



St Mary's Cathedral
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21-28*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The scriptures speak in a general way about the fulfilment of God's will that all peoples come to Him, but we recall also what Jesus said in the parable of the Wedding Feast: everyone was invited, but the one who turned up without appropriate preparation was not able to partake.

I wish to make a few points about receiving Holy Communion.

People attend Mass here at the cathedral from many different parishes and from other countries, and may be accustomed to various ways of receiving Holy Communion. And some of us also get into some bad habits over the years. So:

1. In Australia Catholics may receive Holy Communion standing or kneeling. The exact wording in the Roman Missal is:

In the dioceses of Australia standing is the most common posture for receiving Holy Communion, though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Communion while kneeling. When approaching to receive Holy Communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Sacrament that they are to receive.

2. In Australia Catholics may receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand. They are to respond "Amen" after the priest or minister says "The Body of Christ" before they receive. The exact wording in the Roman Missal is:

The Priest raises the host slightly and shows it to each, saying, The Body of Christ. The communicant replies, Amen, and receives the Sacrament either on the tongue or, where this is allowed, in the hand, the choice lying with the communicant.

I want to also emphasize the following:

1. If you are receiving on the tongue, DO IT PROPERLY. The minister is not supposed to have to put fingers into your mouth. You are supposed to open your mouth and extend your tongue to cover your front teeth. Nor should you poke your tongue right out. Open your mouth, extend your tongue slightly, and tilt your head back slightly.



2. If you are receiving on the hand, DO IT PROPERLY. Your hands should be bare, empty and clean. Place one hand open on top of the other so the minister can place the host on the open palm of your hand. Do not grab or nip the host from the minister. Allow the minister to place the host on the palm of your hand. Then take the host with the fingers of your other hand and place it in your mouth, **in the presence of the minister** – do not walk away with the host!










Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Communion. There are certain circumstances in which non-Catholic Christians may be admitted to receive Holy Communion – but this should be discussed personally with a priest well before Mass.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

August – September 2023

			19 <i>Saturday</i>	20 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	21 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Pius X</i>	22 <i>Tuesday</i> The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
			23 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	24 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Bartholomew</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	25 <i>Friday</i>	26 <i>Saturday</i>
30 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	31 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	1 <i>Friday</i> SPRING EMBER DAY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION Today's 5.30pm Mass (Anniversary of the Dedication)	2 <i>Saturday</i> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, (1928) Today's Masses for the Dedication	3 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults  PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION Father's Day Appeal 3 September 2023	4 <i>Monday</i>	5 <i>Tuesday</i>
6 <i>Wednesday</i> 7pm Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria 'Mention my Name' Remembrance Service 6:30pm RCIA	7 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	8 <i>Friday</i> The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9 <i>Saturday</i> 10.30am Priestly Ordinations Please Note due to the Ordinations today's 9am and 12noon Masses and 11am Reconciliation are cancelled	10 <i>Sunday</i> CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	11 <i>Monday</i>	12 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</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



THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 9th September 2023, 6.30 p.m.

Br Hoffman Hall, St Mary's Cathedral

Tickets from \$15, tables of up to 8 people

All welcome

The Friends' famous Trivia Night returns! This year we are raising money for our new Cathedral videos project. This is a trivia night like no other, with questions for everyone, especially those who say they don't like quizzes! Come and meet members of the parish community in a friendly and relaxed environment: bring a team of up to eight people, or join a team on the night. BYO supper.

Read more and book online
www.cathedralfriends.org.au

Raising Fathers Events 2023

Join us for the RAISING FATHER'S Evening as we unpack practical advice and share powerful, impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world. This is a partnership with Robert Falzon and MenAlive.

DATES:

Tuesday, 29 August - Marist College Eastwood,
44 Hillview Rd, Eastwood

Wednesday, 30 August - Patrician Brothers' College:
268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield

Thursday, 31 August - St Patrick's College: Francis St, Strathfield

To attend one of the evenings, please register at

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1092812?qr=true>

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PRAYING WITH OTHERS	WED 20 SEPT

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Global Development Opportunities Webinar

Palms Australia is offering Australian Catholics the opportunity to undertake a Global Mission. We need your help to reach out to qualified and experienced Australians requested by vulnerable communities overseas in support of sustainable poverty reduction through skill development. Please visit www.palms.org.au. We are holding a webinar on 14 September 2023 at 6pm on our global development opportunities, please register at <https://palms.org.au/event/discover-global-mission-webinar/>



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 the Church position on psychology and psychiatry.

All welcome.



Support Sisters in Paraguay

This month Aid to the Church in Need is raising money to support Sisters in Paraguay. These Sisters not only care for the young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Mary MacKillop Australian Pilgrimage 17- 28 October 2023



The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For an application form and itinerary or for any enquiries please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or phone 8912 4818.



We invite you to come and share in the story of Australia's first religious sisters.

We'd love to welcome you!

Open Tuesday to Thursday 10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment. Bookings recommended.

Our Centre celebrates over 180 years of ministry of the Sisters of Charity of Australia.

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May we always try to act with justice and truth. Mother Mary Aikenhead

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

The option to make an offering via credit card is available at St Mary's Cathedral.



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.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.