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SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## FIRST READING *Isaiah 58:7-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'  
If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 111:4-9*

**R.** A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

## SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

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

***I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.***

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 8:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 5:13-16*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE DEAN

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Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today, the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church in Australia holds “Word of God Sunday”. (The rest of the world keeps it on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, when Aussies are still on holidays at the beach.)

It’s a good opportunity early in the year to think about your relationship to the Holy Scriptures, and to the living Word himself. From the sacred page as we read, in the prayers and chants of the liturgy as we participate, in the Sacraments as we receive them, the Word of God is written within us. Word of God Sunday prompts us to pick up and “read” that Word. It is a “page-turner.”

The past few days have been truly historic here at St Mary’s, as we prayed together for Cardinal Pell and buried him in the crypt of the Mother Church of Australia. I want to place on record my profound gratitude to the cathedral staff who worked tirelessly and skilfully to make the Cardinal’s funeral and associated arrangements so efficient, safe and beautiful. Likewise I thank those who volunteered their time and talent.

“Burying the dead”, is one of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy, and by it we show our respect for God’s gift of our creation and life, and we give consolation to those who mourn. It is a way in which we put into practice that love for our neighbour that the Lord expects of us – perhaps an example of how we can “read” the Word of God.

*Fr Don Richardson,*

Dean.

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## February 2023

			<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 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>9</b> <b>Thursday</b> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	<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 Embrace Young Adults 	<b>13</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Sts Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>
<b>15</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>16</b> <b>Thursday</b> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	<b>17</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Sunday</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	<b>20</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Tuesday</b>
<b>22</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>23</b> <b>Thursday</b> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	<b>24</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> 2pm Rite of Election 2023 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	<b>27</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Tuesday</b>

## 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



## SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

### UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCIES:

Key centres of the New Evangelisation

6:00PM | 7 FEB 2023

REGISTER ONLINE:  
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OF SYDNEY

### 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](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)



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>



2023

## SEASONS OF RENEWAL

How to evangelise throughout the year.

### Lent and Easter

Join us online as we explore practical ideas that parishes can implement during these sacred seasons, so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that only Jesus can give. All welcome!

### FEBRUARY & MARCH

Choose from various  
1-hour online  
sessions.



SYDNEY DIOCESE  
EVANGELISATION

Scan to register  
[gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)



## **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](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation will be providing training for those interested in leading a group – see [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/) for dates and registration. No experience required – all welcome!

## **GALA FOR LIFE Sydney**

Saturday, 18th February  
6pm - 11pm  
"The Space" at Cabra-Vale Diggers  
1 Bartley Street, Canley Vale

A fun and glamorous evening to support  
Pregnancy Help Australia  
including a three-course dinner and a jazz band!

### **OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**



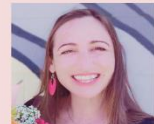
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BOOKINGS CLOSE 12TH OF FEB 2023

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## **ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY FREE GUIDED TOURS**

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

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

### **FEBRUARY 2023 PROGRAMS**

**3rd (Friday)** 1st FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE, CHATSWOOD  
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067, Tel 02 9410 9000  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

**4th (Saturday)** **ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT**  
10:00am - 2:30pm

**17th-19th (Fri-Sun)** **LENTEN GROWTH RETREAT (LIVE-IN)**  
"Renew your heart and not your garments." Joel 2:13  
with Fr. Rami George VC and Fr. Joby Varghese VC  
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm BOOKING: [drccsyd@gmail.com](mailto:drccsyd@gmail.com)

**20th (Monday)** **SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. PATRICK WALLSEND**  
7:00pm - 9:00pm, 11 Macquarie St, Walsend 2287

**21st (Tuesday)** **SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. LUKE'S REVESBY**  
7:00pm - 9:00pm, 1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby, NSW 2212

**26th (Sunday)** **ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)**  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
with Fr. Rami George VC and Fr. Joby Varghese VC  
• Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

**KID'S MINISTRY** FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 - 8 YEARS  
**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 9 - 12 YEARS  
**TEENAGER'S MINISTRY** FOR TEENAGERS AGED BETWEEN 13 - 17 YEARS



## **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.



### **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.