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SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2023

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING *Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down  
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

**R.** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face  
and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see,  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:

give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

**SECOND READING** *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

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

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Ps 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Mark 13:33-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## WORD FROM THE DEAN

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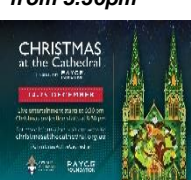



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

In the face of the great tragedies in our own life and in the lives of others, sometimes all we can do is acknowledge what has happened or is happening, and pray to God for a new pathway to open up for those who caught up in the seemingly inescapable turmoil. Hence, with the situation in the Holy Land being what it is, with terrorism and war deeply affecting so many families and taking so many lives, the Australian Bishop's Commission for Inter-religious Dialogue have asked that St Mary's Cathedral host an "Occasion of Common Lamentation and Prayer for Peace". This will take place in the cathedral on Wednesday, 6th December 2023 from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. I would like to encourage you to come and pray for peace.

*Fr Don Richardson,*  
Dean

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## December 2023

<h1>ADVENT</h1> 			<b>2</b> <i>Saturday</i> 10am Annual Lourdes Day Mass Please Note due to the Lourdes Mass today's 9am and 12noon Masses are cancelled	<b>3</b> <i>Sunday</i>  <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 12pm Blessing of Nativity Scene (in Cathedral Forecourt) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	<b>4</b> <i>Monday</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Tuesday</i>
			<b>6</b> <i>Wednesday</i> 6.30pm Ecumenical & Interfaith Service 'A Prayer for Peace' 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>7</b> <i>Thursday</i> St Ambrose Today's 1.10pm Mass moved to the Crypt City Compass at Purpose Conference	<b>8</b> <i>Friday</i> <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Saturday</i>
<b>13</b> <i>Wednesday</i> St Lucy 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>14</b> <i>Thursday</i> St John of the Cross Christmas at the Cathedral from 5.30pm  6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	<b>15</b> <i>Friday</i> Cathedral Choir performing at Christmas at the Cathedral (in Cathedral Forecourt)	<b>16</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Sunday</i>  <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 4.30pm Carol Service by the Cathedral Choir  7.30pm Interfaith Remembrance Service by the Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria	<b>18</b> <i>Monday</i>	<b>19</b> <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



## An Occasion of Common Lamentation and Prayer for Peace

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Bishop Michael McKenna, Chair of the Bishops' Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-Religious Dialogue invites you to **An Occasion of Common Lamentation and Prayer for Peace**

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
**Time:** 6:30pm-7:30pm  
**Location:** St Mary's Cathedral

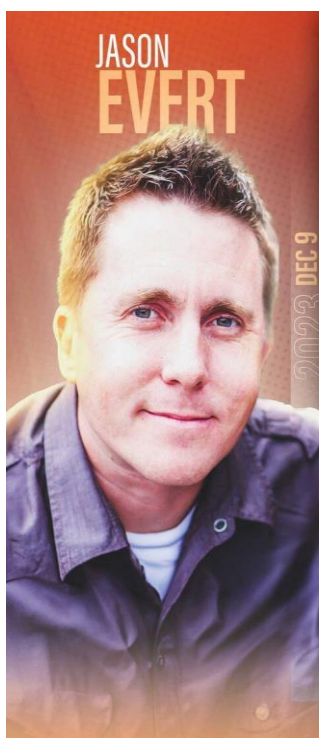


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## SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE Summer SERIES 23|24

**DEC 9** GENDER & THEOLOGY OF THE BODY  
 9:00AM FAMILY EVENT WITH JASON EVERT  
 1:30PM PATRICIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE HALL, \$25 PER PERSON  
 2080 THE HORSLEY DRIVE, FAIRFIELD

Jason's Evert's presentation of 'Purified' and 'Gender & Theology of the Body' brings parents and teens (13years+) together to discover God's plan for love and opens an opportunity to continue the discussion about this important topic at home with resources that work. Jason mixes humour with down-to-earth practicality, making the difficult conversations about love much easier, and ends with adoration, praise and worship, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, transforming the day into a mini retreat for the whole family.

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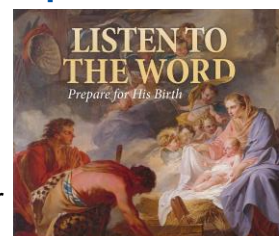
## Jesus Our Light and Hope: Advent Twilight Retreat

Take time this Advent to pause and reflect at the Twilight Advent Retreat hosted at Joseph's Camperdown. A time to receive the peace and hope of Christmas. All welcome.

**Date:** Tuesday 12 December  
**Time:** 6.30 pm – 9:30 pm (doors open at 6 pm)  
**Venue:** St Joseph's Parish  
**Address:** 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown

## LISTEN TO THE WORD: Prepare for His birth - Advent Companion 2023

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus.



This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Christian Stephens, Rachel Vala, Milad Khalil, Sr Anastasia Reeves OP, and Fr Matthew Meagher. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. The resources will be available in parishes of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and online at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).



