



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH  
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ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,  
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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



### FIRST READING *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 24:4-9*

**R.** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

**SECOND READING** *Philippians 2:1-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** *Matthew 21:28-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE DEAN

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Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This week, the meetings of the Synod “on Synodality” begin in Rome. Our Archbishop, Anthony Fisher OP, will be one of the participants, along with several other Australian bishops and lay people.

Meetings such as this Synod are important events in the life of the Church, and we are asked by the Holy Father Pope Francis to pray especially for the Synod, which will be in session for almost the whole of October.

I myself will be taking a holiday for much of October. I’m sure the other priests will look after you, but the cathedral community will still be in my prayers!

*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, PLEASE 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, PLEASE 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.*



# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL VISION: SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK

September 2023



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

**Thank you for helping us to shape our vision for the future of the Cathedral Precinct**

Throughout July you helped us to explore the future vision for St Mary's Cathedral, the spiritual home to Catholic communities across Greater Sydney and NSW.

During those conversations, we heard strong support for the vision. In this newsletter we share feedback from Parishioners and other users of the Cathedral and outline the next steps for the masterplan.

## THE VISION

Throughout July, we spoke to hundreds of parishioners, volunteers, visitors, clergy and staff about our vision for the Cathedral. Our conversations sought to understand your feedback on this vision and hear your ideas and aspirations for the future of the Cathedral Precinct.

Our vision is to protect and enhance the iconic Cathedral grounds, whilst making these more accessible for everyone.

The vision seeks to celebrate the Cathedral's heritage and update and renew the facilities throughout the Precinct to support the needs of the parishioners, volunteers, visitors, clergy and staff for the next 40 years.

We sought feedback on the following masterplan considerations:

- Improved amenities, including on site refreshments.
- More bathrooms, baby change and accessible toilets.
- More spaces to meet and socialise, including use of Chapter Hall.
- A better located gift shop.
- Improved access into the Cathedral, including wheelchair and pram ramps for families.
- Better use of the crypt, including a lift for easy access.
- Co-location of the Chancery functions on to the site.
- Improving bathroom facilities adjacent to Chapter Hall.
- Lighting upgrades internally and externally.
- Expansion of the College to the new 52-58 William Street Campus.

Over the course of our vision engagement, we:



Held 16 engagement sessions (after Mass)



Received nearly 200 feedback forms online and in paper



Reached hundreds of people through information brochures

## YOUR FEEDBACK

There is a high level of support for the Cathedral vision with nearly **90% of respondents supportive** of the suggested upgrades.

The Cathedral's rich heritage remains a priority, with **90% of respondents agreeing that heritage** is its most important feature.

More than half of respondents **ranked the need for more accessible entrances as high**, stating more ramps should be prioritised.



## WHAT WE HEARD IS IMPORTANT TO YOU

The community provided great feedback on the ideas for the future of the Cathedral.



The **heritage of the Cathedral** is its most important feature.



The need for **more accessible entrances** should be prioritised for prams and wheelchairs.



More **spaces to gather and sit indoors and outdoors** is critical to supporting a sense of parish community. This includes better **use of Chapter Hall**.



All people should **have equal access to the bathrooms**, which are currently not pram or wheelchair accessible.



The **co-location of Catholic services** on the Cathedral Precinct will support community building.



There was strong support for improving the use of, and access to **the crypt**. It will provide more space for events and activities.



The masterplan should consider better amenities and **provide a place to get refreshments** within the Precinct.



A **better located gift shop** will attract more interest in the Catholic church and distract less from places of worship.

## WHAT YOU TOLD US

*"It is essential for all people to have equal access to the Cathedral."*

*"The heritage of St Mary's Cathedral and its grounds are very important as it's our spiritual home and for the future generations to come to in worship and pray."*

*"It's very important to have facilities that support the gathering of people... the toilets and access to the Cathedral is not pram or wheelchair accessible."*

*"Enhance the Cathedral as the centre of Catholic life in Sydney."*

## OUR NEXT STEPS

Thank you again for your contribution to our shared vision for the future of the Cathedral Precinct. There is much more detail than we have summarised here. Your ideas are now being included in the preparation of a Cathedral masterplan.









Once our Cathedral masterplan is prepared, it will be presented to the parish community for feedback. This consultation will take place in November 2023. We'll provide an update on times and dates for consultation sessions within the Cathedral nearer the time.

If you have any questions please contact: [engagement@urbis.com.au](mailto:engagement@urbis.com.au)



# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## October 2023

			<b>30</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>St Jerome</i>	<b>1</b> <b>Sunday</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour  7pm <b>EMBRACE</b> Young Adults 	<b>2</b> <b>Monday</b> <i>The Holy                  Guardian Angels</i>  <b>Public Holiday                  Mass 9am</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Tuesday</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>St Francis                  of Assisi</i>  <b>6:30pm                  RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>5</b> <b>Thursday</b>  <b>6:30pm</b> <b>CITY                  COMPASS</b> 	<b>6</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>Our Lady                  of the Rosary</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Sunday</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour  7pm <b>EMBRACE</b> Young Adults 	<b>9</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Tuesday</b>
<b>CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL                  7th AND 8th OCTOBER 2023</b>						
<b>11</b> <b>Wednesday</b>  <b>6:30pm                  RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>12</b> <b>Thursday</b>  <b>6:30pm</b> <b>CITY                  COMPASS</b> 	<b>13</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Sunday</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour  7pm <b>EMBRACE</b> Young Adults 	<b>16</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>St Ignatius                  of Antioch</i>
<b>18</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>St Luke</i>  <b>6:30pm                  RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>19</b> <b>Thursday</b>  <b>6:30pm</b> <b>CITY                  COMPASS</b> 	<b>20</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>WORLD MISSION                  DAY</b> 10.30am Mass Life, Marriage and Family Sunday (previously known as Marriage Mass) 2pm Sunday Public Tour  7pm <b>EMBRACE</b> Young Adults 	<b>23</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Tuesday</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



## EMERGENCY APPEALS

Morocco Earthquake and Libya Floods

[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



*Hearts on Fire*  
**FEET ON THE MOVE**



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**MISSION**

Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

**Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

**Mission Appeal - 7th and 8th October 2023**

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Sydney 29.09.2023

Dear Catholic Community of Australia

We the Armenian Catholic Church of Australia are in mourning for the current situation in Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh), the Armenians of Artsakh since 2020 and more so over the last 9 months have been living without food, resources or essentials which is the norm for us.

A total of 50000 individuals have managed to cross the border to Armenia and we have been supporting them with supplies and aid. As you have shown that you're seeking to provide support from a financial perspective which will ensure that we can continue to support all who are fleeing the region to ensure that they can go to a safer haven, your contributions will mean lives are spared and even saved.

Every contribution and financial aid will ensure a Christian person will be saved from persecution and this is what our Lord would expect from every one of his children in Christ. Australia is a multicultural country and we live as one and this is one of the greatest blessings any Christian can ask for, yet today unfortunately the Armenians of Artsakh are still being persecuted because of their beliefs and have been this way since Armenia accepted Christianity as a Nation since 301AD.

Today with your contribution we can at least ensure that we can help as many people as possible with the Lord's Grace.

We thank you for your heartfelt contributions and for standing by our side in our time of need.

Please send your financial contributions to

Account Name: Armenian Catholic Church

BSB: 062 194

Account Number: 1050 5497

Kind regards

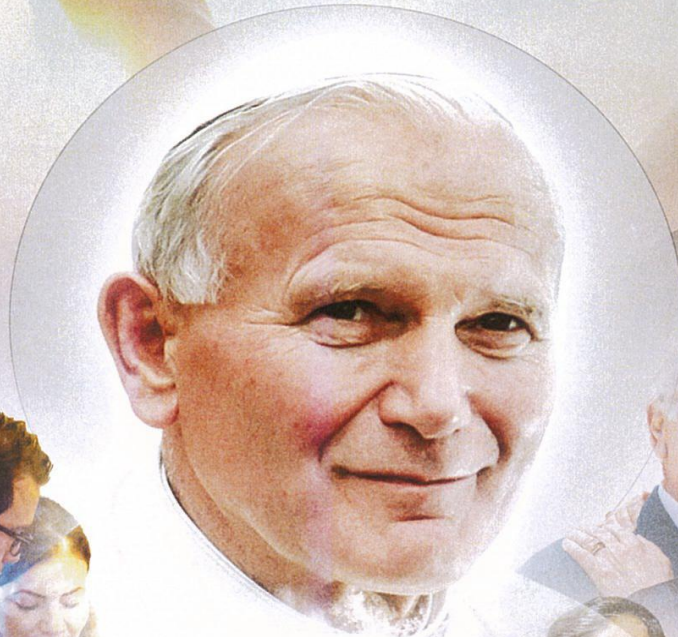
Monsignor Basil Sousanian

Armenian Catholic Church, Australia





ALL FAMILIES WELCOME  
RENEWAL OF MARITAL PROMISES



LIFE  
MARRIAGE  
FAMILY

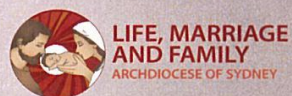
*Sunday*

22 OCTOBER 2023  
FEAST OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

Life Marriage and Family Sunday, previously known as the Annual Archdiocesan Marriage Mass, celebrates the commitment of married couples and families to their vocation. Couples celebrating Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be presented with certificates after Mass.



**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**  
10:30am Mass followed by tea and coffee  
RSVP essential by 8th October  
for certificates and catering  
[www.trybooking.com/CJTNF](http://www.trybooking.com/CJTNF)



### Life, Marriage and Family Sunday

All families are invited to come to 10:30 Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, 22 October 2023** with an opportunity to renew marital promises and a special blessing for families.

Join us after Mass at the Cathedral Hall to witness and celebrate couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries.

Registrations are essential to receive a certificate. RSVP by no later than 8 October

at <http://www.trybooking.com/CJTNF>.

For further information contact the Life Marriage and Family Office: [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org)



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.

This week's topic of interest for discussion will be "Laudate Deum" Pope Francis' next Apostolic Exhortation. **All welcome.**

Purchase your copy now!



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

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 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](mailto:info@stmaryscathedral.org.au)

Walk-ins still accepted

### ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

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



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.



### 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.