



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

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



### FIRST READING *Zechariah 9:9-10*

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14*

**R.** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

## **SECOND READING** *Romans 8:9, 11-13*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

***If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.***

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 11:25-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

I am writing this on Norfolk Island where I am spending a few days in the parish. This is a place with a rich history, indeed a Catholic history that, like Sydney's, goes back to 1788. Just as at St Mary's Cathedral, that history is fascinating and to be cherished.

The Catholic story, however, does not stop, it keeps onward. Here on Norfolk, that means the little parish community must consider how best to equip itself to carry on into the future, how to strengthen the community here and that includes how to arrange things in and around the small but much loved church building.

We face something similar on a larger scale at St Mary's Cathedral: how to strengthen the community and also how to arrange things in and around the cathedral – always with a view to the Church's mission.

As we presently consider ways in which we can help give St Mary's Cathedral better facilities, there are opportunities over the next couple of weeks for you to learn more about, and indeed help shape, the future of the cathedral and its grounds, with presentations after a number of the Sunday and weekday Masses.

Please do have a look and listen, and also share your hopes for the future of St Mary's.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson,

*Dean of St Mary's Cathedral and Parish Administrator of Norfolk Island*



# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL VISION

July 2023



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## 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)



Call us on  
1800 244 863











Electronic  
feedback forms



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

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## July 2023

			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>
26 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>Sts Joachim &amp; Anne</i>  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	27 <i>Thursday</i>  6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	28 <i>Friday</i>	29 <i>Saturday</i> <i>Sts Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>	30 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	31 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</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



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  
51 Bendena Gardens, Stanwell Tops  
NSW 2508

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

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\$230

Early  
Bird!

REGISTER HERE:

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. colossians 3:13*



## FAMILY GROWTH RETREAT

with Fr Roni George VC & Fr Juby Varghese VC

14th-16th July 2023

Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm

For more info & bookings please contact:  
02 43721598 or email: [drcretreatrego@gmail.com](mailto:drcretreatrego@gmail.com)



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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



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**ST JOSEPH'S Prayer Group, Enfield**  
 St Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall  
 126 Liverpool Road, Enfield  
 Parking at Rear, Enter from Baker Street

## Reflection Day

**Saturday, 15th July, 2023**  
**9:45 am—3:30 pm**

### Speaker:

**Fr. Rey Sentillas**

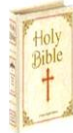
**Cost: \$15.00. Please bring a dish for our communal lunch.**

**Coffee & Tea provided**

**CONTACT: Rose: 80683845 Mobile: 0412 115 961**

**Email: rosetwymansydney@gmail.com**

**Please bring your bible with you.**



## 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/howtohelppriestslivetheirfaith/herhood](http://www.unicatholics.org.au/howtohelppriestslivetheirfaith/herhood)

### DETAILS

**Date:** Wednesday 19th July 2023

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Venue:** St Joachim's Parish Hall – Lidcombe

## 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: jlowcommunity@gmail.com**



## Help build a parish house in Sierra Leone

This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)

"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**

- 1st (Saturday) ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT**  
10:00am - 2:30pm
- 7th (Friday) 1ST FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE, CHATSWOOD**  
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067, Tel 02 9410 9000  
6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 14th-16th (Fri-Sun) FAMILY GROWTH RETREAT (LIVE-IN)**  
"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." *Colossians 3:13*  
with Fr. Roni George VC and Fr. Jubly Varghese VC  
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm **BOOKING:** drcrretreatgo@gmail.com
- 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)**  
*Praying for Family Tree, Praying for Family Blessings & Unity.*  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
with Fr. Roni George VC and Fr. Jubly 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  
**TEENAGERS' MINISTRY** FOR TEENAGERS AGED BETWEEN 13 - 17 YEARS

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Book can also be purchased at St Mary's Cathedral SHOP

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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  
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 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.