



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2024

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Year B)*

Please note: the liturgy for today's Sunday 6pm Mass is (Year A)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 50:3-4, 12-15 (Year B)*

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

Please note: the liturgy for today's
Sunday 6pm Mass is (Year A)

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

SECOND READING *Hebrews 5:7-9 (Year B)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 12:26 (Year B)*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *John 12:20-30 (Year B)*

Please note: the liturgy for today's
Sunday 6pm Mass is (Year A)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE ACTING DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Happy Sunday!

I hope you're having a blessed Lent.

You would have noticed the covering of the crosses and sacred images throughout the Cathedral. This happens in time for the Fifth Sunday of Lent and the coverings remain until the Easter Vigil. This time, traditionally known as Passiontide, is a time to focus more on Christ who veiled his Divinity during his Passion. He was naked, suffered, and died for us, so that stripped from the comforts of this world we would cling to the saving power of God.

As the First Preface of the Passion of the Lord puts it in the weekdays ahead:

*For through the saving Passion of your Son
the whole world has received a heart
to confess the infinite power of your majesty...*

Our hearts are being changed by the Passion of Jesus.

What a joy to have two great Saints to help us push through these final days of Lent before we enter Holy Week.

The Solemnity of St Patrick is transferred to Monday this year and on Tuesday we will celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I want to encourage you to make a visit to the Irish Saints Chapel inside the Cathedral (right side of the Sanctuary) and the Chapel of St Joseph (back left of the Sanctuary). Even if veiled – ask these Saints to reveal to you what's possible in your life when you say yes to God.

I'm pleased to report that our Dean, Fr Don Richardson, has enjoyed and benefited greatly from his sabbatical experience so far. Whilst he won't be here with us at Easter, he will return to resume his responsibilities at the Cathedral on April 13.

Finally, Dear Parishioners, Volunteers and Staff, I can announce with a heart full of gratitude for the opportunity to meet and minister to you that I am approaching the end of my current appointment at St Mary's Cathedral. It has been an absolute honour and joy to be appointed here as an Assistant Priest and Master of Ceremonies for coming up to five years! And more recently as Acting Dean and Administrator of the Mother Church of Australia I have only grown in my desire to serve as a Pastor of God's people.

Thank you for all the encouragement and strength you have given me by your own faithful witness. I will complete my MC responsibilities on Easter Sunday and my final day at St Mary's Cathedral will be on Sunday, April 14.

Archbishop Anthony has appointed Fr Benjamin Saliba as his new Master of Ceremonies, commencing Easter Monday.









Please be assured of my love and prayers as we prepare for the holiest of weeks ahead and please keep all the clergy in your prayers as we respond to the call of God in our lives.

God bless you,

Fr Lewi Barakat, Administrator and Acting Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

March – April 2024

 <h1>LENT</h1>			16 <i>Saturday</i>	17 <i>Sunday</i> Fifth Sunday of Lent 10.30am Mass (Catholic Institute of Sydney Opening Mass) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	18 <i>Monday</i> ST PATRICK 10am St Patrick's Day Mass	19 <i>Tuesday</i> ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
20 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	21 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	22 <i>Friday</i> 12.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	23 <i>Saturday</i>	24 <i>Sunday</i>  PALM SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	25 <i>Monday</i>	26 <i>Tuesday</i>
27 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY  Mass Times 10.30am Chrism Mass 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 9.00pm Compline	29 GOOD FRIDAY Mass Times 10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Passion of the Lord 	30 HOLY SATURDAY Mass Times 10.00am Tenebrae 7.30pm Easter Vigil 	31 EASTER SUNDAY Mass Times 7.00am  9.00am 10.30am 5pm Vespers & Benediction 6.00pm 2pm Sunday Public Tour	1 EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday Mass 9am	2 <i>Tuesday</i> Resume normal Liturgy Schedule
3 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	4 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	5 <i>Friday</i>	6 <i>Saturday</i>	7 <i>Sunday</i> <i>Divine Mercy</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	8 <i>Monday</i> The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD	9 <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 Patrick's Day Mass

Bishop Terry Brady, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus warmly invites you to the celebration of the St Patrick's Feast Day Mass.

DATE: Monday, 18th March 2024

TIME: 10:00am

VENUE: St Mary's Cathedral

LIVESTREAM:

<https://youtube.com/live/AwKkGIA4vak?feature=share>

A poster for a prayer event. It features a silhouette of a person against a sunset background. The text reads: "Prayer and the Mission to Proclaim Jesus", "YEAR OF PRAYER 2024", "18 MARCH", "Monday | 7:30-9PM | St Martha's", "38 Renwick Street Leichhardt | RSVP 15 March". Logos for "GOMAKEDISCIPLES" and "PARISH RENEWAL TEAM" are in the top left. Social media handles and a QR code are in the bottom right.

