



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2025

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Acts 15:1-2, 22-29*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING *Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written

the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 14:23-29*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the
Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,




A warm welcome to everyone attending Mass at St Mary's Cathedral this weekend, especially the recently baptised and other "new" Catholics here for the annual "Paschal Eucharist" with the Archbishop. Grace and peace to you all!

While the cathedral's nice new slate roof has helped preserve us here from the worst of the rains, I'm sure we're all very conscious of the devastating floods, with their tremendous impact on lives and livelihoods. We pray for everyone affected, and I am sure there will be ways we can offer material help too, through organisations like the St Vincent de Paul Society. Please watch the Cathedral and Archdiocese of Sydney social media over the next few days for more information about that.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

May – June 2025

		<div>MAY THE MONTH OF MARY</div>		24 Saturday OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS	25 Sunday WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 10:30am Mass (2025 Paschal Eucharist) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	26 Monday St Philip Neri	27 Tuesday
28 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	29 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	30 Friday	31 Saturday Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.30am Sydney Priestly Ordination <u>PLEASE NOTE</u> Today's 11am Confession and the 12noon Mass is cancelled	1 Sunday The ASCENSION of the LORD WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	2 Monday	3 Tuesday Charles Lwanga & Companions	
4 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	5 Thursday St Boniface 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	6 Friday	7 Saturday	8 Sunday PENTECOST SUNDAY 10.30am Mass (Adult Confirmation) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	9 Monday The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	10 Tuesday	

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

Search me God and know my heart

(Ps 139:23)

A retreat for
liturgical ministers

The Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Liturgy Office for the Archdiocese of Sydney invite parish liturgical ministers to a retreat day. If you serve in any capacity (acolytes, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, ushers, collectors, etc), and especially if you serve behind the scenes, this retreat is for you. The day will include a simple morning tea and lunch, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, all day Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, talks by the sisters, fellowship and discussion.

Saturday
7th June
9.00 AM – 4.00 PM



Questions?

Email the Sisters at
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To register:

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St Martha's, Leichhardt
38 Renwick Street



Develop the skills that will build confidence and strengthen your parish as an invitational, vibrant, and Christ-centred community. Come to any or all workshops!

THURSDAYS 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Foundations for Evangelisation	5 JUNE
The Art of Christ-Centred Conversation	12 JUNE
Sharing Your Faith Without Fear	19 JUNE
Authentic Invitation and Welcome	26 JUNE



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Sat 7 June | 10am
to Sun 8 June | 4pm

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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.

No photography or videography
permitted while Mass is in progress.

ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES

The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this Mass.

Please note: you can continue to donate with cash or place the plate on.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

WALK WITH CHRIST

SUNDAY
22 JUNE
2025

SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/WALKWITHCHRIST

FESTIVAL: MARTIN PLACE FROM 1:00PM.
PROCESSION: BEGINS AT 2:30PM SHARP.
CORNER OF MARTIN PLACE AND PITT ST.

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