



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!"
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him and take our revenge!'
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needs
and does not spurn servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 5:12-15*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 15:26, 27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 10:26-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today, Sunday 25th, at the 10.30 Mass, some of the boys of the Cathedral College will be making their First Holy Communion. This special moment is a reminder of “normal” parish life – the cathedral is not only here for great archdiocesan celebrations but is also the Parish Church for most of the Sydney CBD, Woolloomooloo, Haymarket, East Sydney and parts of Surry Hills.

Building up a sense of “parish” can be difficult in a place like this, where we have large numbers of very welcome visitors at our Masses, and our local individuals and families can get a bit “lost in the crowd.” If you live in the cathedral parish, or this is your main place of worship, I and the other cathedral priests would like for you to let us know how we can be of help to you.

Together we can make St Mary’s Cathedral a very welcoming place (without pestering those who just want some space and privacy for prayer). With so many people coming to mass here – around 2,000 over each weekend – we especially need more welcomers/ushers, more servers and readers. If you are interested, please feel free to email me at don.richardson@sydneycatholic.org and I’ll get back to you.







This Thursday 29th June is the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, a very important feast which brings with it another opportunity to gain a Plenary Indulgence by visiting St Mary’s Cathedral because it is a Minor Basilica. One of the privileges attached to a church being designated a Minor Basilica by the Pope is that on the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, “the faithful who devoutly visit the basilica and within it participate in any sacred rite or at least recite the Lord’s Prayer and the profession of faith may obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff).”

With every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

June – July 2023

			24 <i>Saturday</i> The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	25 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	26 <i>Monday</i>	27 <i>Tuesday</i>
28 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Irenaeus</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	29 <i>Thursday</i> <i>Sts PETER and PAUL</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	30 <i>Friday</i>	1 <i>Saturday</i>	2 <i>Sunday</i> NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	3 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Thomas</i>	4 <i>Tuesday</i>
			HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL 1st AND 2nd JULY 2023			
5 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	7 <i>Friday</i>	8 <i>Saturday</i>	9 <i>Sunday</i> APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA ❖ No Sunday Public Tour Today 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	10 <i>Monday</i>	11 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Benedict</i>
12 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	13 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	14 <i>Friday</i>	15 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Bonaventure</i>	16 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	17 <i>Monday</i>	18 <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



Please note: The “EMBRACE” Young Adults Group will be in recess until Sunday 2nd July.



SUPPORT THE GOOD WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER



HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

1st AND 2nd JULY 2023

"How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others!" Pope Francis

Donate at www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal, phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection.

10-12
JULY

PURPOSE

CAMP

Know, Love, Serve!

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CAMP

SPACES FILLING UP! REGISTER ASAP!

WHO: Open to all highschoolers in yrs 9-12

WHERE: The Tops Conference Centre
51 Bendena Gardens, Stanwell Tops
NSW 2508

COST: Early Bird: \$230 (closes 12 June)
Standard: \$250 (closes 26 June)

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One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023?

Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.



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.



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WINDOW RESTORATION APPEAL

Make your **tax-deductible** gift today to urgently restore the historic windows.



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Working to restore and protect the heart of our Catholic faith in Sydney.

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