



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2024

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19*

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10*

R. Here am I, Lord;

I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20*

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

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.
God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ;
anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to
fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the
Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own
property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body
for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 1:41, 17*

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 1:35-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE ACTING DEAN



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to report that Fr. Don Richardson has arrived safely to Rome and has commenced his three month sabbatical, a time for prayer, study, and rest. The Church teaches that 'notwithstanding pastoral urgency, Priests need to be provided with time, as much as reasonably possible, so as to facilitate longer periods spent with the Lord Jesus, recovering strength and courage to continue the road to holiness'.

(From the Congregation for the Clergy: *Directory of the Ministry and Life of Priests*)

We pray for Fr. Don that whilst residing in the shadow of the majestic Dome of St Peter's Basilica, he will be renewed in the joy of his Vocation and strengthened by the enduring witness of the Princes of the Apostles.

Meanwhile, in his absence, I am humbled and grateful to the Archbishop for my new appointment. I would appreciate your prayers for me in this additional role as Administrator and Acting Dean of St Mary's Cathedral.

Prayer must be central to the life of every believer.

In the lead up to the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis has asked all the faithful to focus on an intentional and deepening life of prayer. This call is not only for Priests or Religious. Following the Great Jubilee of 2000, Pope St John Paul II said:

"It would be wrong to think that ordinary Christians can be content with a shallow prayer that is unable to fill their whole life. Especially in the face of the many trials to which today's world subjects faith, they would be not only mediocre Christians but "Christians at risk". They would run the insidious risk of seeing their faith progressively undermined, and would perhaps end up succumbing to the allure of "substitutes", accepting alternative religious proposals and even indulging in far-fetched superstitions."

(From the Apostolic Letter of Pope St John Paul II: *Novo Millennio Ineunte*)

We are truly blessed with the beauty and prayer life of the Cathedral, which continues to draw the faithful and visitors from all walks of life. St John Paul II mentions how the experience of silence and prayer offers the proper setting for the growth and development of a true, faithful and consistent knowledge of the mystery of faith. So stop in regularly for a moment of silence. Pray with us at Daily Mass and Vespers. Join our weekly devotions and various faith-based initiatives. City Compass recommences this week for any young professional. I encourage you to immerse yourself and invite others to enter more fully into the life of the Church this year.





Last but not least, Fr. Roberto Keryakos has now commenced his ministry with us at the Cathedral. I hope you will meet him cheerfully in the coming weeks.

God bless,

Fr Lewi Barakat, Administrator and Acting Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

January – February 2024

			13 <i>Saturday</i>	14 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	15 <i>Monday</i>	16 <i>Tuesday</i>
17 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Anthony</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	18 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS <i>Resumes today</i> 	19 <i>Friday</i>	20 <i>Saturday</i>	21 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	22 <i>Monday</i>	23 <i>Tuesday</i>
24 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Francis de Sales</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	25 <i>Thursday</i> <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	26 <i>Friday</i> AUSTRALIA DAY Public Holiday Mass 9am	27 <i>Saturday</i>	28 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	29 <i>Monday</i>	30 <i>Tuesday</i>
31 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St John Bosco</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	1 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	2 <i>Friday</i> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE	3 <i>Saturday</i>	4 <i>Sunday</i> WORD OF GOD SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	5 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Agatha</i>	6 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Paul Miki and Companions</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





CHRISTOPHER WEST

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE
Summer
SERIES 23|24
FRADD | EVERT | WEST

JAN 20

DOORS OPEN & REGISTRATION AT 6:45PM

MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM
AN EVENING WITH CHRISTOPHER WEST

ALL SAINTS LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC PARISH, | TICKETS FROM \$15
48 GEORGE STREET, LIVERPOOL

Following Dr Christopher West's Made for More presentation earlier this year, he comes back to Sydney to dive deeper with families to rediscover authentic masculinity and femininity. This not to be missed one night presentation will provide a hopeful and redemptive understanding of the original and glorious meaning of our creation as male and female.

TO BUY TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/SUMMER-SERIES




Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend

Engagement is a beautiful time to intentionally prepare for your vocation.

The 'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer.

Of Life and Love is a recognised marriage preparation course.

DATE: 24-25th February 2024
(no overnight stay)

VENUE: at St Luke the Evangelist, Revesby.
1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby NSW.

More information and registration at
www.trybooking.com/CMGTS




RESIDENTIAL RETREATS FOR 2024
STARTS ON FRIDAY, 5:30PM ENDS ON SUNDAY, 4:00PM

Volunteers Retreat 9th-11th February
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 16th-18th February
Lenten Growth Retreat 15th-17th March
Divine Mercy Growth Retreat 5th-7th April
Couples Growth Retreat 17th-19th May
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 14th-16th June
Family & Children Retreat 12th-14th July
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 16th-18th August
Youth Retreat 13th-15th September
Marian Growth Retreat 18th-20th October
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 15th-17th November
Advent Retreat 13th-15th December

(Live-in, Accommodation and food provided)
2 bedded room: Single person - \$275 (including meals),
Sharing - \$185 each (including meals),
4 bedded rooms: Single person - \$250 (including meals),
Sharing \$ 170 each (including meals).

For more info & bookings
please contact: 02 4372 1598 or email: drcrretreatreg@gmail.com

Special Dates to Remember

DIVINE MERCY FEAST
April 7th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST
September 29th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA FEAST
5th September

ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA FEAST
5th October


7:00am to 9:00am

•Confession •Holy Adoration •Holy Mass

A partial indulgence is granted to all who venerate the relic on this day.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
31st Dec, 8:00pm- Confession 10:00pm- Praise and worship, Rosary, 11:00pm- Holy Mass

Purchase your copy now!



BEAUTY AND LIGHT with FAITH

By Fr Donald Richardson

\$50.00


+ \$5.00 postage & handling

BEAUTY AND LIGHT WITH FAITH, The Stained Glass Windows of St Mary's Cathedral, is a guide which takes the reader through the history and story of each beautiful stained glass window of St Mary's Cathedral and Crypt. The beauty and story in each window may serve to draw the reader closer to their faith.

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

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY

FREE GUIDED TOURS



EVERY SUNDAY at 2pm

Please join us for a **FREE** guided tour of St Mary's Cathedral


Learn about the history and architecture of this magnificent Cathedral and Crypt

Please note:
Participants receive 10% discount in the Cathedral Shop

Meeting point: Cathedral Shop internal entrance
Wheel chair access is available to Main Cathedral

To book a spot please email:
info@stmaryscathedral.org.au

Walk-ins still accepted



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.



CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

MASS
9:00am

HISTORY & CRYPT TOURS

10:00am
10:30am
11:30am
12:00pm
1:00pm
1:30pm
2:00pm
2:30pm

BELL TOWER TOURS*

10:00am
1:00pm

**RINGING OF
HAND BELLS - PERFORMANCE**

3:00pm Main Cathedral

26 January 2024

OPEN HOURS 6:30am to 6:30pm

*Bell Tower Tour participants must be in good health and sign a standard waiver form.