



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2025

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Genesis 18:1-10*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' he asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 14:2-5*

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *Colossians 1:24-28*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich

glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Luke 8:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 10:38-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

News from the Holy Land continues to be very distressing and disturbing, with the death and injury of several people sheltering in the only Catholic Church in Gaza, attacks on a Christian village in the West Bank, and much more besides. Let us keep praying fervently for peace in the land of Our Lord's birth, death and resurrection!

In the lead up to "National Vocations Awareness Week" (3-10 August) there are some events being run by the Sydney Vocations Office I want to draw to your attention.

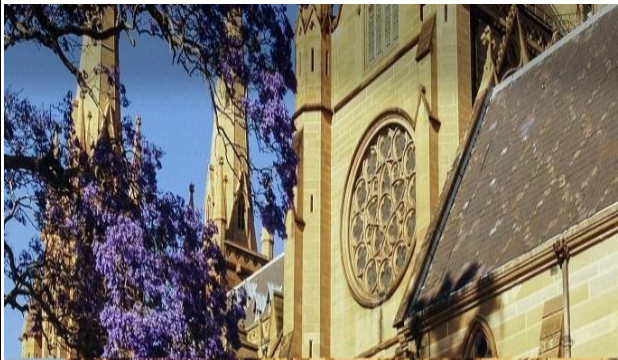


- On Sunday August 3rd, a "Family Day" at St Kevin's, Eastwood. There will be a Mass at 9.30am, followed by a BBQ and activities for kids, and at 12.30 a "Fathers vs. Spiritual Fathers" soccer game. Alas I will not be able join in that competition as I will be on mission in our Norfolk Island Parish that week.
- On Saturday August 9th, a "Pilgrimage for Vocations" from St Mary's Cathedral to the tomb of St Mary MacKillop at North Sydney, beginning with 9.00 Mass at the cathedral, 12pm arrival at Mary MacKillop Place, and ending with a BYO lunch picnic near Lavendar Bay.
- In Spring, September 26 to 28, there will be a Men's Silent Retreat, St. Mary's Towers, Douglas Park: an opportunity of guided prayer for men between the ages of 18 -35 who wish to take an extended period of time for discerning the Lord's call. Registrations via the Sydney Vocations website <https://sydneyvocations.org>

May the week ahead be full of blessings from the Lord,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

July – August 2025

		19 <i>Saturday</i>	20 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	21 <i>Monday</i>	22 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	
23 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	24 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	25 <i>Friday</i> <i>St James</i>	26 <i>Saturday</i> <i>Sts Joachim & Anne</i>	27 <i>Sunday</i> <i>WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	28 <i>Monday</i>	29 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>
30 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	31 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	1 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	2 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Peter Julian Eymard</i>	3 <i>Sunday</i> <i>VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	4 <i>Monday</i> <i>St John Vianney</i>	5 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</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



Position Vacant Housekeeping and Laundry Assistant St Mary's Cathedral



St Mary's Cathedral House is currently seeking a dedicated and reliable individual to join our team as a Housekeeping and Laundry Assistant. This **permanent full-time position** plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth daily operations of Cathedral House. The successful candidate will help maintain a clean, welcoming, and well-ordered environment.

To obtain a copy of the Position Description please contact (02) 9220 0414 or email mehul.shah@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

Application Process

Applications should be sent in confidence to mehul.shah@stmaryscathedral.org.au and should include a **resume** and **cover letter**. Your cover letter must address how your skills, knowledge, experience and personal attributes align with the *selection criteria* of the role as outlined above.

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as applications will be considered as they are received and until the role is filled. Applications close: 8 August 2025

Only candidates with the unrestricted right to work in Australia may apply for this position. Preferred candidates must have a current Working With Children Check, or willingness to obtain.

Position Vacant Cleaner Position St Mary's Cathedral



St Mary's Cathedral is currently seeking a candidate to fill the **permanent full-time position** of Cleaner, to ensure the precinct and all its facilities are clean and highly presentable that is welcoming for visitors, guests and parishioners.

