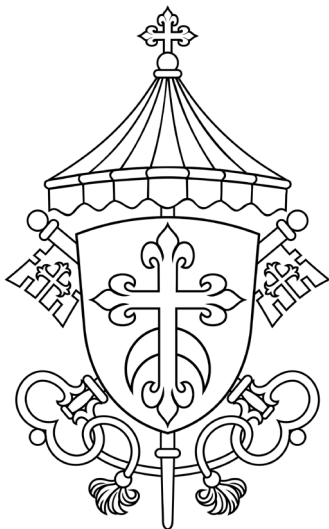


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass

Second Sunday
of Advent

10 December 2023
10.30am

ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES

The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this Mass.



Please note you can continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

WELCOME

to St Mary's Cathedral which stands in the centre of Sydney as a Christian statement of grace and beauty. Generations of artists have bequeathed to it their magnificent gifts in stone and glass, designing a unique space of solace and prayer within this vibrant city. This Cathedral represents the spiritual origins of the Catholic Church in Australia. It is one of Sydney's most treasured historic buildings and one of the finest examples of English-style gothic churches in the world. William Wilkinson Wardell, the 19th century architect, dreamed of a gothic structure shaped from the local yellow-block sandstone on which this city is built. The building was finally completed 100 years after the architect's death. The Cathedral is dedicated to Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, Help of Christians.

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is the oldest musical institution in Australia. In 1818 a group of choristers was formed to sing Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament in the Dempsey household, the centre of Catholic worship in the penal colony. After the establishment of St Mary's Cathedral in 1833 the successors of these choristers formed the permanent Cathedral Choir. In faithfulness to the Benedictine English tradition from which the Cathedral's founders came, the Choir is formed of men and boys, preserving the historical character of Catholic liturgical and musical heritage. St Mary's is the only Catholic Cathedral in Australia to have an on-site Choir School where the twenty-four boy choristers are educated. The other parts of the Choir are provided by lay clerks who are professional singers. The Choir's primary function is to sing Vespers and Mass in the Cathedral which it does almost daily, but it has also undertaken several international tours, recordings and concert projects.

REGULAR CHORAL SERVICES

Sunday	1030	Solemn Mass <i>Full Choir</i>
	1700	Solemn Vespers and Benediction <i>Men's voices</i>
Monday	1700	Vespers <i>Men's voices</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Full Choir</i>
Tuesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cantor</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Boys' voices</i>
Wednesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
Thursday	1700	Vespers <i>Men's voices</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Men's voices</i>

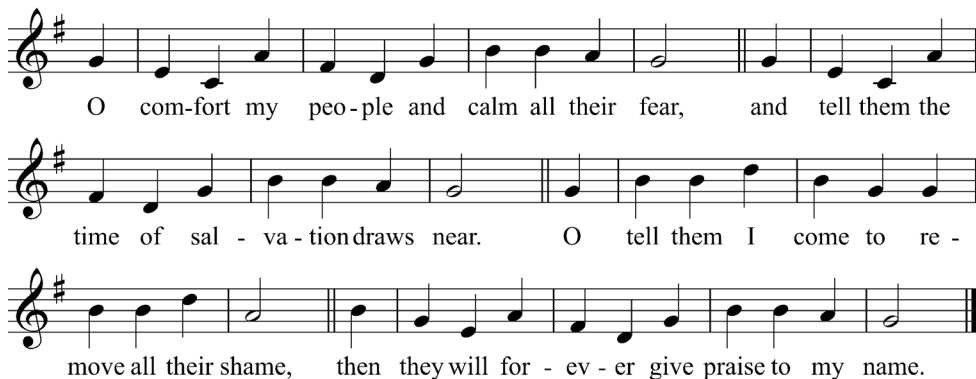
Download the weekly Music List at <http://musiclists.cathedralchoir.sydney>

**TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY,
PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

ORDER OF MASS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand and sing

THE HYMN



O com-fort my peo-ple and calm all their fear, and tell them the
time of sal - va - tion draws near. O tell them I come to re -
move all their shame, then they will for - ev - er give praise to my name.

2

**Proclaim to the cities of Judah my word:
that gentle yet strong is the hand of the Lord.
I rescue the captives, my people defend
and bring them to justice and joy without end**

3

**All mountains and hills shall become as a plain
for vanished are mourning and hunger and pain.
And never again shall these war against you.
Behold I come quickly to make all things new.**

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

cf. Isaiah 30:19,30; Psalm 79

POPULUS Sion, ecce Dominus veniet ad salvandas gentes: et auditam faciet Dominus gloriam vocis suae, in laetitia cordis vestri. *℣.* V. Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem Ioseph.

