



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife - who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 127:1-5*

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 15:4, 5*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

As the tragic events continue in the Holy Land and the wider Middle East, let us continue, and intensify, our prayers for peace and justice. There have been some very ugly, disturbing, incidents of intimidation of religious and ethnic communities in our city in recent weeks. As Christian people we must keep guard against any tendency to vilification of any group, such as anti-Semitism, that we encounter. We need to do what we can to make things better, not worse, in the world, and so make our own the words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, “in this society scarred by hatred, we may again sow the seeds of trust, of hope and of love.”

With sadness we learned on Thursday of the death of Monsignor William Mullins, at the age of 99 years. Monsignor Mullins was a great friend to many of us here at St Mary’s Cathedral. He lived here for a number of years, and in his “retirement” he came to celebrate the Sunday 9am Mass regularly, right up until a couple of years ago. We will publish details of Msgr Mullins’ funeral when they come to hand – I’m sure many cathedral parishioners will want to attend.

We have visiting priests to celebrate several of the Masses this weekend – I am very grateful to Fr Brian Lucas and Fr Martin Maunsell for their help. Fr Brendan Purcell is still unwell in hospital though in good spirits, Fr Emmanuel Lubega has taken up his new assignment at Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove, and this weekend I am at our parish on Norfolk Island for a short pastoral visit. Fr Lewi Barakat and Fr George Sigamoney are “holding the fort” but even they cannot be in three churches at the same time...

Fr Don Richardson,
Dean



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

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL MASTERPLAN NEWSLETTER

November 2023

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.



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

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:



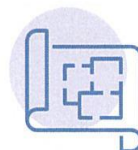
The **heritage of the Cathedral** is its most important feature.



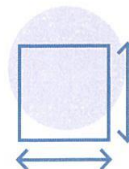
The **co-location of Catholic services** on the Cathedral Precinct would support community building.



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

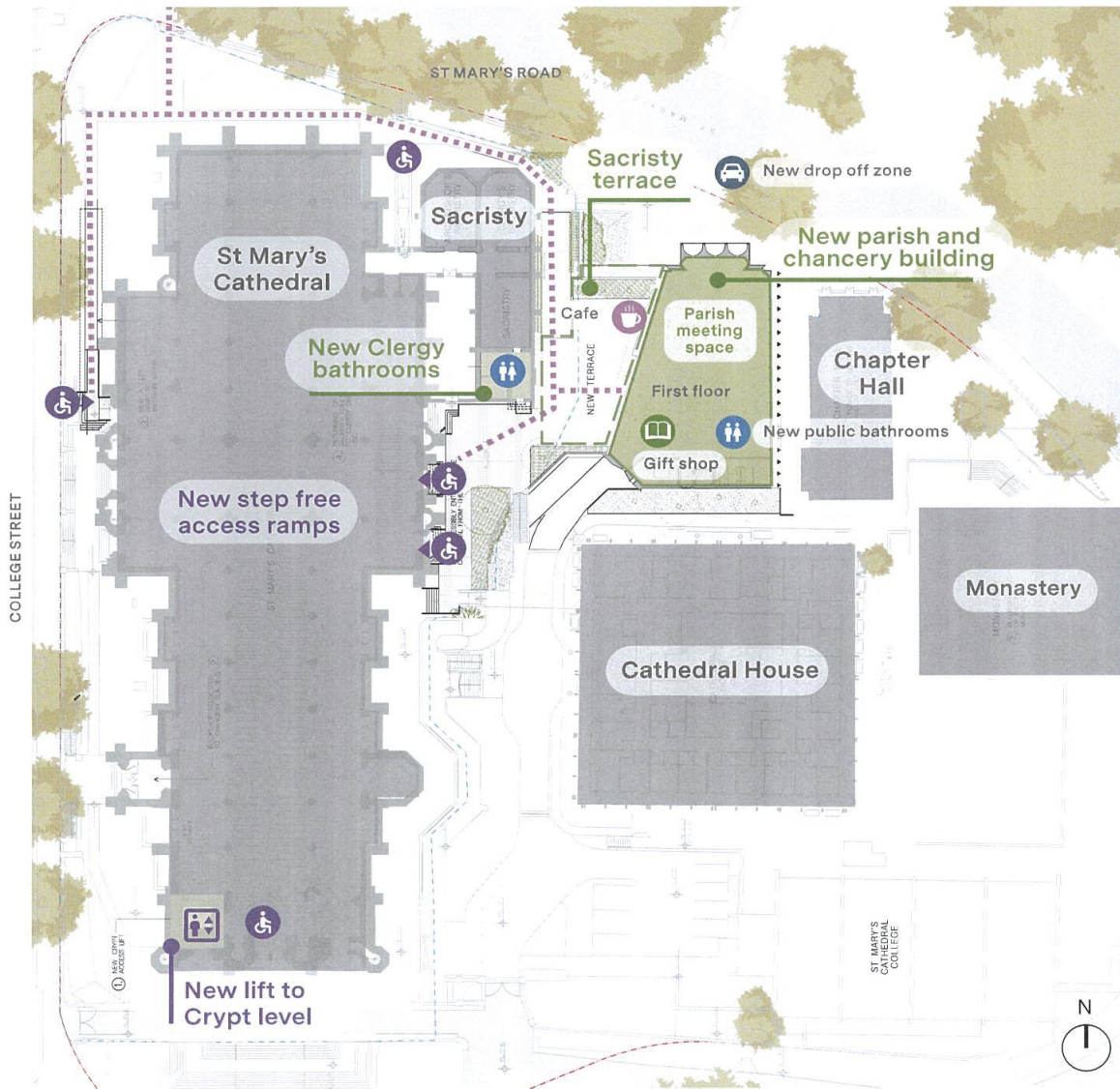
The new lift - located discretely behind the exciting stairs - on the Cathedral level would provide access to the Crypt for people with walking difficulties, prams and wheelchairs.