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JOIN US FOR MASS TO CELEBRATE

Grandparents and the Elderly

SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025



World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

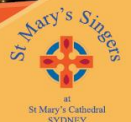
In the Jubilee year, this day, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is intended to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly can become a sign of hope in every family and church community. World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, is to be celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne and will take place for the fifth time on Sunday 27 July 2025 on the theme 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (cf. Sir 14:2).

Love to sing?

Join
St Mary's Singers
at St Mary's Cathedral,
SYDNEY



The St Mary's Singers is an unauditioned choir of men and women based at the Cathedral. The Singers sing at Vespers and evening Mass on the second Saturday of every month, as well as at concerts and occasionally at other liturgies. The Choir includes people of all ages.



Registrations are open now via:
email stmaryssingers@stmaryscathedral.org.au
or complete the online registration form:
<https://www.stmaryssingers.com/join-st-marys-singers.html>

National Vocations Awareness Week, August 3-10, 2025

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

FAMILY DAY

ST. KEVIN'S EASTWOOD
AUGUST 3RD

9:30 AM
HOLY MASS
10:30 AM
BBQ & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
12:30 PM
FATHERS VS SPIRITUAL FATHERS
SOCCER GAME

PILGRIMAGE FOR VOCATIONS

AUGUST 9TH

9:00 AM	HOLY MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
10:00 AM	START OF THE PILGRIMAGE
12:00 PM	ARRIVE AT MARY MACKILLOP'S PLACE
12:30 PM	PICNIC NEAR LAVENDER BAY (BYO LUNCH)

NAGASAKI PEACE DAY in Sydney

Prayer and Mass for Peace

平和を実現する人々は幸いである。その人たちは神の子と呼ばれる。(マタイ 5:9)
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God (Mt. 5:9)

The Japanese Catholic Community of Sydney invites you to join us in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and praying for world peace through the celebration of Mass.

Date: Saturday, 9th August 2025
Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Venue: Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall
Corner of Mary St & Gladesville Rd,
Hunters Hill, NSW 2110
Mass Celebrant – Fr Brian Vale SSC

Registration is required for event preparation and catering purposes
Please RSVP by 2nd August 2025

Contact: Michi
Email: jpcathsyd@outlook.com

Support Nagasaki Bell Project:
<https://stkatariinstitute.org/nagasaki-bell-project/>

Enquiries: pp@mibp.org.au or text a message to 0417 259 617

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

COINCIDES WITH CELEBRATION OF JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS
25th SEPTEMBER to Return to Sydney 4th OCTOBER 2025

ROME, LANCIANO, POMPEI, AMALFI COAST, Optional trip to St Carlo Acutis

Pilgrimage organised by the Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park NSW, A.B.N. 36 947 566 893
Email enquiries to pp@mibp.org.au or Text a message to 0417 259 617

Some Highlights

Join in the Program for Jubilee of Catechists, including Sunday Mass with Pope Leo XIV.
Optional Day trip to St Carlo Acutis, at Assisi.
Walk through Holy Doors of a couple of Rome's Major Basilicas. See some of Rome's holy places and other places famous in Rome (e.g. Trevi fountain). Stay at Domus Australia. Daily Mass.
Day trip to Lancia (Eucharistic Miracle).
Visit Pompei's Major Basilica going to the Amalfi Coast. On the way back, visit the famous Abbey of Montecassino (where St Benedict is buried). Visit Cathedral at Amalfi (Relics of St Andrew).

Pilgrimage Cost, plus Cost of Airfare, Share Accommodation w/ breakfast & dinner (for single room, add a single supplement cost)

25-30 September: Hotel Domus Australia 15 minutes walk from Roma Termini.
30/9-2/10: Hotel Panorama in Maiori which is on the Amalfi Coast.
2/10-3/10: Hotel near Rome airport after returning from Amalfi Coast, chance to rest before flight home, or extend your stay to return to Sydney later.

Several Airlines flying to Rome including: Qantas has 3 direct flights a week to Rome (best Tues 23:39 arriving a day earlier to our hotel booking), some will travel with Emirates, Etihad, Thai Airways, Qatar. The Parish can help you in booking Qantas and Emirates flights to be able to access flight discounts with Qantas and Emirates. But prices are going to be better the earlier you book.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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.

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

Please note: you can contribute to donate with cash or press the plate on.

No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.