



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH  
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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



### FIRST READING *2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16*

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 88:2-3, 16-19*

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

## **SECOND READING** *Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *1 Peter 2:9*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 10:37-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.*

*Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

- On the first Sunday in July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia marks “Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday” – acknowledging in a particular way the indigenous peoples of Australia. This year, the theme is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is ‘A New Life in Christ’. This relates to the transformative possibilities that come when people walk God’s way of love.

Every one of us, and every culture, can be – should be - transformed by the encounter with Jesus Christ through the Gospel proclaimed and the Sacraments celebrated by the Church. Our new life in Christ should urge us on towards justice and the common good.

- I’d like to repeat my invitation from last week to consider helping out as a volunteer Usher/Welcomer, Reader, Altar Server.
- We are currently working on a “vision” for the future of the Cathedral Precinct, considering such things as wheelchair and pram accessibility to the cathedral and crypt, improved visitor and bookshop facilities, toilet amenities, appropriate gathering and meeting spaces, and more. From next Sunday 9 July there will be Information Sessions after several weekend and weekday Masses which you can attend to learn more and contribute yourself in the process of shaping this vision.

This weekend and next – weather/flight permitting - I will be ministering in our Norfolk Island parish. Do please remember our small Catholic community there in your prayers.

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*



# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL VISION

July 2023



## Have your say on our vision for the future of the Cathedral Precinct

We are exploring the future vision for St Mary's Cathedral, the spiritual home to Catholic communities across Greater Sydney and NSW.

Our vision is to protect and enhance the iconic Cathedral and grounds, whilst making these more accessible for everyone.

## OUR VISION

St Mary's Cathedral is an iconic Sydney landmark that serves as the spiritual home to Catholic communities across Greater Sydney and NSW. Annually, the Cathedral welcomes more than one million parishioners and visitors as well as thousands of national and international tourists wanting to explore its iconic structure and heritage significance.

Planned for in the 1980s, the last site-wide masterplan and subsequent construction works were completed in 1991 when Cathedral House and the current Cathedral College were built.

Since this time, the uses and needs at the Cathedral Precinct have evolved, and the Archbishop of Sydney, His Grace Anthony Fisher OP, and the Dean of the Cathedral, Fr Don Richardson, have identified that the functional requirements of the Cathedral no longer match the facilities available on the site.

In response, the Cathedral is exploring its vision for a future masterplan. The vision seeks to celebrate the Cathedral's heritage and update and renew the facilities throughout the Precinct to support the needs of the Cathedral clergy, staff, parishioners, school and visitors for the next 40 years.

We are preparing our vision for the masterplan and would like feedback from parishioners and other interested parties to inform our thinking for the future of the site.

## EXPLORING OUR FUTURE

In its current state, the Precinct has limited wheelchair and pram access and there are no options for parishioners to gather and meet after Mass. There are inadequate bathroom and baby change facilities and no refreshments available on the site.

To meet our current and future community needs, the masterplan for the Cathedral Precinct will explore:

- Improved amenities for parishioners, including on site refreshments and larger bathrooms.
- Improved spaces for parishioners to meet and socialise after mass and for community groups to gather.
- Improved access around the Cathedral Precinct including wheelchair and pram ramps and lift access to the crypt level.
- Relocating the gift shop to a less intrusive location.
- Better use of storage areas in the crypt.
- Possible co-location of the Chancery functions and agencies on to the site to provide a focal point for Catholic services at the Cathedral Precinct.
- Improving toilet facilities adjacent to Chapter Hall to support more uses and functions.
- Lighting upgrades internally and externally to improve general lighting, transition to low energy LED technology, and improve safety after dark.
- Expansion of the College to the new 52-58 William Street Campus.

The Stations of the Cross – restoration works



## RESPECTING HERITAGE, UPDATING FOR TODAY

The St Mary's Cathedral Precinct is significant for being the first land granted to the Catholic Church in Australia. Known as the Mother Church for many Australian Catholics, the Precinct is regarded as one of the most spiritually significant sites for the Catholic community in Australia.

St Mary's Cathedral is continually being maintained and conserved to ensure its heritage integrity and Catholic cultural significance is protected.

### Major conversation works completed over the last 5 years:

- Replacement of the Cathedral, baptistry, sacristy and Chapter Hall rooves with two-tone Welsh slate.
- Restoration of the Stations of the Cross and their frames.
- Installation of lead roof lining to the confessionals' sandstone rooves to provide rain protection.
- Cathedral song school upgrades (lighting, acoustics and new support spaces).



## OUR NEXT STEPS

As the first step in the process, we're seeking feedback from parishioners and those with an interest in the Cathedral to inform the vision of the future masterplan.

Once our Cathedral masterplan is prepared, it will be presented back to the community for further feedback. Following engagement, any major plans will be submitted as a Development Application (DA) and will require consultation with City of Sydney Council and Heritage Council of NSW.

Subject to these discussions with Council, we will determine how best to take the project forward. We are committed to keeping the community informed of any changes.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

**We're at the early stages of a long and complex planning process, and community feedback now is a critical to shaping plans for the future of this iconic site.**

### Community information sessions

To help us gather your feedback, everyone is welcome to join us at a community information session after Mass where you can share your ideas and speak directly to the project team.