Holy Thursday Visitation of the 7 Churches Pilgrimage

Parishioners are invited to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025 with prayer. One way of entering into prayer during Holy Week is to visit an altar of repose after the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The devotion of visiting 7 Churches is a centuries old tradition in keeping with this liturgical practice. Families are invited to tailor their pilgrimage with a resource that will list Churches that will be open across the Archdiocese and provide reflections to meditate.

For more information, please visit <https://93yx.short.gy/7Churches> or contact bishop.umbersoffice@sydneycatholic.org

A poster for a pilgrimage event. It features a painting of Jesus Christ with a crown of thorns. The text reads: "CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY", "EVANGELISATION", "INVITE YOU TO THE", "HOLY THURSDAY VISITATION OF THE 7 CHURCHES". Below the title, it says: "Be a friend to Christ and walk alongside him on the night of His betrayal by visiting seven participating churches on Holy Thursday night. With each visit, trace His journey as He was taken from one location to another, and immerse yourself in the profound events of that sacred night."

A petition poster. It features a hand holding a coin. A red stamp says "UPDATE". The text reads: "\$250 MILLION CUT", "RESTORE PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING", "SIGN THE PETITION". A QR code is at the bottom. Small text at the bottom says: "Authorised by Susan Carter MLC, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000".

Restoration of Funding for Palliative Care

Archbishop Fisher has encouraged the faithful to sign a petition calling for a restoration of funding for palliative care.

There has been \$250 million cut from the palliative care budget in NSW, which will have a significant impact on the care people in our state will receive at the end of life.

Given that euthanasia is now legal in NSW, it is even more important that we ensure there are life-affirming options available to those who need it most.

Petition closes on 3 April 2024.

Emmaus Silent Retreat

Embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the victorious love of God is revealed through the abiding presence of Jesus.

Be renewed in spending time alone with the Lord, and watch as He slowly sets your heart ablaze. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women.

DATE:

Friday 19th April - Sunday 21st April 2024

VENUE: Varroville NSW

More information and registration at trybooking.com/CNSXK



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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



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

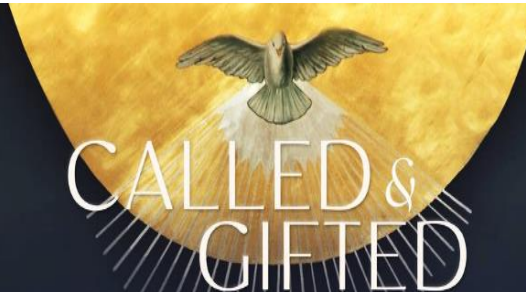


A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

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.




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Join us for a Love & Truth Weekend

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Spend time away as a couple to focus on your relationship with God, married life, and raising children


Married & Engaged couples welcome

Saturday April 27, 10am to Sunday April 28, 3:30pm

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
257 St Andrews Rd, Varroville

Cost: \$200 per couple

Information & Registration:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CPPE>



Couples will find the retreat more fruitful if they could organise babysitting for the weekend. If this is not possible please enquire about on-site child minding options.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

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



Cathedral festive dinner

Join parishioners and others from the Cathedral community celebrating its patroness, Our Lady Help of Christians, with dinner and musical entertainment.

- ▶ A recital by renowned soprano Anke Höppner-Ryan over canapés will commence the evening
- ▶ Three-course dinner with wines followed by tea and coffee
- ▶ Enjoy the surroundings of Cathedral House, by kind invitation of the Dean
- ▶ Get together with friends old and new for our annual celebration dinner
- ▶ Book now to avoid disappointment!

Friday 24th May 2024, 6.30 p.m.
Cathedral House

SUGGESTED DRESS CODE
Lounge suit / cocktail attire

TICKETS
\$120 from cathedralfriends.org.au



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*Read more and
buy tickets for the
festive dinner*





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.





EASTER

AT
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

"I welcome you to the Sacred Liturgies of Holy Week.

Jesus Christ died for all and rose from the dead so that all people may come to know and believe in the saving power of God."

Fr Lewi Barakat
Acting Dean of St Mary's Cathedral

PALM SUNDAY / 24 MARCH 2024

7.00am: Mass
9.00am: Mass
10.30am: Procession & Solemn Mass
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and
Benediction 6.00pm: Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY / 28 MARCH 2024

10.30am: Chrism Mass
6.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
9.00pm: Compline The Office of Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY / 29 MARCH 2024

10.00am: Stations of the Cross
3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY / 30 MARCH 2024

10.00am: Tenebrae The Office of Readings
7.30pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY / 31 MARCH 2024

7.00am: Mass
9.00am: Mass
10.30am: Solemn Mass
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and
Benediction 6.00pm: Mass