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10:30 SOLEMN MASS  
CELEBRATED BY BISHOP UMBERS  
REFRESHMENTS IN THE SCHOOL HALL

10  
DECEMBER  
2023

SPECIAL BLESSING WITH RELICS  
OF ST. GIANNA MOLLA AND  
ST. GERARD MAJELLA



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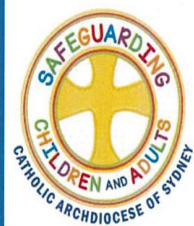
*Book can also be purchased at St Mary's Cathedral SHOP*



**No photography or videography  
permitted while Mass is in progress.**

### ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

The option to make an offering via credit  
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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

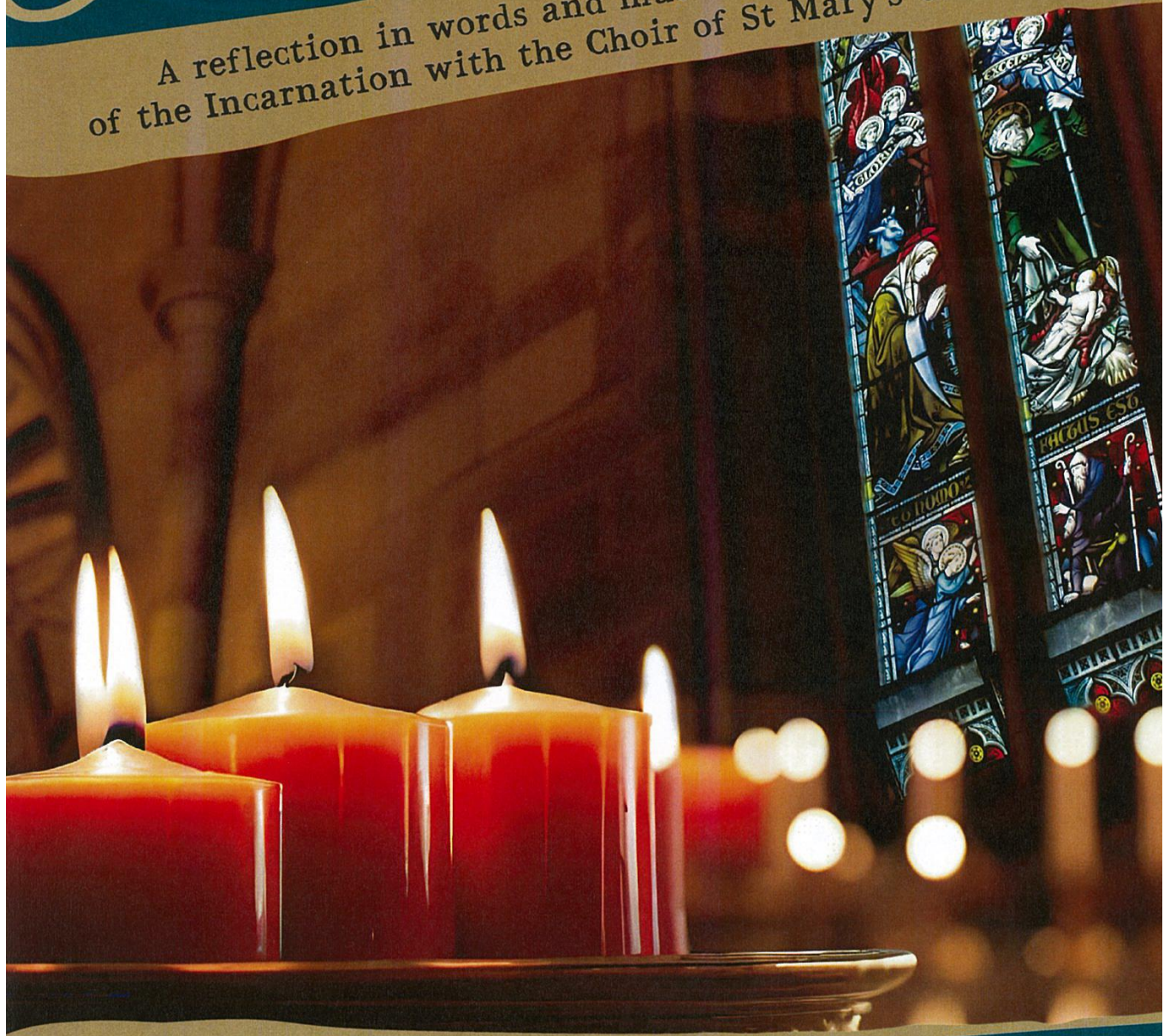
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

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.

# Emmanuel

A reflection in words and music on the mystery  
of the Incarnation with the Choir of St Mary's Cathedral



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER

4:30PM

ADMISSION FREE

# *merry christmas*

## **SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER:**

**5.00pm:** 1st Vespers of Christmas (Evening Prayer)\*

**6.00pm:** Mass, Vigil of Christmas\*

**8.00pm:** Mass, Vigil of Christmas

**10.00pm:** Mass of Christmas Night

**11.15pm:** Matins of Christmas (The Office of Readings)\*

**12:00 Midnight:** Solemn Mass of Christmas Night (celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP)\*

## **MONDAY 25th DECEMBER:**

**7.00am:** Mass of Christmas Day

**9.00am:** Mass of Christmas Day

**10.30am:** Solemn Mass of Christmas Day (celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP)\*

**6.00pm:** Mass of Christmas Day

### **NO BOOKINGS**

Admission to the Cathedral may be restricted until after the previous Mass has concluded

**\*Mass will be live-streamed**



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**2023**

# CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

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**14-25 DECEMBER**

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