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SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16*

**R.** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

#### **SECOND READING** *Romans 8:26-27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *cf Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 13:24-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Back in 2021 Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the liturgical feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Just last Sunday we celebrated the “commissioning” of the Sydney pilgrims to World Youth Day in Lisbon. So here is a relevant part of Pope Francis’ official Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the elderly this year:

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the “haste” (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment. Mary’s visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord’s mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God’s presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the Magnificat, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he had made to Abraham, had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55). To better appreciate God’s way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on “having it all now”, are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to keep pressing forward. For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God’s grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!











You can read the full papal message online at the Vatican website:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20230531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean.*

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## July – August 2023

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|    |   |  | 22<br><i>Saturday</i><br><i>St Mary<br/>Magdalene</i>                  | 23<br><i>Sunday</i><br>WORLD DAY OF<br>GRANDPARENTS AND<br>THE ELDERLY<br>BIBLE SUNDAY<br>2pm Sunday<br>Public Tour<br>7pm<br>Embrace<br>Young Adults<br>   | 24<br><i>Monday</i>  | 25<br><i>Tuesday</i><br><i>St James</i>   |
| 26<br><i>Wednesday</i><br><i>Sts Joachim &amp;<br/>Anne</i><br>6:30pm<br>RCIA<br>(Rite of Christian<br>Initiation of Adults) | 27<br><i>Thursday</i><br>6:30pm<br>CITY<br>COMPASS<br>                         | 28<br><i>Friday</i>                          | 29<br><i>Saturday</i><br><i>Sts Martha,<br/>Mary &amp;<br/>Lazarus</i> | 30<br><i>Sunday</i><br>2pm Sunday<br>Public Tour<br>7pm<br>Embrace<br>Young Adults<br>  | 31<br><i>Monday</i><br><i>St Ignatius of<br/>Loyola</i>    | 1<br><i>Tuesday</i><br><i>St Alphonsus<br/>Liguori</i>  |
| 2<br><i>Wednesday</i><br>6:30pm<br>RCIA<br>(Rite of Christian<br>Initiation of Adults)                                       | 3<br><i>Thursday</i><br><i>St Dominic</i><br>6:30pm<br>CITY<br>COMPASS<br>   | 4<br><i>Friday</i><br><i>St John Vianney</i> | 5<br><i>Saturday</i>   | 6<br><i>Sunday</i><br><br><b>THE<br/>TRANSFIGURATION<br/>of the LORD</b><br>VOCATIONS<br>AWARENESS WEEK<br>2pm Sunday<br>Public Tour<br>7pm<br>Embrace<br>Young Adults<br> | 7<br><i>Monday</i>   | 8<br><i>Tuesday</i><br><b>St MARY<br/>OF THE CROSS</b>  |
| 9<br><i>Wednesday</i><br>6:30pm<br>RCIA<br>(Rite of Christian<br>Initiation of Adults)                                       | 10<br><i>Thursday</i><br><i>St Lawrence</i><br>6:30pm<br>CITY<br>COMPASS<br> | 11<br><i>Friday</i><br><i>St Clare</i>       | 12<br><i>Saturday</i>  | 13<br><i>Sunday</i><br>2pm Sunday<br>Public Tour<br>7pm<br>Embrace<br>Young Adults<br>  | 14<br><i>Monday</i><br><i>St Maximilian<br/>Mary Kolbe</i> | 15<br><i>Tuesday</i><br><br><b>The<br/>ASSUMPTION<br/>of the<br/>BLESSED VIRGIN<br/>MARY</b> |

## 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



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2023



### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 23 July 2023

*“From the elderly, we received the gift of belonging to God’s holy people” – Pope Francis*

#### PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary,  
Mother of faith and hope,  
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,  
make me as willing as You  
to accept the will of God,  
to magnify and praise His Mercy.  
Mary, Mother of fortitude,  
you who knows my heart,  
do not allow me to become discouraged.  
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.  
Heal my wounds.  
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.  
Your presence, Mother of love,  
brings us to experience the joy  
of seeing our families united.  
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God  
to the grandchildren and youth  
so that, in addition to praying for them,  
we can pray with them.  
Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:  
sustain my weakness;  
breathe into my heart the consolation  
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,  
bearing witness to the beauty of life,  
knowing that life has a limit  
and that beyond it lies before us our Father’s embrace.  
Amen.



Looking to join a group and have the opportunity to meet other like-minded young adults?

then St Mary's Cathedral "EMBRACE" invites you to join them!

Meeting every Sunday after the 6pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral House, (next to St Mary's Cathedral), young people between the ages of 18-35 gather to discuss and enjoy activities and youth projects designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of the faith.

The group is run by our very own Fr Emmanuel Lubega.

This week's topic of interest for discussion will be Gender ideologies in contemporary times: Church teaching on love and sexuality. All welcome.



2023  
**SEASONS OF RENEWAL**  
How to evangelise throughout the year

**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!

**JULY AND AUGUST 2023**  
1 hour online sessions  
Register for a time that suits you.



Scan to register



**Classroom Music Teachers Wanted**  
Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for specialist Instrumental tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings and Classroom Music Teachers to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week.

Tutors will commence in Term 1, 2024 and to start applying, you can view the live advert on our Sydney Catholic Schools website [www.syd.catholic.schools.nsw.edu.au/musicjobs](http://www.syd.catholic.schools.nsw.edu.au/musicjobs)

All Classroom Music Teacher positions will be advertised from Monday, 24 July.


For further information, please contact the SCS' Recruitment team at: [talentacquisition@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:talentacquisition@syd.catholic.edu.au).

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

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat exploring what happens 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](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)


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**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](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.