



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
INCLUDING
ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,
MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *1 Kings 3:5, 7-12*

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130*

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 8:28-30*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-46*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The week ahead is full of interesting feast days, which should prompt us to a bit more holiness in our own lives.

On Monday 31st July: St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1566), priest, founder of the Jesuits. We have the Jesuit Fathers caring for our neighbouring parish of St Canice's in Kings Cross/Elizabeth Bay, and of course Pope Francis is a Jesuit. St Ignatius began a movement of truly extraordinary religious vigor and his spiritual insights continue to inspire many people today.

On Tuesday 1st August: St Alphonsus Mary de' Ligouri (1696-1787), bishop, Doctor of the Church. St Alphonsus was a prolific writer, especially on matters of moral theology, but also on Our Lady and numerous other topics, and founded the Redemptorist order of priests, who are present here in the Archdiocese.

On Wednesday 2nd : here in the cathedral we will commemorate St Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868), priest, because we have a church dedicated to this saint within our Cathedral parish boundaries: St Peter Julian's at Haymarket. St Peter Julian founded the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, and it is a blessing to have their Eucharistic shrine on busy George Street.

This Wednesday, being August 2nd, is also the day of the "Portiuncula Indulgence", when the grant of a Plenary Indulgence may be gained by visiting a Basilica, Cathedral or Parish Church (and St Mary's Cathedral is all three of those – but you can only gain the indulgence once on the day!) and praying and Our Father and the Creed, and fulfilling the other usual requirements of Confession, Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

On Thursday 3rd: St Dominic (1170-1221), founder of the Order of Preachers, to which our own Archbishop Anthony Fisher belongs. The Dominicans are also our neighbours at St Benedict's, Broadway, St Bede's, Pyrmont and St James', Forest Lodge. (In most countries St Dominic is commemorated on August 8th, but in Australia our own St Mary's MacKillop's commemoration is on that date.)

Thursday is also the anniversary of death in 2014 of Cardinal Edward Clancy, Seventh Archbishop of Sydney.

On Friday 4th: St John Mary Vianney (1786-1859), the famous "Curé of Ars", the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. His feast is a reminder to pray, please, for your priests.











On Saturday 5th: here in St Mary's we will commemorate the feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome, considered the oldest church in the West built in honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

And then to cap all these saintly celebrations, next Sunday, August 6th, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ! By his grace, may we all strive to become saints too.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

July – August 2023

			29 Saturday <i>Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	30 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	31 Monday <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	1 Tuesday <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>
2 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	3 Thursday <i>St Dominic</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	4 Friday <i>St John Vianney</i>	5 Saturday	6 Sunday  THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	7 Monday	8 Tuesday St MARY OF THE CROSS
9 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	10 Thursday <i>St Lawrence</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	11 Friday <i>St Clare</i>	12 Saturday	13 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	14 Monday <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	15 Tuesday  The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
16 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	17 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	18 Friday	19 Saturday	20 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	21 Monday <i>St Pius X</i>	22 Tuesday The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



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 Life in the spirit and spiritual Beings (Angels).

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

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



MADE FOR MORE THAN THIS

DISCOVER THE ROLE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS PLAY IN THE CHURCH'S MISSION

ARETÉ CENTRE VIRTUAL OPEN NIGHT

Fr Chris Ryan MGL Director Areté Centre	Fr Simon Lobo CC Parish Priest St Benedict Halifax	Fr Rob Galea Executive Director FRG Ministry	Professor Renee Kohler-Ryan National Head of the School of Philosophy and Theology, University of Notre Dame	Emma Plant Communications Manager Evangelisation Brisbane
---	--	--	--	---

FREE ONLINE EVENT | ONE NIGHT ONLY

Join Fr Chris Ryan MGL and an exciting panel of guests for a wide ranging conversation about the powerful role lay people can play in the Church's Mission. Find out more about the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program & how you can enrol for 2024.

17 August 2023
7.30pm (AEST)
Live on Zoom

Register for this free event
[Book Online Here](#)

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

For further information, please contact the SCS' Recruitment team at:

talentacquisition@syd.catholic.edu.au



Billings Webinar for Natural Fertility Awareness Week

This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples.

During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held on **Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST.**

As well as highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method®, couples will reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life.

Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>

Purchase your copy now!

BEAUTY AND LIGHT with FAITH
By Fr Donald Richardson
\$50.00
+\$10 postage & handling

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

OREMUS

FOUNDATIONS IN PRAYER

Strengthen your faith in Christ.
YOUR PRAYER LIFE, AND YOUR CONFIDENCE TO PRAY WITH OTHERS.

FOUNDATIONS OF PRAYER | WED 6 SEPT
PRAYING WITHIN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION | WED 13 SEPT
PRAYING WITH OTHERS | WED 20 SEPT

LIVE ONLINE 3 WED SESSIONS SEPTEMBER 7:30PM - 8:45PM

REGISTER TODAY
GOMAKEDISCIPLES.ORG.AU/CAS-EVENTS
INQUIRIES: PARISHRENEWAL@SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG

Meditation Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 20th August 2023

Invitation to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday - 20th August, for our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day.

Timetable:

Arrival from 10 am to register for a 10:30 am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, periods of meditation, Mass, information exchange, and conclusion around 3 pm.

Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch.

Masks are optional, recommend social distancing and vaccination for one's own personal protection.

Enquiries:

Ann Lomas, atlomas@bigpond.com / 9653 2637

For possible accommodation in the Monastery Guest House please get in touch with Fr Michael Kelly: mkelly@silvestrini.org / 0455 329 607

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.