



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SEVENTEENTH 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 18:20-32*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 137:1-3, 6-8*

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING *Colossians 2:12-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Romans 8:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 11:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

I thought people might appreciate an update on some of the works going on in and around the cathedral at present.

The main, southern, doors remain out of use as work continues outside that area to prevent damage to the fabric of the cathedral and crypt from water ingress. This is a time-consuming technical operation, and we do not expect it to be completed before about the end of September.

Work on the upgrading of the sound system and the cameras and other gear we use to livestream the liturgy is also continuing. The sound system in the crypt is also going to be significantly upgraded.

The repairs and maintenance on the Letourneau Organ in the west transept are well underway, and we expect the scaffolding there to be removed around the end of August. It will be lovely to have that area open and bright once again!

High above your heads, the clerestory windows are being restored and repaired one by one, a process that will take several years to finish because there are nearly forty windows to remove, refurbish and reinstall. Another one has just been done and you may soon notice the scaffolding move to the next window.

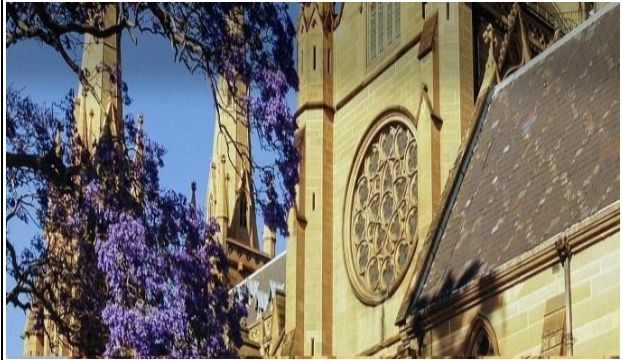


Meanwhile the celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments, and the pastoral life of the cathedral generally, continues. The numbers attending Sunday Masses especially keep growing and sometimes threaten to overwhelm the small number of ushers, readers and servers that we have, so if you are a regular worshipper at St Mary's please do think about becoming one of our volunteers!

Every blessing in the week ahead!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

July – August 2025

		26 Saturday <i>Sts Joachim & Anne</i>		27 Sunday WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	28 Monday	29 Tuesday <i>Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>
30 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	31 Thursday <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	1 Friday <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	2 Saturday <i>St Peter Julian Eymard</i>	3 Sunday VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2pm Sunday Public Tour	4 Monday <i>St John Vianney</i>	5 Tuesday <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</i>
6 Wednesday <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	7 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	8 Friday ST MARY OF THE CROSS	9 Saturday	10 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour	11 Monday <i>St Clare</i>	12 Tuesday

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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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)



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 continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.

No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.