



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

2024

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,
MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Acts 4:32-35*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24*

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone,
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 John 5:1-6*

A reading from the first letter of St John
Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is -
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world -
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness -
since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE ACTING DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead changes the course of history and can change the future of our lives too.

We've seen how the disciples of Jesus all responded differently to the Passion and Death of the Man in whom they had placed their hope. After Jesus died in the flesh some of the disciples went back to what they were doing prior to their call, and still at other times we hear about how they were closed up in a room crippled by fear of the outside world.

The same Jesus who died in the flesh is risen in the flesh.

Nothing can prevent the Risen Jesus from entering into our life, including the places that we are perhaps afraid to unlock. Jesus enters and says "Peace be with you" and then immediately shows his hands and his side. The places where his flesh was pierced and bled for love of us.

Christ shows us his wounds so that we wouldn't be afraid to expose our wounds to Him.

Christ took upon himself the weakness of every human and could not be defeated by the forces of evil. Jesus has conquered death, which is the crown of every human fear.

I pray that you will always rise with Christ no matter the struggles you may experience in the flesh or spirit.

Do not let discouragement or fear stop you from going out into the world to which we are sent – "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you" says Jesus (Jn 20:19-31).

Jesus Christ is the true Light of the world. He has entered the darkness of even the underworld and the darkness could not overcome Him.

At a packed and darkened St Mary's Cathedral on the night of the Easter Vigil we each received the Light of Christ from the Paschal Candle. It is always very moving to see the Cathedral slowly and gently light up by the candles of those who are willing to receiving the light of Christ.

When we believe in the Risen Jesus, we too can light up a darkened place.





Christ said to those who believe in him "You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:14-16).

Happy Easter to you and your families and may the words of Jesus speak directly to you "Peace be with you".

Fr Lewi Barakat, Administrator and Acting Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

April 2024

			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 Please Note There will be no 6.45am Mass today	9 <i>Tuesday</i> Please Note There will be no 6.45am Mass today
10 <i>Wednesday</i> Please Note There will be no 6.45am Mass today 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	11 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Stanislaus</i> Please Note There will be no 6.45am Mass today 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	12 <i>Friday</i>	13 <i>Saturday</i>	14 <i>Sunday</i> 10.30am Mass (Day of the Unborn Child) 1.30pm Benediction (Day of the Unborn Child) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	15 <i>Monday</i>	16 <i>Tuesday</i>
17 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	18 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	19 <i>Friday</i>	20 <i>Saturday</i>	21 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 10.30am Mass (2024 Paschal Eucharist) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	22 <i>Monday</i>	23 <i>Tuesday</i>
24 <i>Wednesday</i> 5.30pm Mass (Anzac Eve Concelebration) 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	25  <i>Thursday</i> ANZAC DAY Public Holiday Mass 9am	26 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Mark</i>	27 <i>Saturday</i>	28 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	29 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Catherine</i> <i>of Siena</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



Please Note – The Cathedral Priests will join all the clergy of the Archdiocese of Sydney for the Bi-Annual Clergy Conference from 8-11 April 2024. On Monday to Thursday next week we will have our regular Confessions (12pm and 4:30pm) as well as the 1:10pm and 5:30pm Mass available as usual.

Please note the following impact on our regular schedule:

There will be no 6:45am Mass on Monday the 8th through to Thursday the 11th of April.

The 6:45am Mass will be celebrated again on Friday the 12th of April.

Thank you for your understanding and please keep our Priests in your prayers for these days ahead.