**Sessions will run after the following Mass services:**

- **Sunday 9 July:** 10:30am and 6:00pm
- **Thursday 13 July:** 1:10pm and 5:30pm
- **Friday 14 July:** 1:10pm and 5:30pm
- **Saturday 15 July:** 9:00am and 6:00pm
- **Sunday 16 July:** 10:30am and 6:00pm
- **Tuesday 18 July:** 1:10pm and 5:30pm
- **Wednesday 19 July:** 1:10pm and 5:30pm
- **Saturday 22 July:** 9:00am and 6:00pm

## CONTACT US

We have commissioned Urbis Engagement to support us to hear your views.

To learn more or provide feedback, please fill out a paper form at one of the engagement sessions (times above) or you can complete an online survey at the QR code.



Email us at  
[engagement@urbis.com.au](mailto:engagement@urbis.com.au)



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1800 244 863










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feedback forms



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[stmaryscathedral.org.au](http://stmaryscathedral.org.au)

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## July 2023

			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>
<b>HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL</b> 1st AND 2nd JULY 2023						
5 <i>Wednesday</i>  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6 <i>Thursday</i>  6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	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 <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	13 <i>Thursday</i>  6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	14 <i>Friday</i>	15 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Bonaventure</i>	16 <i>Sunday</i> 10.30am World Youth Day Commissioning Mass  2pm Sunday Public Tour  7pm Embrace Young Adults 	17 <i>Monday</i>	18 <i>Tuesday</i>
19 <i>Wednesday</i>  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	20 <i>Thursday</i>  6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	21 <i>Friday</i>	22 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	23 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY  BIBLE SUNDAY  2pm Sunday Public Tour  7pm Embrace Young Adults 	24 <i>Monday</i>	25 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St James</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)

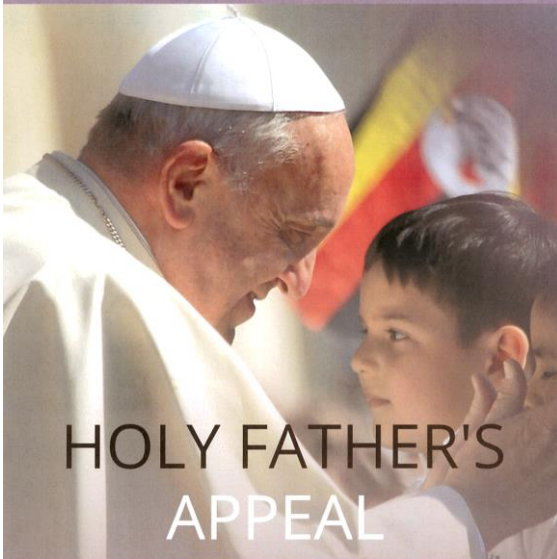
# CATHEDRAL NOTICES



Please note: The “EMBRACE” Young Adults Group will be in recess until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.ourfaithworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal](http://www.ourfaithworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal), phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection.



STELLA MARIS

## SEA SUNDAY

9 July 2023



“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

- Matthew 11:28 (NRSVCE)

Stella Maris is the largest network of chaplains and ship visitors around the world. We welcome and support seafarers who come into Australia to bring us many of the things we need. Help us to help them. On Sea Sunday, pray for them in your parishes.

To volunteer or donate, please visit our website: [www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)

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  
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NSW 2508

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

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2023

## SEASONS OF RENEWAL

How to evangelise throughout the year

JULY AND AUGUST 2023

1 hour online sessions  
Register for a time that suits you.

### Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is an extraordinary opportunity to invite others into friendship with Christ. Join us online for one of these practical sessions on welcoming family and friends to your parish. All welcome!



Scan to register



STONEY HILL CENTRE  
EVANGELISATION



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# Volunteers Needed

Would you like to volunteer for a catholic organisation?

Founded by the Sisters of Charity in 1990, Open Support serve women and children experiencing domestic violence, people experiencing social isolation and regional families needing access to healthcare.

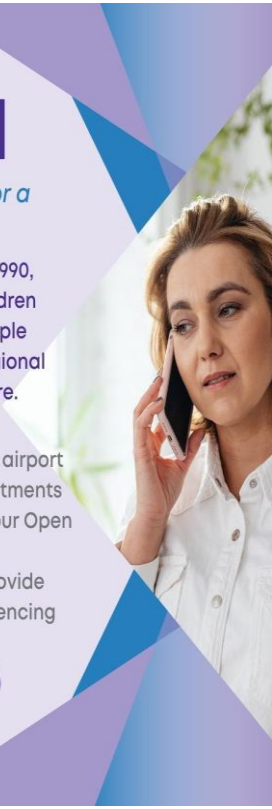
You can:

- provide transport support from the airport or train station to specialist appointments
- use your customer service skills in our Open Support Gift Shop in Darlinghurst
- use your active listening skills to provide telephone support for those experiencing loneliness

Get In Touch



[volunteer@opensupport.org.au](mailto:volunteer@opensupport.org.au)



## Jesus Light of the World Communities Day Retreat

**Date & Time:** 29 July 2023 (Saturday) 9:30 am – 4:30 pm  
**“You are VICTORIOUS”**

*Marina George - Speaker*

A devoted Catholic lady who loves sharing her deep relationship with God the Father, the love of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

**Location:** St Joseph’s Parish Hall Walz St, Rockdale, NSW (Parking Entry at Parker St.)

**Booking Essential, FREE Lunch & Afternoon Tea**

Enquiries: Helen – 0433 455 114 or Ida – 0424 267 500

Email: [jlwcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlwcommunity@gmail.com)

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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](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.