



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Exodus 17:3-7 (Year A)*

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (Year A)*

R. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (Year A)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf John 4:42, 15 (Year A)*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42 (Year A)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan

woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

On March 25th, as well as celebrating the annual feast day of Annunciation of the Lord, we in New South Wales will be voting to elect all 93 Members of this State's Legislative Assembly and half of the 42 Members of the Legislative Council.

As Catholic citizens of New South Wales we should take an active part in the life of our society, with a view to promoting the common good. This is part of our Christian responsibility, as outlined in the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL LIFE

405. What is the foundation of the authority of society?

Every human community needs a legitimate authority that preserves order and contributes to the realization of the common good. The foundation of such authority lies in human nature because it corresponds to the order established by God.

406. When is authority exercised in a legitimate way?

Authority is exercised legitimately when it acts for the common good and employs morally licit means to attain it. Therefore, political regimes must be determined by the free decision of their citizens. They should respect the principle of the "rule of law" in which the law, and not the arbitrary will of some, is sovereign. Unjust laws and measures contrary to the moral order are not binding in conscience.

407. What is the common good?

By the common good is meant the sum total of those conditions of social life which allow people as groups and as individuals to reach their proper fulfillment.

408. What is involved in the common good?

The common good involves: respect for and promotion of the fundamental rights of the person, the development of the spiritual and temporal goods of persons and society, and the peace and security of all.

409. Where can one find the most complete realization of the common good?

The most complete realization of the common good is found in those political communities which defend and promote the good of their citizens and of intermediate groups without forgetting the universal good of the entire human family.

410. How does one participate in bringing about the common good?

All men and women according to the place and role that they occupy participate in promoting the common good by respecting just laws and taking charge of the areas for which they have personal responsibility such as the care of their own family and the commitment to their own work. Citizens also should take an active part in public life as far as possible.

So, we who elect our members of parliament should keep a sharp eye on how they promote the common good, and how the legislation they enact respects the natural moral law, which paragraph 416 of the *Compendium* describes in this way:

The natural law which is inscribed by the Creator on the heart of every person consists in a participation in the wisdom and the goodness of God. It expresses that original moral sense which enables one to discern by reason the good and the bad. It is universal and immutable and determines the basis of the duties and fundamental rights of the person as well as those of the human community and civil law.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

March 2023

 <h1>Lent</h1>			11 <i>Saturday</i>	12 <i>Sunday</i> Third Sunday of Lent Today's 10.30am Solemn Mass Concelebration for Catholic Institute of Sydney 2pm Sunday Public Tour	13 <i>Monday</i>	14 <i>Tuesday</i>
15 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	16 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	17 <i>Friday</i>  ST PATRICK'S DAY 10.30am Mass 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	18 <i>Saturday</i>	19 <i>Sunday</i> Fourth Sunday of Lent 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	20  <i>Monday</i> ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	21 <i>Tuesday</i>
22 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	23 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	24 <i>Friday</i> 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	25 <i>Saturday</i> The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD 	26 <i>Sunday</i> Fifth Sunday of Lent Today's 10.30am Solemn Mass Day of the Unborn Child 12pm Angelus and Procession 1.30pm Benediction 2pm Sunday Public Tour	27 <i>Monday</i>	28 <i>Tuesday</i>
29 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	30 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	31 <i>Friday</i> 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	1 <i>Saturday</i>	2 <i>Sunday</i> 	3 <i>Monday</i>	4 <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

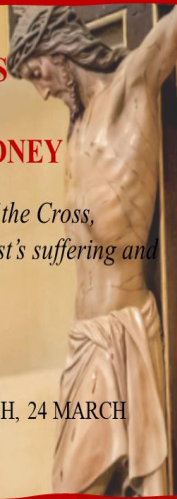
*"You are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross,
a special devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's suffering and
death for our sake".*

Fr Don Richardson

DATE: FRIDAYS

24 FEBRUARY, 3 MARCH, 10 MARCH, 17 MARCH, 24 MARCH
& 31 MARCH

TIME: 12.15PM



EASTER AT 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



Bishop Terry Brady
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus
Warmly invites you to the Celebration of

St Patrick's Feast Day Mass

Friday 17th March, 2023 at 10:30am

*St Mary's Cathedral
St Mary's Road
Sydney, Australia*

Seating is unreserved.
No RSVP required.



*Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.*



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 safeguardinginquiries@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.

PALM SUNDAY / 2 APRIL, 2023

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY / 6 APRIL, 2023

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

GOOD FRIDAY / 7 APRIL, 2023

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

HOLY SATURDAY / 8 APRIL, 2023

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

EASTER SUNDAY / 9 APRIL, 2023

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