Day of the Unborn Child

... I will not forget you. I have carved you on the palm of my hands. Isaiah 49

10:30am Mass
St Mary's Cathedral

12 noon Angelus
Followed by a prayerful **Street Procession**
Led by Archbishop Fisher and Bishop Umbers (and others), followed by an address at Parliament House by our **Guest Speaker** Archbishop Julian Porteous

1:30pm Benediction
St Mary's Cathedral

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the **Day of the Unborn Child**. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of remembrance of the dignity of the unborn and of the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher

Family Life International Patron
Archbishop Julian Porteous
An initiative of **Life and Family Institute**
Ph 02 9002 0354 info@lifeandfamily.com.au

Sydney, Sunday 14 April 2024

On behalf of the Parish Renewal Team,
The University of Notre Dame Australia presents

Didaskō

Adult Faith Formation

Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology
Br Benjamin Johnson OFMCap
Mondays 15, 22 and 29 April 2024,
7:30pm – 8:45pm

Cost: \$35 per person, \$100 for Parish Groups (+ BOOKING FEES)
Online via Zoom
Register at: gomakedisiples.org.au/didasko

OREMUS

LIVING THE 2024 YEAR OF PRAYER
Strengthening our Parishes in Hope
FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE AND BEYOND

STREAMS OF LIVING WATER: INTERCESSORY PRAYER | THUR 4 APR

LORD TEACH US TO PRAY: LEARNING THE ART OF PRAYER | THUR 18 APR

WHERE TWO OF MORE ARE GATHERED: LEADING OTHERS IN PRAYER | THUR 2 MAY

LIVE ONLINE 3 THUR SESSIONS
APRIL - MAY 7:30PM - 8:45PM

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WHO? Highschool Students Yrs 9-12

WHERE? Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

WHEN? 22 - 24 April

COST? \$250
\$225 earlybird!

TALKS
GAMES
MASS, ADORATION, CONFESSION
SOCIAL TIME
DELUXE VENUE

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SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH



Join us for a *Love & Truth Weekend*
Order in Chaos

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.



Behold, I make all things new.
 (Rev. 21:5)

A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY
 for those involved in Liturgical Ministries

11 May 2024, 10AM - 4PM

St Martha's, Leichhardt

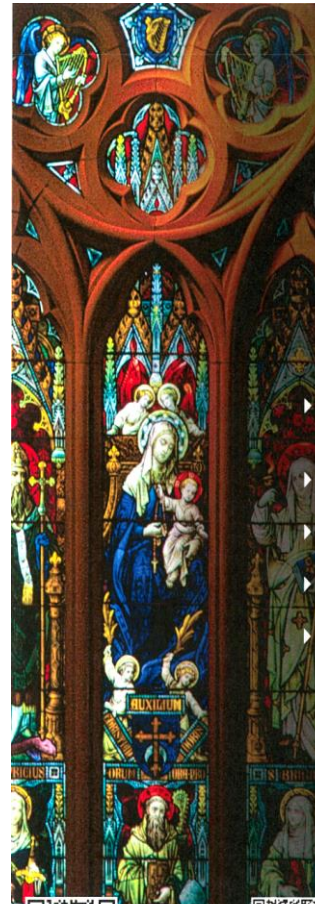


LITURGY OFFICE
 Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney



DOMINICAN SISTERS OF
Saint Cecilia
 Founded in 1860—Nashville

Register using Trybooking.com
 Questions: sydney@op-tn.org



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!


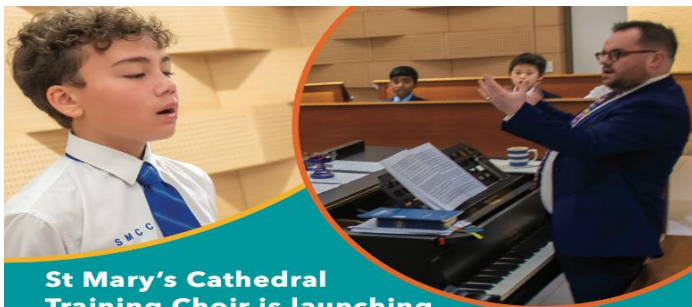
Friday 24th May 2024, 6.30 p.m.
 Cathedral House

SUGGESTED DRESS CODE
 Lounge suit / cocktail attire

TICKETS
 \$120 from cathedralfriends.org.au

Join the Friends today to become part of our vibrant community


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.

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



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.