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. ℣. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph's flock.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Bishop says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After a brief silence all say

I CONFESS to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast thrice, saying

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Bishop gives the absolution, saying

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

℟: **Amen.**

The Choir sings the KYRIE

from Mass for five voices

William Byrd (c.1540–1623)

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Bishop says the COLLECT

℟. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

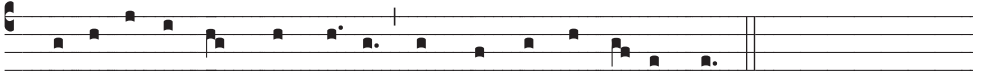
FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

CONSOLE my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**



℟. **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and grant us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
 a voice that speaks of peace,
 peace for his people.
 His help is near for those who fear him
 and his glory will dwell in our land. *℟.*

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
 justice and peace have embraced.
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
 and justice look down from heaven. *℟.*

The Lord will make us prosper
 and our earth shall yield its fruit.
 Justice shall march before him
 and peace shall follow his steps. *℟.*

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

THERE is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia.

℣. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's house.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The Lord be with you.

℣. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

℣. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

All bow during the following line:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER AND BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND MARRIED COUPLES
HOPING TO CONCEIVE

*The Bishop will give the blessing with the relics of St. Gianna Molla and
St. Gerard Majella to all expectant mothers and married couples
hoping to conceive who are present today.*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Choir sings the OFFERTORY MOTET

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

ALMA Redemptóris Mater, quæ pervaia cæli Porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre
cadénti, Súrgere qui curat pópulo.

*Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the accessible Gateway of Heaven,
and Star of the Sea, Give aid to a falling people that strives to rise.*

The Bishop says

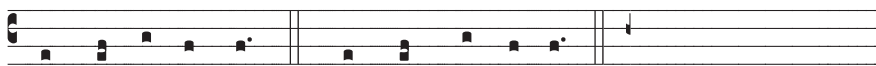
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

℟: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Bishop says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

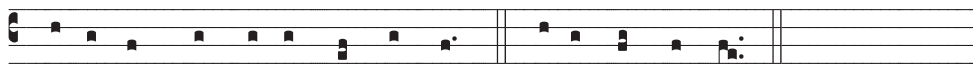
℟: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

T HE Lord be with you. ℟: **And with your spi-rit.**



Lift up your hearts. ℟: **We lift them up to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟: **It is right and just.**

THE PREFACE

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An-ctus, * San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

sunt cæ-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díc-tus
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed

tus qui ve-nit in nó-mine Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in excél-sis.
is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

When the Bishop sings

The mystery of faith.

All sing

W ^{Re}

E proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rectio

until you come a-gain.

When the Bishop sings

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All respond

Re **A-men.**

COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All sing

O UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,

and forgive us our trespasses, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;

and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

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Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

For Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

For And with your spirit.

The Choir sings the AGNUS DEI

from Mass for five voices

William Byrd

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Bishop shows the host to the congregation, saying

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

✠ **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion. The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.

The Choir sings the COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Ierusalem surge, et sta in excelso: et vide iucunditatem, quæ veniet tibi a Deo tuo.
Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

The Choir sings the COMMUNION MOTET

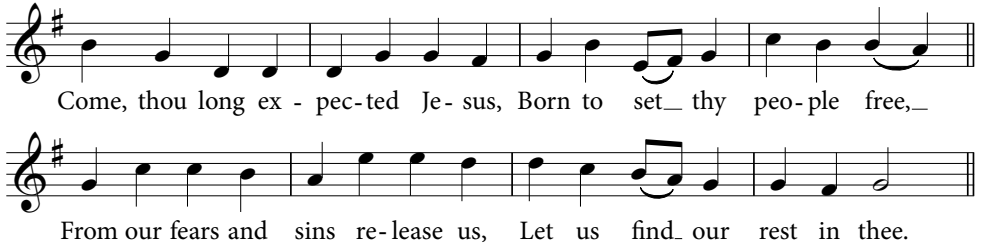
Tomás Luis de Victoria

TU quæ genuisti, Natúra mirante, tuum sanctum Genitórem Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.

O Thou who begot thy holy Creator, while all nature marvelled, Virgin before and after receiving that "Ave" from the mouth of Gabriel, have mercy on sinners.

All sing

THE HYMN



Come, thou long ex - pec-ted Je- sus, Born to set_ thy peo-ple free,_
From our fears and sins re-lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.

**Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king.
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Cross of Jesus
John Stainer (1840–1901)

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

The Bishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

℞ **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing.

℟: **Amen.**

As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

℟: **Amen.**

So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty.

℟: **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

℟: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Electa ut Sol

Henri Dallier (1849–1934)

*The relics of St. Gianna Molla and St. Gerard Majella
will be available for veneration at the main altar for 15 minutes*

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5.00pm

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