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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

2023

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22:1-3, 5-6*

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R.**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mark 11:9, 10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31-46*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN

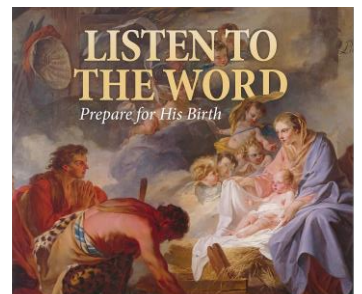


Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today at the 10.30 Mass we welcome the members of Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, whose presence is a poignant reminder of the need to pray for peace in the Holy Land and to work for the support of the precious “living stones” of the Christian community there.

The celebration of “Christ the King” this Sunday means that Advent is near! Next Sunday, which is the First Sunday of Advent, the large Nativity Scene in front of the cathedral will be blessed after the 10.30am Mass. Our “Christmas at the Cathedral” evening festival, with the beautiful sound and light show and activities in the Cathedral Square begins on 14th December, and there will be several special musical and liturgical events in the days leading up to Christmas, so please watch for notices in the bulletin and on our website and social media pages.

I would like to recommend the “Advent Companion 2023 – LISTEN TO THE WORD – Prepare for His Birth”, a special booklet of prayers and reflections for the lead-up to Christmas, which would be especially good for families to use at home, as well as individuals. It also has a helpful Examination of Conscience by Archbishop Fisher, which will be useful to prepare for Confession before Christmas, and an Advent Wreath blessing and prayers you can use at home. These are free, and you can pick one up from a table near the big pulpit this weekend, while they last.



The Funeral Mass for Monsignor Bill Mullins will be held in the cathedral this Tuesday 5th December, at 10.00am.

I want to announce that I will be on sabbatical leave next year from early January to early April. Happily, His Grace has appointed Fr Lewi Barakat to be Administrator and Acting Dean while I am away. Congratulations to Fr Lewi! I am also pleased to say that Fr Benjamin Saliba will be joining the cathedral staff from the beginning of January. Fr Saliba is presently Assistant Priest at St John the Baptist, Bonnyrigg Heights.








Fr Brendan Purcell remains in care receiving therapy for the stroke he recently suffered, and while he is as cheery as ever he would appreciate your prayers.

With every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson,
Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

November - December 2023

			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 <i>Please Note due to the Lourdes Mass today's 9am and 12noon Masses are cancelled</i>	3 <i>Sunday</i>  First Sunday of Advent 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> City Compass at Purpose Conference	8 <i>Friday</i> IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	9 <i>Saturday</i>	10 <i>Sunday</i>  Second Sunday of Advent 10.30am Mass (Mass for Expectant Mothers & those Hoping to Conceive) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	11 <i>Monday</i>	12 <i>Tuesday</i>
13 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Lucy</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	14 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St John of the Cross</i> <i>Christmas at the Cathedral from 5.30pm</i>  6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	15 <i>Friday</i>	16 <i>Saturday</i>	17 <i>Sunday</i>  Third Sunday of Advent 2pm Sunday Public Tour	18 <i>Monday</i>	19 <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



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

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.

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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