



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 64:10-14*

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 8:18-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 13:1-23*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again,
but not understand,
see and see again,
but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today at the 10.30am Mass, the pilgrims to World Youth Day in Portugal will be “commissioned” in preparation for their departure to Lisbon.

To set out on any pilgrimage is exciting, and rightly so: pilgrimage can be life-changing experiences and often bring the blessing of new friends and new insights. Heading off to World Youth Day should be no exception.

I have personal experience of two World Youth Days, and both were when my days of “youth” were well over. I was one of the chaplains accompanying the Sydney pilgrims to WYD in Toronto, Canada, in 2002, and I was involved in the papal ceremonies here in Sydney in 2008. Both were remarkable experiences, but also quite exhausting. In fact, I still don’t think I’ve quite recovered from WYDSYD 2008.










So I would ask you to pray for all the pilgrims, but in a particular way for the chaplains accompanying them, including Archbishop Anthony and our own Fr Lewi. Pray, too, for the people in Lisbon who are busy preparing to receive hundreds of thousands of guests and provide for their spiritual and temporal needs while they’re there.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

July – August 2023

			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 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	20 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	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>
26 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>Sts Joachim & Anne</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	27 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	28 <i>Friday</i>	29 <i>Saturday</i> <i>Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	30 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	31 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	1 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>
2 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	3 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Dominic</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	4 <i>Friday</i> <i>St John Vianney</i>	5 <i>Saturday</i>	6 <i>Sunday</i>  THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	7 <i>Monday</i>	8 <i>Tuesday</i> St MARY OF THE CROSS

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



Be To Me A Priest and a Father Event

University Catholics are excited to host this event with international guest speaker Fr Carter Griffin from the U.S. who will be speaking on the topic of priesthood, celibacy and how we can support our priests in living out their spiritual fatherhood.

Visit the University Catholics website for more information and to register www.unicatholics.org.au/howtohelppriestslivetheirfatherhood

DETAILS

Date: Wednesday 19th July 2023

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: St Joachim's Parish Hall – Lidcombe

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!

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Scan to register

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." *Matthew 11:28*

JULY 2023 PROGRAMS

17th (Monday)	SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. PATRICK WALLSEND 7:00pm - 9:00pm, 11 Macquarie St, Wallsend 2287
18th (Tuesday)	SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. LUKE'S REVESBY 7:00pm - 9:00pm, 1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby, NSW 2212
30th (Sunday)	ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT) <i>Praying for Family Tree, Praying for Family Blessings & Unity.</i> 9:00am - 4:00pm with Fr. Roni George VC and Fr. Jubj 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
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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.

Jesus Light of the World Communities Day Retreat

Date: 29 July 2023 (Saturday)

Time: 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

Overshadowed: Filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit, 18-20 August 2023

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat exploring what happens when we say yes to the Holy Spirit. Experience the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW

Booking: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBQX> (by 11 August)

Contact: Katherine - mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

Purchase your copy now!

BEAUTY AND LIGHT with FAITH
By Fr Donald Richardson
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BEAUTY AND LIGHT WITH FAITH: The Stained Glass Windows of St Mary's Cathedral, is a guide which takes the reader through the history and story of each beautiful stained glass window of St Mary's Cathedral and Crypt. The beauty and story in each window may serve to draw the reader closer to their faith.
Book can also be purchased at St Mary's Cathedral SHOP

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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Our vision for the future

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.

Be a part of shaping our vision for this iconic Precinct

Share your ideas and speak directly to the project team.

The information sessions will start on Sunday 9 July 2023, and will run over a two week period following these Mass services:

Week 1 - commencing Sunday 9 July

- 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

Week 2 - commencing Sunday 16 July

- 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

If you have any questions or are unavailable attend the sessions, please contact us directly, or head to our website for more information.



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