

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2024

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
INCLUDING
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 Saturday	14 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour	15 Monday	16 Tuesday
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6:30pm CITY COMPASS Resumes today			2pm Sunday Public Tour		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Wednesday St Francis de Sales 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	Thursday The Conversion of St Paul 6:30pm CITY COMPASS	Friday AUSTRALIA DAY Public Holiday Mass 9am	Saturday	Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour	Monday	Tuesday
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6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6:30pm CITY COMPASS	The Presentation of the Lord WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE		WORD OF GOD SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	St Agatha	St Paul Miki and Companions

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

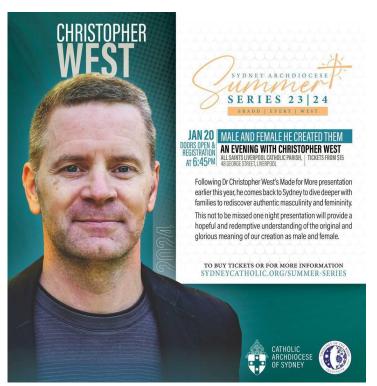
EVENING VESPERS

Monday to Friday: 5:00pm Saturday: 5:30pm Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES





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.

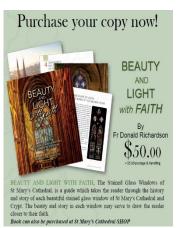
DATE: 24-25th February 2024 (no overnight stay)

VENUE: at St Luke the Evangelist, Revesby.

1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby NSW.

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









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

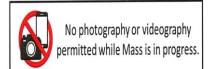
You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



The option to make an offering via credit card is available at St Mary's Cathedral.





CELEBRATING 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.