



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Wisdom 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 62:2-8*

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 24:42, 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This afternoon (Sunday) we welcome people from several parishes of the Western Deanery for the Sacrament of Confirmation at two special Masses. Please keep the young Confirmation candidates in your prayers!

The appalling circumstances in the Holy Land are deeply disturbing for everyone. Let us keep praying and doing penance, and we must also guard our own hearts and minds against any bigotry or prejudice of a racial, cultural or religious nature. Times of international crisis like this tend to reveal the flaws in our own society and our personal vulnerabilities too.

You may wish to consider donating money to the Caritas Australia Gaza Crisis Appeal, via their website (caritas.org.au) or directly to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, which is the Catholic diocese whose people are right there in Israel and Gaza – see their website on how to send funds (lpj.org/posts/general-appeal). Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch, writes from Jerusalem:

“Hundreds of people from all over the world have contacted us and have helped us to offer concrete support. We know what we need to do, as we have done with all our heart in previous crises, and we will undoubtedly do it again. Please help us to make a concrete difference and to build the necessary environment so that, in this society scarred by hatred, we may again sow the seeds of trust, of hope and of love.”

So much suffering in the world. We have the victims of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the people of Sudan caught in the crossfire between opposing militaries there, the continued deadly attacks on civilians by the military in Myanmar, and many more “forgotten” conflicts and persecutions across the globe. And closer to home we have the tragedy of deaths from domestic violence, suicide, and negligence.

The world needs the Gospel. The world needs Christians who live their faith, and who can be a leaven, a light, and bringers of hope. The Holy Spirit will help us to be that leaven, by His gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Fr Don Richardson,
Dean



New parish and chancery building entrance on St Mary's Road.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL MASTERPLAN NEWSLETTER

November 2023



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

We are preparing for the future of St Mary's Cathedral, the spiritual home to Catholic communities across Greater Sydney and NSW.

St Mary's Cathedral's commitment is to protect and enhance the iconic Cathedral and grounds, whilst making it more accessible for everyone.

We have now prepared a masterplan that supports our vision to retain our status as the spiritual heart of Sydney's Catholic community.

OUR COMMUNITY AND PARISHIONERS

Our masterplan addresses what we heard from parishioners and responds to our current and future community needs.

Last month, we shared insights into the feedback we received when we spoke to hundreds of parishioners, visitors, clergy and staff about our vision for the Cathedral in July this year.

During those conversations, we heard strong support for our vision. The feedback has informed the following masterplan principles:



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



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



The need for **more accessible entrances** should be prioritised.



Improving the use of, and access to, **the Crypt and Chapter Hall** would enable better use of the space available for events and activities.



More **spaces to gather and sit indoors and outdoors** is critical to supporting a sense of parish community.



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



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



A **better located gift shop** would be less invasive than the current location.

OUR NEW PARISH AND CHANCERY BUILDING

From early feedback, we know it's important to our parishioners that we create more space for socialising and put more emphasis on creating a strong Catholic community.

To do this, we are proposing a new parish and chancery building within the Cathedral Precinct. The new building would be designed in sandstone to respectfully integrate with the Cathedral and Chapter Hall.

New parish meetings rooms and chancery office space

The parish and chancery building would include new community meeting rooms, public bathrooms, end of trip facilities and kitchen facilities. It would provide a welcoming hub that is easily accessed from the Cathedral and St Mary's Road.

Larger, accessible bathrooms

New bathrooms, with baby change facilities, would be delivered on the Cathedral level.

A terrace with a café, gardens and outdoor seating

The new café would face our new Sacristy Terrace at the Cathedral level. It would provide space for parishioners to socialise before and after mass.

Improved gift shop and bookshop

The gift shop would be relocated to the new Sacristy Terrace. It would be larger and integrated with the Mustard Seed Bookshop, providing a greater selection of gifts and Catholic resources. The new location means tourists can visit without interrupting Mass.

Improved step-free access into the Cathedral

New accessible entrances would be delivered, offering step-free access into the Cathedral via the western and eastern entrances and at Crypt level.

A new lift to the Crypt level

The new lift - located discretely behind the existing stairs - on the Cathedral level would provide access to the Crypt for people with walking difficulties, prams and wheelchairs.

New clergy bathrooms (in Sacristy)

The current bathrooms would close to the public and become clergy bathrooms within the Sacristy as there are currently none.

