



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRD 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 *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

A reading from the prophet Jonah

*The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 24:4-9*

**R.** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

## **SECOND READING** *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

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

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Mark 1:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Mark 1:14-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE ACTING DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This week we will celebrate the Conversion of St Paul, a real reason to persevere in Hope, whenever we are mistreated by others for our faith in Jesus Christ.

According to Open Doors, an international NGO that keeps details of Christian persecution throughout the world, it's reported that more than 365 million Christians suffer high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith.

To break it down further:

1 in 7 Christians are persecuted worldwide.

4,998 were murdered for their faith last year.

14,766 Churches and Christian properties were attacked.

4,125 Christians were detained.

These are our brothers and sisters in Christ who continue to share in the suffering of Christ with very little care at times from their governments or others.

United with them as one body, we do well to remember and pray for them and for each other in the face of our own sometimes silent sufferings. Actions or attitudes of hostility towards the teaching of Jesus Christ exist everywhere, and they can even creep into our families, workplaces and institutions, which can leave us discouraged or downhearted.

Saul was on the way to Damascus, the ancient land of Syria, where my parents migrated to Australia from. Saul was still breathing threats to slaughter the Lord's disciples when on the way to Damascus he had his humbling encounter with Jesus.

*He fell to the ground, and then he heard a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' he asked, and the voice answered, 'I am Jesus and you are persecuting me. (See Acts 9:1-22)*

By these words of Jesus we learn more about the mystical body of Christ and how intimately united we are with Christ and Christ is with us – His Church. If we share in the suffering of Christ, we too will share in His glory.





We should always keep the Road to Damascus in mind when considering our own impulsive bias or that of those who persecute us. After he was baptised and spent a few days with the disciples in Damascus, St Paul (Saul) began preaching in the synagogues, 'Jesus is the Son of God.' The great persecutor became the greatest preacher of the Christian faith.

Prayers for a Happy Australia Day for all who call this great country of ours home and for anyone who is visiting us this week.

*Fr Lewi Barakat, Administrator and Acting Dean.*

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## January – February 2024

			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> <b>AUSTRALIA DAY</b>  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> <b>WORD OF GOD SUNDAY</b>  2pm Sunday Public Tour	5 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Agatha</i>	6 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Paul Miki and Companions</i>
7 <i>Wednesday</i>  6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	8 <i>Thursday</i>  6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	9 <i>Friday</i>	10 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Scholastica</i>	11 <i>Sunday</i> <b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK</b>  2pm Sunday Public Tour	12 <i>Monday</i>	13 <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




## St Mary's Cathedral Training Choir is launching from February 2024 for Boys and Girls in Years 1-3

This group will be the foundation choir for the main Cathedral Choir, rehearsing every Thursday from 4:15pm to 5:30pm in the Cathedral Song School. Run by experienced vocal specialist Anna Sandström, this free-to-access ensemble is available to any child with an interest in singing.

To register your interest, please scan the QR code and complete the online form.



 No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

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



**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS**  
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

**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.



# 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.