



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Isaiah 22:19-23*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8*

R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you,
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 11:33-36*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 16:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The Gospel for this Sunday draws our thoughts to the role of the Apostle Peter and his successors in the life of the Church. St Mary's Cathedral, as it has been given the dignity of a Minor Basilica by the Pope (Pius XI in 1930), is a place to affirm in a special way our bonds of unity with the Pope and indeed the Church of Rome. Why is unity and fellowship with the Pope so important for us in the local Churches?

Back in 1998 the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith – then headed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who became Pope Benedict XVI – published a series of reflections on “The Primacy of the Successor of Peter in the Mystery of the Church” and I would like to print here just a few of paragraphs from it:

“3. ...in the early Christian communities, as later throughout the Church, the image of Peter remained fixed as that of the Apostle who, despite his human weakness, was expressly assigned by Christ to the first place among the Twelve and was called to exercise a distinctive, specific task in the Church. He is the rock on which Christ will build his Church; ^{Cf. Mt 16:18.} he is the one, after he has been converted, whose faith will not fail and who will strengthen his brethren; ^{Cf. Lk 22:32} lastly, he is the Shepherd who will lead the whole community of the Lord's disciples. ^{Cf. Jn 21:15-17.} Regarding the New Testament evidence on the primacy, cf. also John Paul II, Encyc. Let. *Ut unum sint*, nn. 90ff.

In Peter's person, mission and ministry, in his presence and death in Rome attested by the most ancient literary and archaeological tradition - the Church sees a deeper reality essentially related to her own mystery of communion and salvation: "*Ubi Petrus, ibi ergo Ecclesia*". ^{St Ambrose of Milan, Enarr. in Ps., 40, 30: PL 14, 1134.}

From the beginning and with increasing clarity, the Church has understood that, just as there is a succession of the Apostles in the ministry of Bishops, so too the ministry of unity entrusted to Peter belongs to the permanent structure of Christ's Church and that this succession is established in the see of his martyrdom.

4. On the basis of the New Testament witness, the Catholic Church teaches, as a doctrine of faith, that the Bishop of Rome is the Successor of Peter in his primatial service in the universal Church; this succession explains the preeminence of the Church of Rome, ^{Cf. St Ignatius of Antioch, *Epist. ad Romanos*, Introd.: SChr 10, 106-107; St Irenaeus of Lyons, *Adversus Haereses*, III, 3, 2: SChr 211, 32-33} enriched also by the preaching and martyrdom of St Paul...

15. The full communion which the Lord desires among those who profess themselves his disciples calls for the common recognition of a universal ecclesial ministry "in which all the Bishops recognize that they are united in Christ and all the faithful find confirmation for their faith".⁴⁶ The Catholic Church professes that this ministry is the primatial ministry of the Roman Pontiff, Successor of Peter, and maintains humbly and firmly "that the communion of the particular Churches with the Church of Rome, and of their Bishops with the Bishop of Rome, is -- in God's plan -- an essential requisite of full and visible communion". ^{John Paul II, *Encyc. Let. Ut unum sint*, n. 97.} Human errors and even serious failings can be found in the history of the papacy: Peter himself acknowledged he was a sinner. ^{Cf. Lk 5:8.} Peter, a weak man, was chosen as the rock precisely so that everyone could see that victory belongs to Christ alone and is not the result of human efforts. Down the ages the Lord has wished to put his treasure in fragile vessels: ^{Cf. 2 Cor 4:7.} human frailty has thus become a sign of the truth of God's promises... “

You might care to visit the altar of St Peter in the cathedral, where there is a marble carving of Jesus giving the “keys” to St Peter, also depicted in the stained glass window above that altar, and offer a prayer for the unity of the Church, which Christ desires.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

1. In Australia Catholics may receive Holy Communion standing or kneeling.
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.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 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.



- 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. 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!