MASTER PLAN (CATHEDRAL LEVEL)

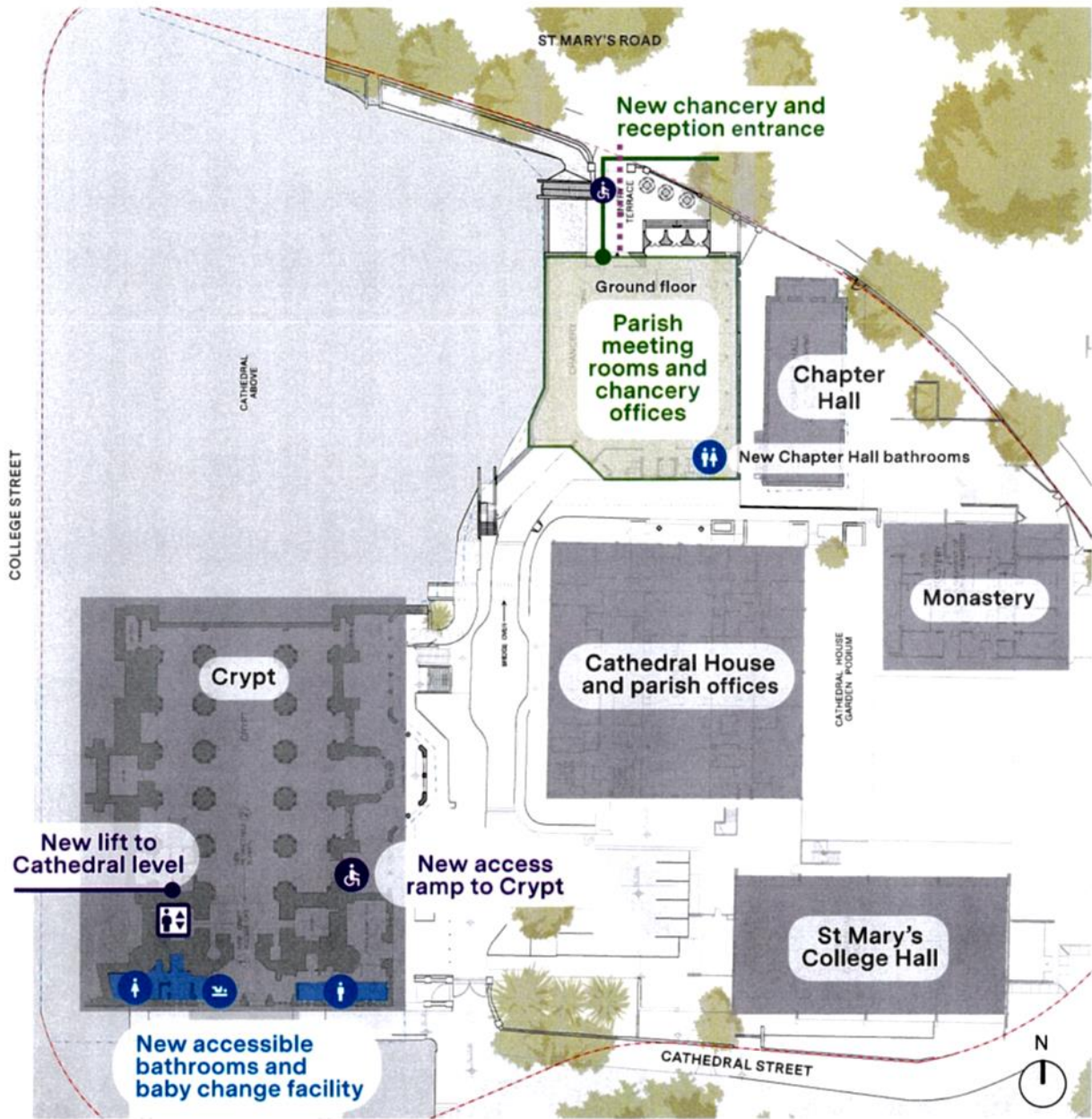
This is the site plan of the Cathedral level.



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|  New structure |  Gift and book shop |
|  Existing structure |  Coffee shop |
|  New ramps |  Toilets |
|  Lift |  Accessible (DDA) pathways |

MASTERPLAN (CRYPT LEVEL)

This is the site plan of the Crypt level.



- New structure
- Existing structure
- ♿ New ramps
- ⬆️⬆️⬆️ Lift
- ♂️♀️ Toilets
- 👶 Baby changing facilities
- Accessible (DDA) pathways

PROPOSED UPGRADES TO THE CATHEDRAL

Our masterplan has been developed to retain the cultural and heritage value of the Cathedral while providing much-needed facilities for parishioners and visitors.

All proposed changes to the Cathedral are to enable improved access and enhance the way it is currently being used.

New accessible bathrooms and baby change facilities on the Crypt level

New male, female and accessible bathrooms - with baby change facilities - would be built into existing storage area adjacent to the Crypt. These would help service Masses, weddings and baptisms in the Cathedral and the Crypt.

A new lift to the Cathedral level and step-free access into the Crypt

The new lift would provide easy access into the Cathedral from the Crypt level.

New community meeting rooms

The parish and chancery building would provide new community meeting rooms, and be available for use by parishioners 24/7.

Improved use of and access to Chapter Hall

Chapter Hall would be made available for more community events as there would be new bathrooms and kitchen facilities nearby.

Chancery and Catholic support agencies

The parish and chancery building would house the Cathedral's chancery functions and Archdiocesan agencies including the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and Justice and Peace Office.



FIGURE 1

Artist impression of the new chancery building, view from St Mary's Road. The main entrance is via the cloister on the right of this image.



FIGURE 2

Artist impression of the Cathedral Precinct showing the new Sacristy Terrace onto which the gift shop and café would open.



