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2024

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Job 7:1-4, 6-7*

A reading from the prophet Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 146:1-6*

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
he fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 8:17*

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mark 1:29-39*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM OUR NEW CATHEDRAL ASSISTANT PRIEST



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

It's been eleven years since I've been part of the Cathedral. Not as a priest but as a Cathedral Chorister.

I began my time at the Cathedral as an energetic nine-year old in the Choir/College. For twelve years I had the immense privilege of singing in the oldest and finest musical institution in Australia.

It was during this time that, unbeknownst to me, the seeds of the priesthood were quietly growing. Not sure of what to study, after school I decided to study something I would never regret, music.

After a Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education at UNSW, and through the prayers and friendship of the Catholic Chaplaincy there, I joined the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush in 2013 and completed my studies in 2019.

I began post-seminary life at All Saints', Liverpool, and St Therese, Sadleir. I was ordained a deacon in 2019 at my home parish of St Raphael's, South Hurstville, and then ordained priest in the Cathedral in 2020. I moved to Sacred Heart, Cabramatta, in 2022, and arrived here last month.

I would probably not be a priest today if it wasn't for the many years spent singing God's praises in our beautiful Cathedral. God won me over through beauty.

My message is simple... do not underestimate the power of God.

I was never the most well-behaved boy. I'd even joke around with friends on the sanctuary during Mass! But God decided to take this young jokester and turn him into His priest.

Think God doesn't have a sense of humour? Think of my story.

Think a particular person or situation is beyond help? Again, think of me.

I am here for you, and you are in my prayers, daily.






God bless you,

Fr Roberto Keryakos
Assistant Priest



UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

February 2024

			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>
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>
21 <i>Wednesday</i> 5.30pm Mass (Mass for Sydney Catholic Schools) 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	22 <i>Thursday</i> <i>The Chair of Peter</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	23 <i>Friday</i> 12.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	24 <i>Saturday</i>	25 <i>Sunday</i> Second Sunday of Lent 2pm Sunday Public Tour	26 <i>Monday</i>	27 <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)

SAFEGUARDING NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER

Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

As per the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding **COMMITMENT STATEMENT**, we are wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well-being and dignity of all Children and Adults, and we acknowledge our important legal, moral, and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for Children and Adults.

Therefore, with the commencement of another new year, we are pleased to share and confirm our Peak Safeguarding Committee for 2024, and their positions and responsibilities:

NAME	PSC POSITION	RESPONSIBILITY
Fr Don Richardson Dean of St Mary's Cathedral and Parish Administrator	Chair	Provides advice, support and recommendations. Is answerable to the Archbishop and CAS Safeguarding Dept on all matters related to Safeguarding.
Helen Morassut General Manager – St Mary's Cathedral Precinct	Parish safeguarding Support Officer	Assists Dean to fulfill his obligations to report any offenses. Is readily available to speak with any parishioner who requires assistance. Trains all staff and volunteers on Safeguarding requirements. Supports Archdiocese Safeguarding Office in enforcing Safeguarding policy .
Jennifer Foo Special Liturgies Officer	Manager of SMC Volunteers	Works directly with all SMC volunteers to make sure our Safeguarding Policy is implemented. Also maintains training attendance requirements and all communications with Volunteers
Paula Dedes Assistant to SMC Dean	Secretary	Organises and takes minutes of quarterly meeting. Responsible for verifying WWCC's of all persons who work with Children. Also records all training attendance.
Daniel Justin St Mary's Cathedral Director of Music	Manager of Choir members (Choristers, Scholars and Lay Clerks)	Responsible for implementation of Safeguarding Policy with all Music Dept and Choir members. Responsible for reporting all allegations or concerns about children at risk and indictable offences.

Should you need to contact us please call Cathedral House Office on 9220 0400.

For further Safeguarding information please head to <https://stmaryscathedral.org.au/> or <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

Keep safe!

HELEN - PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER



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.

