



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2023

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10*

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 130*

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13*

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

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 23:9, 10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;

you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 23:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

It was good to welcome Archbishop Fisher home from Rome, where he was attending the Synod throughout October.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors to St Mary's Cathedral this weekend, including Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Vatican's Secretary for Relations with States, who is paying an official visit to Australia to mark 50 years of diplomatic relations between Australia and the Holy See, and Archbishop Charles Balvo, the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia.

We'll be reminded further of our connection to the Roman Church on Thursday: it is the Feast of the Anniversary of Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, which is actually the Cathedral of Rome and known as *Omnium Urbis and Orbis Ecclesiarum Mater et Caput* – "Mother and Head of all Churches in Rome and in the World".

This feast reawakens our awareness of our fellowship in the Catholic Church, our communion with the Pope and the Roman Church. This communion is more than a visible relationship, it is a spiritual reality and extends beyond this world to the communion of saints – of which we are particularly aware throughout this month of November when we pray for the holy souls in purgatory.







I'd like to mention that Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Lubega, who has been with us in Cathedral House for several years, first as Chaplain to St Vincent's Hospital and more recently as Assistant Priest at the Cathedral, will be moving to Kingsgrove Parish mid November. I want to publicly thank Fr Emmanuel for his ministry among us and wish him well for his new appointment. He will be missed in Cathedral House! Please keep Fr Brendan Purcell in your prayers as he is unwell at present though as cheerful as ever. And while you are praying, kindly remember the Reverends Željko Evetovic and Ronny Jose D'Cruz who are due to be ordained to the priesthood in the cathedral on 4th November. May their ministry be fruitful for the Lord!

There are several of our parishioners who would also appreciate your prayers at this time, because of illness and some other special circumstances. May the Lord bless them and each of you in the week ahead!

Fr Don Richardson,
Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

November 2023

			4 CWF Appeal 4 & 5 November Saturday <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 CWF Appeal 4 & 5 November Sunday Sydney Open from 1.15pm to 4.15pm 7pm EMBRACE Young Adults 	6 Monday	7 Tuesday
			8 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	9 Thursday <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	10 Friday <i>St Leo the Great</i>	11 Saturday <i>St Martin of Tours</i> 12pm Mass (Irish Mass of Remembrance)
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	19 Sunday WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2pm Sunday Public Tour 2.30pm Annual Catechist Mass	20 Monday	21 Tuesday <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
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>	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 7pm EMBRACE 	27 Monday	28 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)



UPDATE ON ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL MASTERPLAN ENGAGEMENT



November 2023

Throughout July, you helped us to explore the future vision for St Mary's Cathedral, the spiritual home to Catholic communities across Greater Sydney and NSW. Drawing on your feedback, we have now prepared a masterplan which seeks to retain the cultural and heritage value of the Cathedral while providing much-needed facilities for parishioners and visitors.

More information about our masterplan will be provided in November 2023: we will be holding five information sessions after Mass. At these masses, you will have an opportunity to view the detailed plans, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Please come and speak with the project team after any of these Mass services. There is no need to register.

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

More information will also be available on the SMC website from Friday 10 November and in future bulletins, so keep an eye out in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



Donate to the Charitable Works Fund November 2023 Appeal
4th & 5th November 2023 is our parish appeal.

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

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 Or complete the parish envelope.



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GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

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

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 1800 024 413

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>

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

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



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 FREE ADMISSION (RETIRING COLLECTION)
 WITH MUSIC BY
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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
www.trybooking.com/1097546


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



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.

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.