FIGURE 3

Artist impression of the Cathedral Precinct. View from St Mary's Road.



OUR NEXT STEPS

Feedback will be considered before a Development Application (DA) is lodged with the City of Sydney Council (Council) in December 2023.

▶ WE ARE HERE

We are engaging with the community on our masterplan.

○ DECEMBER 2023:

Following engagement with the community and Council, we will lodge a DA.

○ EARLY 2024:

Council will assess the DA and plans will be displayed on public exhibition. At this time, the community can make formal submissions via the City of Sydney Council.

○ MID 2024:

Council will make a determination on the DA. At this time, we will update the community about the determination and next steps.

○ LATE 2024:

If approved, a construction management plan will be prepared. At this time, the community will be consulted in detail about the construction process and timelines.

○ 2025:

If the DA is approved, construction is anticipated to start in 2025. The construction process will not impact the operations of the Cathedral, and mass services will continue as per the regular schedule.



HAVE YOUR SAY

We will be holding a series of information sessions for parishioners to speak directly with members of the project team and understand more about what's proposed.

Sessions will run after the following Mass services:



- Sunday, 12 November (10:30am)
- Tuesday, 14 November (1:10pm)
- Thursday, 16 November (5:30pm)
- Saturday, 18 November (9:00am)
- Sunday, 19 November (10:30am)

Provide your feedback now.



Electronic feedback form (available in the Cathedral or via the QR code):



Website stmaryscathedral.org.au

Schedule a conversation: We are also offering scheduled conversations. If you or a small group would like to have a longer discussion with the project team, contact us with your availability on the following dates.

The conversations will run for 20 minutes:

- Monday, 20 November (between 9:30am and 12:00pm or after 5:30pm)
- Wednesday, 22 November (between 1:30pm and 3:00pm or after 5:30pm)

We have commissioned Urbis Engagement to support us as we engage with the community throughout the detailed planning process.



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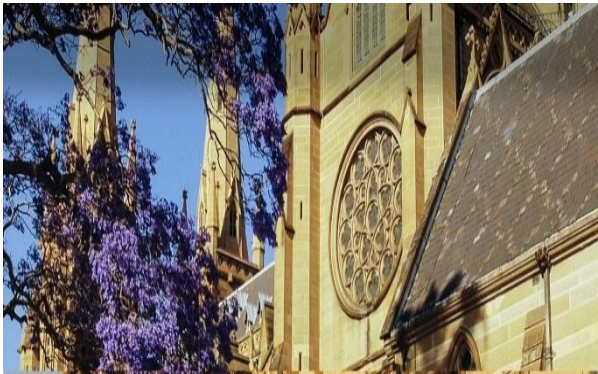






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UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

November - December 2023

			11 Saturday <i>St Martin of Tours</i> 12pm Mass (Irish Mass of Remembrance)	12 Sunday 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 Monday	14 Tuesday
			15 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	16 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	17 Friday <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	18 Saturday
22 Wednesday <i>St Cecilia</i> 5.30pm Mass (Red Wednesday) 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	23 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	24 Friday <i>Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and companions</i> Please note There will be <u>no</u> 12pm Adoration today	25 Saturday 12pm Mass (70 th Anniversary of the Founding of Billings)	26 Sunday CHRIST THE KING 10.30am Mass (EOHSJ Investiture) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	27 Monday	28 Tuesday
29 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	30 Thursday <i>St Andrew</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	1 Friday	2 Saturday 10am Annual Lourdes Day Mass	3 Sunday <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 12pm Blessing of Nativity Scene (in Cathedral Forecourt) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	4 Monday	5 Tuesday

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



St Mary's Singers at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney presents

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
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Sydney Street Feast 2023 Volunteers Welcome

On **Friday, 17 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12 pm to 2 pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2023>

ORDER OF MALTA AUSTRALIA

THE ORDER OF MALTA INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL LOURDES DAY MASS

PRESIDED OVER BY THE MOST REVEREND ANTHONY FISHER OP OF SYDNEY

SATURDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2023 AT 10AM
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY

The Order of Malta's annual Lourdes Day Mass at St Mary's Cathedral is celebrated for the intentions of all Catholic families, but those in need of physical or spiritual healing and support are particularly encouraged to participate and receive a bottle of water brought from the shrine at Lourdes. All those in attendance will receive a blessing from Archbishop Fisher for good health.

The Order of Malta have been serving the sick and the poor for over 900 years. Help us continue this work.
www.orderofmalta.org.au

Volunteer Accountant/Finance Officer Palms Australia Reach Beyond

Are you a retired Accountant looking to contribute your financial skills to a Catholic Charity?

Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accountant will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad.

Please Contact Kevin Wilson
Ph 9560 5333 OR E-mail kevin@palms.org.au

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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.



THE NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC,
FOR ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY,
DANIEL JUSTIN,
INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM
FOR HIS FIRST ORGAN CONCERT!



WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 7.00 PM.

FREE ADMISSION (RETIRING COLLECTION)

WITH MUSIC BY
BACH, GUILMANT, LATRY AND FARRINGTON