



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

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



### FIRST READING *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 94:1-2, 6-9*

**R.** O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

## SECOND READING *Romans 13:8-10*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL *Matthew 18:15-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

- Two deacons, Rev. Matthew Lukaszewicz and Rev. Richard Sofatzis, are to be ordained to the priesthood in the cathedral on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September – so God willing by the time you read this Sydney will be blessed with two new priests. Do please offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for them, and ask the Lord to bear abundant fruit in and through them.
- This Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Our reconciliation with God was achieved at the cost of Jesus' saving passion and crucifixion. The Cross is the sign of something greater than we could have thought possible, divine love in a human heart, it is the sign of the triumph of love and the sanctification of humanity, it is the sign of the forgiveness of sin and the defeat of evil by Divine love. Let us embrace, and honour, and display, the Cross in our lives!
- As the National Child Protection Week concludes, the Church in Australia commemorates Safeguarding Sunday, which the second Sunday in September annually. We can all acknowledge the terrible harm caused to children and vulnerable adults by sexual and other forms of abuse. At St Mary's Cathedral and in each parish throughout the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney we are committed to maintaining a safe environment for children and indeed for everyone.
- In cathedral parish news, Fr Emmanuel has been asked to look after St Michael's Parish at Lane Cove for a few weeks while their priest is away. Fr George will be caring for the Embrace Young Adults group on Sunday nights.
- If you are a member of The Friends of St Mary's Cathedral, be sure to attend the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon. If you are not a member, but love St Mary's Cathedral, why not become one? Go to [cathedralfriends.org.au](http://cathedralfriends.org.au) for more information.

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, 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.*

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## September - October 2023

			<b>9</b> <b>Saturday</b> 10.30am <b>Priestly Ordinations</b> Please Note due to the Ordinations today's 9am and 12noon Masses and 11am Reconciliation are cancelled	<b>10</b> <b>Sunday</b> CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour  7pm <b>EMBRACE</b> Young Adults 	<b>11</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Tuesday</b> The Most Holy Name of Mary
			<b>13</b> <b>Wednesday</b> St John Chrysostom  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>14</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> 6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	<b>15</b> <b>Friday</b> Our Lady of Sorrows	<b>16</b> <b>Saturday</b> Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
<b>20</b> <b>Wednesday</b> Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Thursday</b> St Matthew  6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	<b>22</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Saturday</b> St Pius of Pietrelcina	<b>24</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>WORLD REFUGEES &amp; MIGRATION DAY</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour  7pm <b>EMBRACE</b> Young Adults 	<b>25</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Tuesday</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Wednesday</b> St Vincent de Paul  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>28</b> <b>Thursday</b> 6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	<b>29</b> <b>Friday</b> Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	<b>30</b> <b>Saturday</b> St Jerome	<b>1</b> <b>Sunday</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour  7pm <b>EMBRACE</b> Young Adults 	<b>2</b> <b>Monday</b> The Holy Guardian Angels  <b>Public Holiday Mass 9am</b>	<b>3</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



## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY – 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

For further information visit

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

**SOMEONE WILL  
LISTEN TO YOU**

Tell a trusted adult if you or another child is feeling hurt, worried, anxious or embarrassed.

An adult will:

**LISTEN** to what you have to say

They will help you feel **SAFE**

They will **TELL** people who will be able to help you



Your safety comes first! Remember to speak to a trusted adult such as a parent or teacher.

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800 | [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)



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### Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Gracious God,  
you love and care for all of your children,  
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.  
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults  
at risk who have been abused, neglected or  
exploited and whose trust and innocence have  
been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take  
responsibility for those whose lives have been  
broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those  
wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace  
communities and families will find understanding  
and support, so that now and in the future  
their wounds may be healed and they may find  
lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our  
children and adults at risk, giving them the inner  
strength, peace and resilience to seek out  
assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.  
Amen



### 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.



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 'Witness of Christ'. All welcome.



# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY

## INTERNATIONAL ORGAN CONCERT

**Luc Ponet (Belgium)**  
Organist, Tongeren Basilica  
City Organist, Leuven



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 p.m.

Free Admission with retiring collection

# Music by Bach

Widor, Guilmant,  
Lemmens, Peeters,  
Fiocco, Ponet

### Organ Concert – Tuesday, 19 September 2023

St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney is delighted to be welcoming Luc Ponet for our next cathedral organ concert. Luc presides over the magnificent 1752 Le Picard grand organ and the 1997 Thomas transept organ in the ancient basilica of Tongeren, in eastern Flanders, Belgium. He will be playing a great programme of music by Bach, Widor, and Belgian composers. Come to hear and watch him play on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00pm. Free admission!

## St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

### FEAST DAY

and Blessing by the relic of St. Padre Pio

**24 September 2023**

#### Triduum

Thursday 21 September 7:00pm

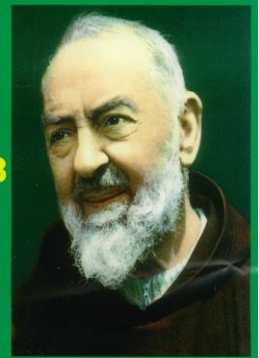
Novena to St. Padre Pio and Mass

Friday 22 September 7:00pm

Novena to St. Padre Pio and Mass

Saturday 23 September 5:30pm

Novena to St. Padre Pio and Vigil Mass



Sunday 24 September 10:00am

Procession followed by the Feast Day Mass

Veneration and Blessing by the Relic of St. Padre Pio.



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