



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 (Year A)*

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22 (Year A)*

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *Ephesians 5:8-14 (Year A)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 8:12 (Year A)*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (Year A)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, we meet a man born blind who receives not only the gift of sight, but the gift of faith in God.

God, who is invisible to us, and beyond our comprehension, nevertheless speaks to us, makes Himself known to us, moves among us and calls us into friendship with Him. The response to this action of God is faith.

The faith-response can be described as “obedience”, a word which people seem frightened to use these days, as if obedience were a negative, rather than a positive value.

But “obedience” comes from the Latin *ob-audire*, to “hear or listen to.” We hear God, we listen to him, and we submit freely to what we have heard from God, because it is Truth, God is Truth.

This is the obedience of faith in God that brings eternal life. In faith we allow ourselves to be caught up into the stream of God’s will, with trust in Him. Faith is a joy, faith is the opening of our eyes.

Jesus Christ *is* God making Himself known to us, moving among us, calling us into the most perfect friendship with him. This is what is manifest in the man born blind when he receives sight from Jesus: “Lord, I believe.”

May we, too, freely offer that same obedience of faith, which was also manifest in a unique way by the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation – which we commemorate next Saturday, 25th March.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

March – April 2023

 <p style="text-align: center;">SAINT JOSEPH</p>			<p>18 <i>Saturday</i></p>	<p>19 <i>Sunday</i> Fourth Sunday of Lent 2pm Sunday Public Tour</p> <p>7pm EMBRACE Young Adults </p>	<p>20 <i>Monday</i> </p> <p>ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>	<p>21 <i>Tuesday</i></p>
<p>22 <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</p>	<p>23 <i>Thursday</i></p> <p>6:30pm CITY COMPASS </p>	<p>24 <i>Friday</i></p> <p>12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p>	<p>25 <i>Saturday</i> The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD</p> 	<p>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</p>	<p>27 <i>Monday</i></p>	<p>28 <i>Tuesday</i></p>
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<p>5 <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">HOLY WEEK</p> <p>6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</p>	<p>6 MAUNDY THURSDAY</p>  <p>Mass Times 10.30am Chrism Mass 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 9.00pm Compline</p>	<p>7 GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>Mass Times 10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Passion of the Lord</p> 	<p>8 HOLY SATURDAY</p> <p>Mass Times 10.00am Tenebrae 6.30pm Easter Vigil</p> 	<p>9 EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>Mass Times 7.00am 9.00am 10.30am 5pm Vespers & Benediction 6.00pm</p> 	<p>10 EASTER MONDAY</p> <p>Public Holiday Mass 9am</p>	<p>11 <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>Resume normal Liturgy Schedule</p>

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

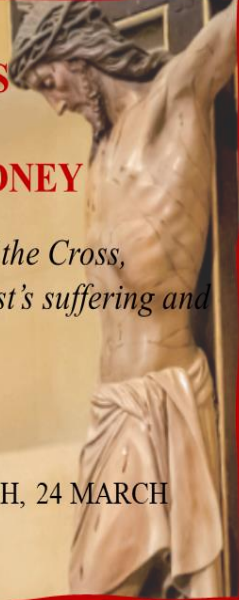


STATIONS OF THE CROSS at ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

*"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".*

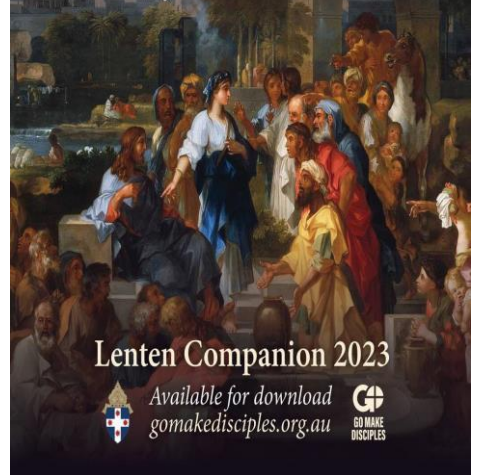
Fr Don Richardson

DATE: FRIDAYS
24 FEBRUARY, 3 MARCH, 10 MARCH, 17 MARCH, 24 MARCH
& 31 MARCH
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SPIRIT AND TRUTH

The Power of Christ Revealed



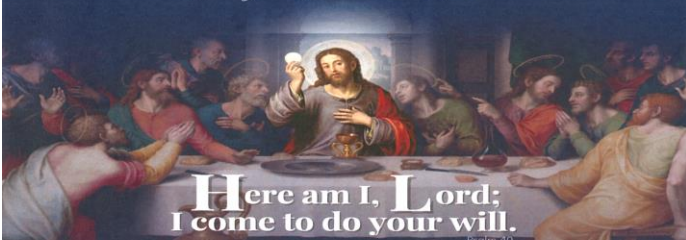
Lenten Companion 2023

Available for download
gomakedisciples.org.au



DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN 24 - 26 MARCH 2023

Identity. Vocation & Mission



Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.

RETREAT SPEAKERS:



BISHOP DANNY MEAGHER
Archbishop of Sydney



FR EDMOND TRAVERS MSC
*Religious Superior, Province
of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd*



FR JOSEPH GEDEON
*Parish Priest of St. Joseph's parish,
Hornsby*

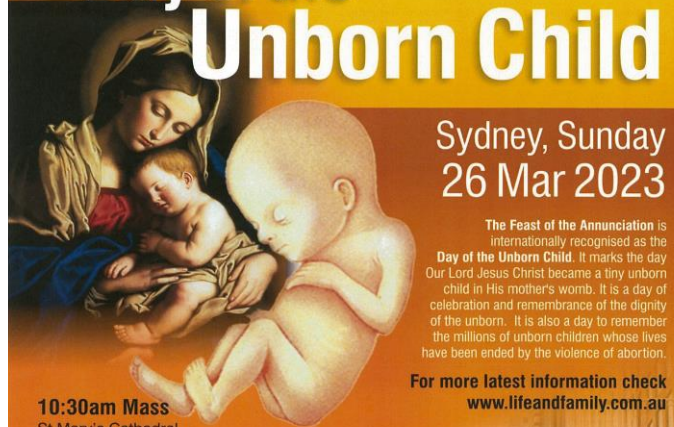
REGISTRATION FEE: \$99

The Seminary of the Good Shepherd,
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For more information & to register, please visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us on 02 9307 8424

Day of the Unborn Child

... I will not forget you. I have carved you
on the palm of my hands - Isaiah 49



Sydney, Sunday
26 Mar 2023

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion.

For more latest information check
www.lifeandfamily.com.au

10:30am Mass

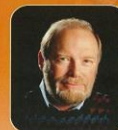
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12 noon Angelus

Followed by a prayerful street procession led by Archbishop Fisher. Including an address at Parliament House by Special Guest speaker, Steve Mosher of the Population Research Institute, all the way from the USA.

1:30pm Benediction

At St Mary's Cathedral



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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.

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.



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

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: Chrism 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