Lead for the Middle East.

www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey

Catalyst for Renewal

“The Call to Be” Group is pleased to announce its next lecture series:

DEVELOPING YOUR OWN SPIRITUALITY

UNIT II: Crises & dimensions, thinking and willing

Presenters: Fr Michael Whelan and Sr Marie Biddle

Four week course Thursdays March 2, 9, 16, and 23rd from 10am 12noon. Total cost \$100. To be held in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church, 20 Grosvenor St, The Rocks. Please register and pay at <https://www.trybooking.com/CFUSF>

For more information see <https://catalystforrenewal.org.au> or email thecalltobe@gmail.com



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.



**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