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



Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend

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

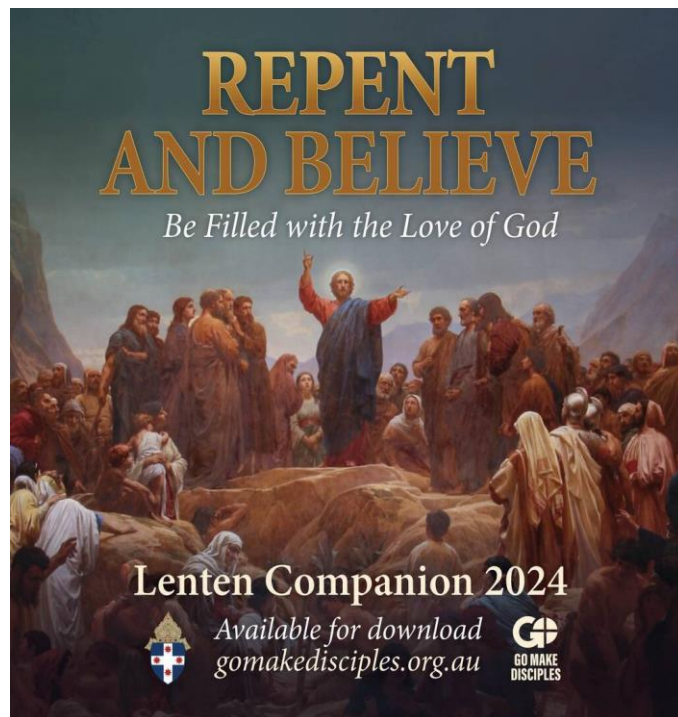
The 'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer.

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



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Be Filled with the Love of God

Lenten Companion 2024
Available for download
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Didaskō Adult Faith Formation

The Parish Renewal Team has partnered with the **University of Notre Dame Australia** to deliver a series of five **online** short courses, each consisting of three evening sessions.

Topics include Philosophy, Scripture, Theology, Christology, and Moral Theology. Ideal for beginners and those interested in continuing their formation.

Special Offer for parishes: Make the most of this opportunity by gathering a group in-person and sharing the learning experience with others.

Cost per course: \$35 per person or \$100 per Parish Group for an in-person gathering (+ booking fees).

To find out more and to register, visit
<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/>.

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 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.





DOMINICAN SISTERS OF
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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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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at

ST MARYS CATHEDRAL



We invite you to join us for
Stations of the Cross.

DATE: FRIDAYS

16 FEBRUARY, 23 FEBRUARY,
1 MARCH, 8 MARCH, 15 MARCH &
22 MARCH

TIME: 12.15PM

ABOUT STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

The Stations of the Cross is a special devotion that commemorates the journey of Christ to his Crucifixion and burial.

St Mary's Cathedral has 14 stations arranged in order in which we visit to commemorate and pray. The stations are magnificent oil paintings painted in France, which were acquired by Cardinal Moran in 1885 during a visit to Europe.

***INFORMATION ON IMAGE:**

*The Carrying of the Cross Window – 4th Sorrowful
Mystery of the Rosary.*

Positioned on the eastern side of the Cathedral. The image depicts Jesus being forced to carry his cross uphill to the place of execution.

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Unity in Christ

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Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP presents a copy of his most recent book, *Unity In Christ*, to the pope after the audience with the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. PHOTO: VATICAN MEDIA

Faith leaders reject 'Equality' Bill

Staff Writers

THE LEADERS of NSW's major Christian denominations and other faith traditions have joined Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP in a call for the rejection in full of Sydney MP Alex Greenwich's "Equality" bill, set to be de-

bated when parliament returns in early February.

The archbishop put his signature to a document detailing the havoc the bill would wreak on religious freedom in NSW, alongside Anglican Archbishop of Sydney Kanishka Raffel, Imam Shadi Alsuleiman of the National Imams Council,

Surinder Jain of the Hindu Council of Australia, and the heads of various Protestant denominations, the Australian Christian Lobby, and NSW Council of Churches.

The heads of major religious schools bodies also signed, including Catholic Schools NSW CEO Dallas McInerney, Christian Schools

Australia's Mark Spencer, and Abdullah Khan from Islamic Schools Australia.

The document was compiled by leading religious freedom think-tank Freedom for Faith, which is encouraging Christians to contact their members of parliament via the contactyourmp.org.au website.

If passed, the bill will alter 20 pieces of legislation, and will remove protections for faith-based schools and institutions that allow them to teach traditional Christian doctrine on controversial subjects, such as marriage and sexuality—along with dozens of other changes.

"There is no safe way of

splitting this bill, or passing parts of it, without risking significant unintended consequences," the document asserts.

"Mr Greenwich's bill is extreme, and prioritises the desires of one small group over all other parts of society."

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