



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

2025

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Acts 12:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 33:2-9*

R. The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 16:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13-19*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today's feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul is so important that it's prayers and readings at Mass displace those of the Sunday. The unique missions of Paul and Peter, each chosen by the Lord to spread the Gospel and serve the Church in particular ways, eventually converged in the great city of Rome. They may even have been there at the same time, although that is not certain.

There, at the heart of the Roman Empire, in the bustling human mixing-pot of the great city said to have been founded by Romulus and Remus, the Good News found a home, the Church grew founded on the apostolic ministry of Peter and Paul, and the Christian people began to give witness to Christ in their lives, even to the shedding of their blood.

We rejoice that in God's provident love, the Gospel came to us and all these centuries later we live and believe in communion with the Church of Rome, and her Bishop, the Successor of Peter. This year we became especially conscious of that with the keen interest almost everyone, even non-believers, took in the election of Pope Leo after the death of Pope Francis. The love and mercy of God takes root in our human reality of time and place, culture and family, the physical and the spiritual, Rome and Sydney.




May we live in ways that are worthy of the great gift we have received from Christ our Lord, like the Apostles Peter and Paul.

Every blessing for the week ahead, and with prayers for peace,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

June – July 2025

 <p>APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL</p>			28 <i>Saturday</i>	29 <i>Sunday</i> Saints PETER and PAUL 2pm Sunday Public Tour	30 <i>Monday</i>	1 <i>Tuesday</i>
2 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	3 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Thomas</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	4 <i>Friday</i>	5 <i>Saturday</i>	6 <i>Sunday</i> NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY 10.30am Mass (Dempsey Medal Concelebration) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	7 <i>Monday</i>	8 <i>Tuesday</i>
9 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	10 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	11 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Benedict</i>	12 <i>Saturday</i>	13 <i>Sunday</i> APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA 2pm Sunday Public Tour	14 <i>Monday</i>	15 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Bonaventure</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



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HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL PETER'S PENCE 2025

"To all of you, brothers and sisters ... throughout the world: we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering".

Leo PP. XIV


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THOMISTIC INSTITUTE LECTURE

THOMISTIC INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY CATHOLICS


MARTYRDOM & THE VIRTUE OF COURAGE

with Fr Gregory Pine O.P.

 JULY 7 | 6:15PM
UTS BUILDING 11
ROOM 11.00.405

RSVP 

Public event / open to all ages
Followed by dinner at underground bar at own expense




Grace & Truth


An evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship open to men and women of all ages.


St Mary's Cathedral, 5-9PM
FRIDAY, 18 JULY 2025
with
Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP
and the Dominican Sisters and Friars


Theme: Christology




Questions: Email the Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org



 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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The Heart of Parish Life
Renewing Those Who Renew the Church





  

Karina Bohorquez Bishop Tony Percy Fr Matthew Meagher

For Sacramental and RCIA Coordinators and Team Members

12 July, Saturday
8:15 am - 12:00pm

 Register to Attend
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 St Martha's - 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt

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 No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.