



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
INCLUDING
ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,
MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10*

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. *R.*

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. *R.*

Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. *R.*

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Philippians 2:15-16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE CATHEDRAL CLERGY



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,









COOPERATING TO SERVE GOD AND HUMANITY

The readings of this Sunday invite us to reflect on our service to God and humanity. In the ancient world especially of monarchies it was not uncommon for rulers to describe themselves as gods. They claimed to possess certain divine qualities and powers too. The people of Israel would never allow their rulers to be called gods. There is only one God the Lord as the affirmed in the Shema. However, in the first reading we hear the Lord, for the sake of his servant Jacob and of Israel his chosen one, giving authority to Cyrus and would later be crucial for Israel's return to their homeland after captivity in Babylon. Here we learn that God realizes His plan for salvation even through people who may not know or believe in Him. For this reason, we as believers should pray for the authorities and also cooperate with them in everything that is good and just, even when they are not believers. Jesus tells us in the Gospel therefore, to "render unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar and unto God what is God's". The Pharisees and Herodians failed to grasp the meaning of Jesus' teaching. Jesus was simply teaching them to assuredly give God His due. Let us remember always, that all that we have and all that we are come from God. As such, in all the worldly realities, we must seek, find, love, honour and give glory to our creator.

Fr Emmanuel Lubega,
Assistant Priest

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

October - November 2023

		21 <i>Saturday</i>	22 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD MISSION DAY 10.30am Mass Life, Marriage and Family Sunday <i>(previously known as Marriage Mass)</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm EMBRACE Young Adults 	23 <i>Monday</i>	24 <i>Tuesday</i>	
		25 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	26 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	27 <i>Friday</i>	28 <i>Saturday</i> <i>Sts. Simon & Jude</i>	29 <i>Sunday</i> 10.30am Mass Adult Confirmation 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm EMBRACE 
1 <i>Wednesday</i> ALL SAINTS 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	2 <i>Thursday</i> ALL SOULS' DAY 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	3 <i>Friday</i>	4 <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">CWF Appeal 4 & 5 November</div> <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Charles Borromeo</i> 10.30am Neo-Cat Priestly Ordinations Please Note due to the Ordinations today's 9am and 12noon Masses and 11am Reconciliation are cancelled	5 <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">CWF Appeal 4 & 5 November</div> <i>Sunday</i> Sydney Open from 1.15pm to 4.15pm 7pm EMBRACE 	6 <i>Monday</i>	7 <i>Tuesday</i>
8 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	9 <i>Thursday</i> <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	10 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Leo the Great</i>	11 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	12 <i>Sunday</i> 12.30pm & 3.30pm (2 Sessions) Western Deanery Confirmations * Please Note due to the Confirmations there will be <u>no</u> 2pm Public Tour 7pm EMBRACE 	13 <i>Monday</i>	14 <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



OREMUS DAY RETREAT

*Strengthen your faith in Christ,
your prayer life, and your confidence
to pray with others.*

28 OCTOBER 2023
SAT 10 AM - 4 PM

ST MARTHA'S
38 RENWICK STREET,
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\$28.50
PLUS BOOKING FEES

REGISTER TODAY
GOMAKEDISCIPLES.ORG.AU/CAS-EVENTS
INQUIRIES: PARISHRENEWAL@SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG

On behalf of the Parish Renewal Team,
The University of Notre Dame Australia presents

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Adult Faith Formation

From the comfort of your own home, or gathered in-person with a parish group, join us online to learn more about Jesus and His Church; to study; to discuss; and to ask questions. We are bringing the university lecturers to you!

2023	<p>Oct Goodness, Beauty, Truth: An Introduction to Themes and Thinkers in Philosophy <i>Dr Catherine Wesselinoff</i> Thursdays 5, 12 and 19 October 2023, 7:30pm – 8:45pm</p> <p>Nov The Scriptures: A Conversation with God Every Day <i>Dr Peter Holmes</i> Thursdays 2, 9 and 16 November 2023, 7:30pm – 8:45pm</p>
2024	<p>Mar God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology <i>Chris Wolter</i> Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024, 7:30pm – 8:45pm</p> <p>Apr Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology <i>Br Benjamin Johnson OFM Cap</i> Mondays 15, 22 and 29 April 2024, 7:30pm – 8:45pm</p> <p>May Moral Theology: God, the Good, and the Meaning of Life <i>Christian Stephens</i> Thursdays 9, 16 and 23 May 2024, 7:30pm – 8:45pm</p>

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

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

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

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.**

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.

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.



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CHURCH MUSIC THROUGH THE YEAR

FEATURING MOZART'S CORONATION MASS



FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2023

7PM

AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

Tickets at the door or
www.trybooking.com/1097546

TICKET PRICES

Adults \$30, Students \$15 and under 16 free

