



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

2024

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Isaiah 60:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Here at St Mary's Cathedral, the month of January always brings an influx of visitors, holidaymakers and tourists, who are all very welcome to this, the "Mother Church" of Australia!

This January also brings some changes for the clergy. It was announced some weeks ago that Fr Benjamin Saliba would be joining the Cathedral, transferred from his previous parish of St John the Baptist, Bonnyrigg Heights. Fr Saliba has now arrived, and I know you will make him feel welcome. I am also pleased to announce that the Archbishop has also appointed Fr Roberto Keryakos to the staff of St Mary's Cathedral, transferred from his current parish of Sacred Heart, Cabramatta. Fr Keryakos will be here later this month.

In the next few weeks there will be some exciting announcements about the future of St Mary's Cathedral College, so do "keep your ear to the ground" for those.




Well, as of this week I'm going away for three months on sabbatical leave in Rome, and Archbishop Fisher has appointed Fr Lewi Barakat as Administrator and Acting Dean of the Cathedral during my absence. Please keep supporting the Cathedral Clergy: Fr Lewi Barakat, Fr Brendan Purcell (who has moved for the time being to the Little Sisters of the Poor at Randwick while he continues to recover from the stroke he suffered in November), Fr George Sigamoney, Fr Benjamin Saliba, Fr Roberto Keryakos, and myself, with your prayers during this time of renewal and new responsibilities.

I'll see you after Easter!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

January 2024

			6 <i>Saturday</i>	7 <i>Sunday</i> The EPIPHANY of the LORD 2pm Sunday Public Tour	8 <i>Monday</i> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9 <i>Tuesday</i>
			10 <i>Wednesday</i> 5.30 Mass Today (One year Memorial for George Cardinal Pell AC) 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Resumes today	11 <i>Thursday</i>	12 <i>Friday</i>	13 <i>Saturday</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  Resumes today	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>

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



GEORGE CARDINAL
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1 YEAR
MEMORIAL
MASS

10 JANUARY 2024
WEDNESDAY 5:30PM
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
THE MASS AND TO PRAY AT THE
CARDINAL'S TOMB IN THE CRYPT.



Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend

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

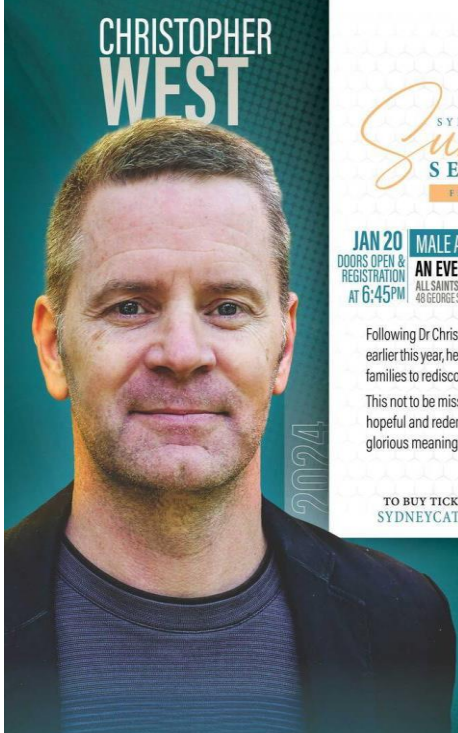
The 'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer.

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



CHRISTOPHER WEST



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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
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AND
LIGHT
with **FAITH**

By
Fr Donald Richardson
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Book can also be purchased at St Mary's Cathedral SHOP

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.



**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.