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.

MASTERPLAN (CATHEDRAL LEVEL)

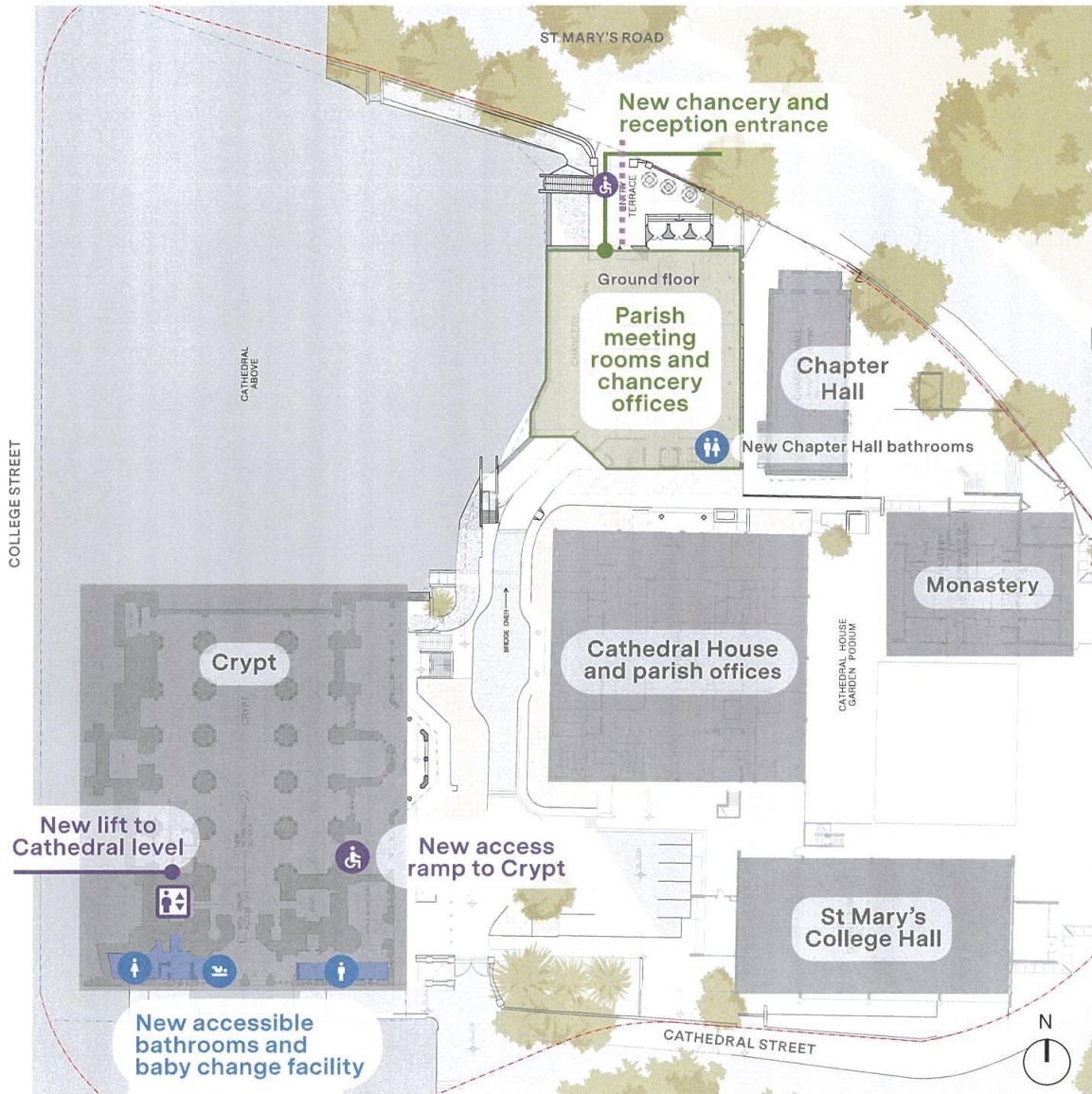
This is the site plan of the Cathedral level.










