



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FOURTH 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 *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 94:1-2, 6-9*

R. If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 7:32-35*

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

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord,
that she might be holy.*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 4:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mark 1:21-28*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM OUR NEW CATHEDRAL ASSISTANT PRIEST



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

What a beautiful place I now get to call home. It was an honour to be asked to come and serve the people of God at the mother Church of our great land.

I was ordained on August 6, 2022 and spent the first year of priesthood at St John the Baptist, Bonnyrigg Heights. I am a proud Aussie with a Lebanese background and love the meshing of our beautiful cultures. I very much look forward to serving you all as an assistant priest here at St Mary's. I am a die-hard Bulldogs supporter and in my free time, a proud podcaster which I encourage you all to check out. Search "Against the Grain podcast - Father and Son talk faith and footy." A friend and I talk about faith and footy, where we navigate the sporting world, talking to professional athletes and religious figures about how to effectively engage a culture that is highly secular.






I look forward to meeting you all and saying hello in the coming months. I won't share too much more because that takes the fun out of a potential conversation. To Jesus, through Mary!!

Fr Benjamin Saliba,
Assistant Priest



UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

January – February 2024

			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>Sts 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> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK 2pm Sunday Public Tour	12 <i>Monday</i>	13 <i>Tuesday</i>
14 ASH  WEDNESDAY 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	15 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	16 <i>Friday</i> 12.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	17 <i>Saturday</i>	18 <i>Sunday</i> First Sunday of Lent 2pm Sunday Public Tour	19 <i>Monday</i>	20 <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




2024
SEASONS OF RENEWAL
How to evangelise throughout the year.

Lent and Easter
Join us online as we explore practical ideas that parishes can implement during these sacred seasons, so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that only Jesus can give. All welcome!

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY
1-hour online sessions. Register for a time that suits you.



Scan to register



Novena and procession in honour of Our Lady of Good Success

Bridget Sakr of the Heartfelt Community is organising a novena and procession in honour of Our Lady of Good Success.

The novena will begin on Thursday, 24 January and conclude on Thursday, 1 February 2024.

We are hoping to get 20,000 people to pledge to pray the novena. People can pledge to pray the novena at <https://tally.so/r/w5xjr6>.

On Saturday, 2 February, Fr Ronnie Maree will say Mass at 7pm at St Joachim's Parish, Lidcombe, with the Procession following. There will be refreshments at the hall after Mass.

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



DOMINICAN SISTERS OF Saint Cecilia.
Founded in 1860—Nashville

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT DAY

WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA

CHRIST, OUR FIRM FOUNDATION
Rediscovering the wisdom of the Church's spiritual tradition
Matthew 7:24-27

16 MARCH 2024


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL HALL | SATURDAY 10AM-4PM

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Lenten Retreat Day. This day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include all day Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, talks by the Sisters, personal testimony, a Holy Hour, and discussion groups. Women who have attended previous retreat days with the Sisters are encouraged to bring a friend to this event.



REGISTRATION
SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE TO REGISTER.
A \$20 FEE ASSISTS WITH COVERING RETREAT EXPENSES.
DOORS OPEN 9AM. TEA & LUNCH INCLUDED.
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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.



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.



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.