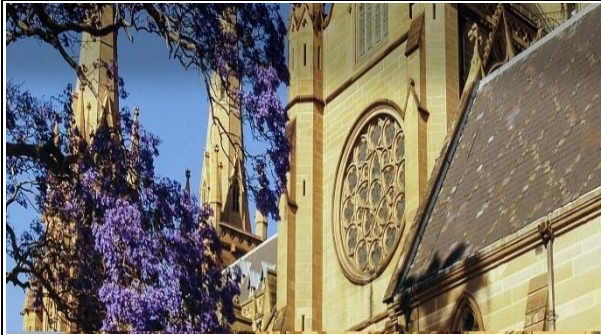









- Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Communion. There are certain circumstances in which non-Catholic Christians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

Thank you.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

August – September 2023

			26 <i>Saturday</i>	27 <i>Sunday</i> SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	28 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Augustine</i>	29 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>
30 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	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>
13 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St John Chrysostom</i> 6:30pm RCIA	14 <i>Thursday</i> The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	15 <i>Friday</i> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	16 <i>Saturday</i> <i>Sts Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	17 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	18 <i>Monday</i>	19 <i>Tuesday</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



Social Justice Sunday – Sunday 27 August

The Australian Catholic Bishops have released their 2023-24 Social Justice Statement, entitled 'Listen, Learn, Love' which calls for new engagement with First Australians.

In a departure from tradition, this year's statement is in two parts: the first is written by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) and the second part is the bishops' response.

You can access the full statement and a variety of resources including social media graphics, via the link below.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IZ6G1f6DSevuYM6a7Zb45zVKteDy0jsB?usp=sharin>

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

COME ON THE JOURNEY...

SUMNER house

THURSDAY

COME & SEE

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Steak Night

Sumner House Applications Open for 2024

'Come & See' Steak Night – Thursday 31 August 2023

For men 18-35 years old.

The Sumner house program runs for 12 months and incorporates the four pillars of Intellectual, Spiritual, Pastoral and Human formation. It will provide you with many unique and profound shared experiences with nine other men who will journey together in discovering what the Lord wants of you.

If you want to know more about Sumner House and its program, we invite you to the upcoming Steak Night at Sumner House event on Thursday 31 August 2023. Take a glimpse into life and formation at Sumner House - a 12 month live-in house of formation and discernment. You will have the opportunity to chat with current residents, experience a formation evening program and gain an insight into what it's like living in community. For more information and to register for this free event, please visit

<https://vocationcentre.org.au/> or the event page: <https://fb.me/e/4tugz7YgG>

PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION



Father's Day Appeal

Sunday 3 September 2023

Your priests helped begin your faith journey

The Archdiocese Father's Day Appeal supports retired priests and honours our Fathers for their wonderful service to our community. Your gift to is a 'thank you' to those who've contributed in so many ways in your life.



Will you help look after them in their retirement this Father's Day?

Donate today by completing the parish envelope, calling 1800 753 959 or online at www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf

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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 | 7:30PM - 8:45PM | SEPTEMBER



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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>



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/>



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.

a: 1 Rockwall Cres, Potts Point
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May we always try
to act with
justice and truth.
Mother Mary Aikenhead

Catholic Medical Association Australia National Conference

The First National Catholic Medical Association Conference will be held at St. Joseph's Conference and Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills, from **10th to 12th November 2023**. Bishop Umbers will be the principal celebrant during the Conference.

For more information visit the website <https://catholicmedicine.org> or email admin@catholicmedicine.org or call 0456 380 793.

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.

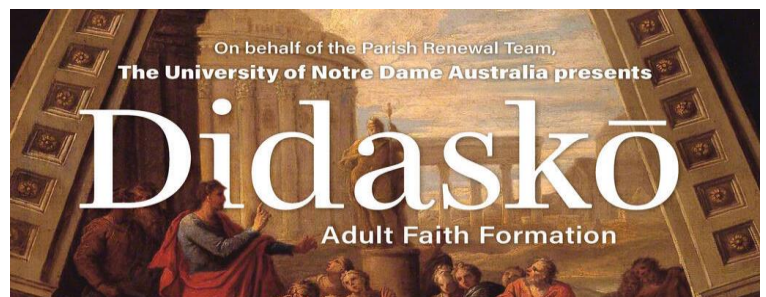
For an application form and itinerary or for any enquiries please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or phone 8912 4818.

Want to be formed & equipped for mission?

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Goodness, Beauty, Truth: An Introduction to Themes and Thinkers in Philosophy

Dr Catherine Wesselinoff

Thursdays 5, 12 and 19 October 2023
7:30pm - 8:45pm



Cost: \$35 per person,
\$100 for Parish Groups (+ BOOKING FEES)
Online via Zoom
Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events





Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

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.

All welcome.

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:

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Walk-ins still accepted



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

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BEAUTY AND LIGHT with FAITH
By Fr Donald Richardson
\$50.00
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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

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.