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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:

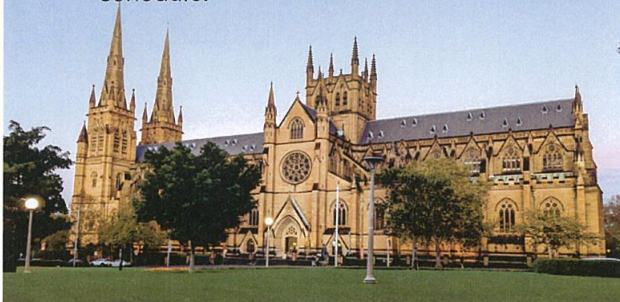
Council will make a determination on the DA. At this time, we will update the community about the determination and next steps.

○ 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:



- Monday, 20 November (1:10pm)
- Monday, 20 November (5:30pm)
- Wednesday, 22 November (1:10pm)

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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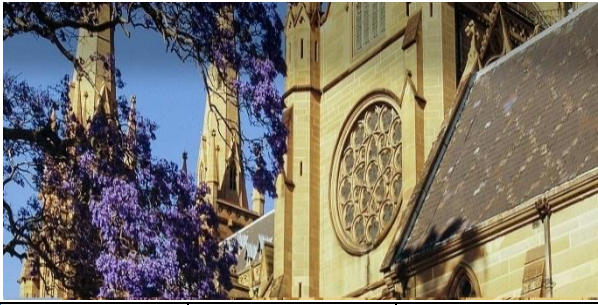





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UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

November - December 2023

			18 <i>Saturday</i>	19 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2pm Sunday Public Tour 2.30pm Annual Catechist Mass	20 <i>Monday</i>	21 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
22 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Cecilia</i> 5.30pm Mass (Red Wednesday) 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	23 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	24 <i>Friday</i> <i>Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and companions</i> <i>Please note There will be no 12pm Adoration today</i>	25 <i>Saturday</i> 12pm Mass (70 th Anniversary of the Founding of Billings)	26 <i>Sunday</i> CHRIST THE KING 10.30am Mass (EOHSJ Investiture) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	27 <i>Monday</i>	28 <i>Tuesday</i>
29 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	30 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Andrew</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	1 <i>Friday</i>	2 <i>Saturday</i> 10am Annual Lourdes Day Mass	3 <i>Sunday</i> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 12pm Blessing of Nativity Scene (in Cathedral Forecourt) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	4 <i>Monday</i>	5 <i>Tuesday</i>
6 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	7 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Ambrose</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	8 <i>Friday</i> IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	9 <i>Saturday</i>	10 <i>Sunday</i> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 10.30am Mass (Mass for Expectant Mothers & those Hoping to Conceive) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	11 <i>Monday</i>	12 <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



Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza since 7 October has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict.

The human toll has been devastating with more than 7,000 deaths across Israel and Gaza. Over 5,700 Palestinians have them are children, while more than 15,000 people have been injured in Gaza.

Over 1.4 million people (60% of the population) have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

Caritas Australia is working with our partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS), providing emergency shelter for over 1,200 people and cash support to over 7,100 families so far. We are also assisting with household items, including mattresses, blankets and other materials and support for food assistance and water, sanitation and hygiene.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



DONATE NOW
www.caritas.org.au/gaza
 1800 024 413



St Mary's Cathedral National Trust Christmas Appeal

We need your support for ongoing conservation of our beloved St Mary's Cathedral.

For generous benefactors giving \$50 or more, we will be delighted to send you a special, limited edition, 24 page **2024 St Mary's Cathedral Calendar**, filled with beautiful images of our historic and iconic mother Church. **Donate now or by 11 December for pre-Christmas delivery.**

Yes, I'd like to give \$50 \$100 \$250 Other


Give today. Donate at www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-smc or call 1800 753 959. 

Gifts to St Mary's Cathedral National Trust are tax-deductible.



CATHOLIC WEEKLY OFFER

St Mary's Cathedral CALENDAR 2024



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

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




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



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.

CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

a festival evening at St Mary's

14-25 DECEMBER

We invite the community of Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Festivities begin at
5.30pm with:**

Christmas market stalls, food,
fun activities for the kids and
live entertainment

Use the hashtag
#ChristmasAtTheCathedral
on your social posts.

For more information, visit our website
christmasatthecathedral.org.au



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