



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2025

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 39:2-4, 18*

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! **R.**

SECOND READING *Hebrews 12:1-4*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 12:49-53*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

There were very many people at the Masses for the Assumption on Friday, which was great to see! Today, Sunday, we'll have many more visitors, especially as we have two Confirmation Masses in the afternoon, especially for parishes of the Southern Deanery. Some of our own Cathedral youngsters will also be confirmed. A warm welcome to the candidates, their sponsors, family and friends! Because of the Confirmation masses, there will be no Vespers and Benediction this afternoon, but next Sunday will be back to normal.




In the Second Reading at Mass today, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are encouraged to "keep running steadily in the race we have started." It would have been apt if that was the reading last Sunday, as the City2Surf runners were streaming past the cathedral, but we shall keep it in mind on Sunday 31st August, when the Sydney Marathon takes place, and at the Blessing of Runners at the 6pm Mass on August 30th.

Meanwhile, "Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection."

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

August - September 2025

			16 <i>Saturday</i>	17 <i>Sunday</i> 12.30pm Deanery Confirmations 3.30pm Deanery Confirmations PLEASE NOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 12.15pm Latin Mass will be moved to the Crypt ▪ The 2pm Sunday Public Tour and the 5pm Vespers for today is CANCELLED 	18 <i>Monday</i>	19 <i>Tuesday</i>
20 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Bernard</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	21 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Pius X</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	22 <i>Friday</i> <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	23 <i>Saturday</i>	24 <i>Sunday</i>	25 <i>Monday</i>	26 <i>Tuesday</i>
27 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Monica</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	28 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Augustine</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	29 <i>Friday</i> <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	30 <i>Saturday</i> 6pm Vigil Mass Concelebration (Blessing of the Marathon Runners)	31 <i>Sunday</i> SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY	1 <i>Monday</i> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION	2 <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



Australian Catholic Historical Society Talk

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00 PM on Sunday 17 August. The topic: **60 years since Vatican II's Nostra Aetate – What changed in the Catholic Church's relationship with the Jewish people?** The presenter is Dr Teresa Pirola, writer and faith educator with a special interest in Catholic-Jewish relations.

Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge.

Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

A poster for the Sydney Marathon Runners Blessing. The background is a blurred image of runners. Overlaid on the image is a white rectangular box with a decorative border. Inside the box, at the top left, is a small icon of a cathedral. To its right, the text 'St Mary's Cathedral, SYDNEY' is written in a white serif font. Below this, the title 'Sydney Marathon Runners Blessing' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Underneath the title, a horizontal line separates it from the text 'Join us Saturday 30 August 2025. 6pm Mass.' which is in a white serif font. At the bottom of the box, the location 'College Street SYDNEY (entry opposite Hyde Park North)' is written in a smaller white serif font.

St Mary's Cathedral, SYDNEY

Sydney Marathon Runners Blessing

Join us Saturday 30 August 2025. 6pm Mass.

College Street SYDNEY (entry opposite Hyde Park North)

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.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingquiries@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.

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.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

Sydney Synod 2026

His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, has convoked a diocesan Synod for Sydney between 30 April and 3 May 2026 to address the Holy Spirit-inspired longings communicated by the People of God in Sydney after many years of consultation.

Please get involved by discussing these longings within your communities and bringing your ideas on how these longings can be met to our regional consultations.

Register to attend any of the three consultations:

Holy Family, Menai

Saturday, 30 August 2025 | 9 AM – 12 PM

Register at: trybooking.com/DAVZB

St Mary's Cathedral

Tuesday, 14 October 2025 | 6 – 9 PM

Register at: trybooking.com/DAVZE

All Saints, Liverpool

Thursday, 16 October 2025 | 6 – 9 PM

Register at: trybooking.com/DAVZF

For more information on Sydney Synod, visit <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod/>



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AN OVERNIGHT WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH

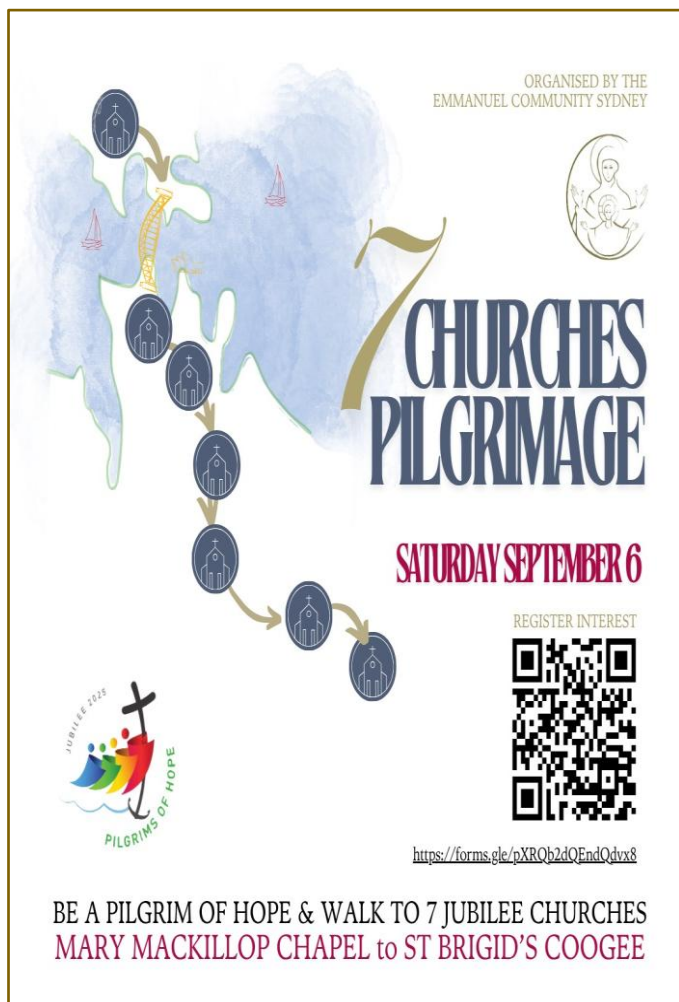
5-6 SEPTEMBER 2025
FRIDAY → SATURDAY
NEW DATE

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

FOR MORE INFO: [SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/MAXIMUS](https://sydneycatholic.org/maximus)

OPEN TO MEN AGES 16+. ADULT SUPERVISION IS STRICTLY REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD.

Logos: St Joseph's, Life, Marriage and Family, Maximus




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7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6

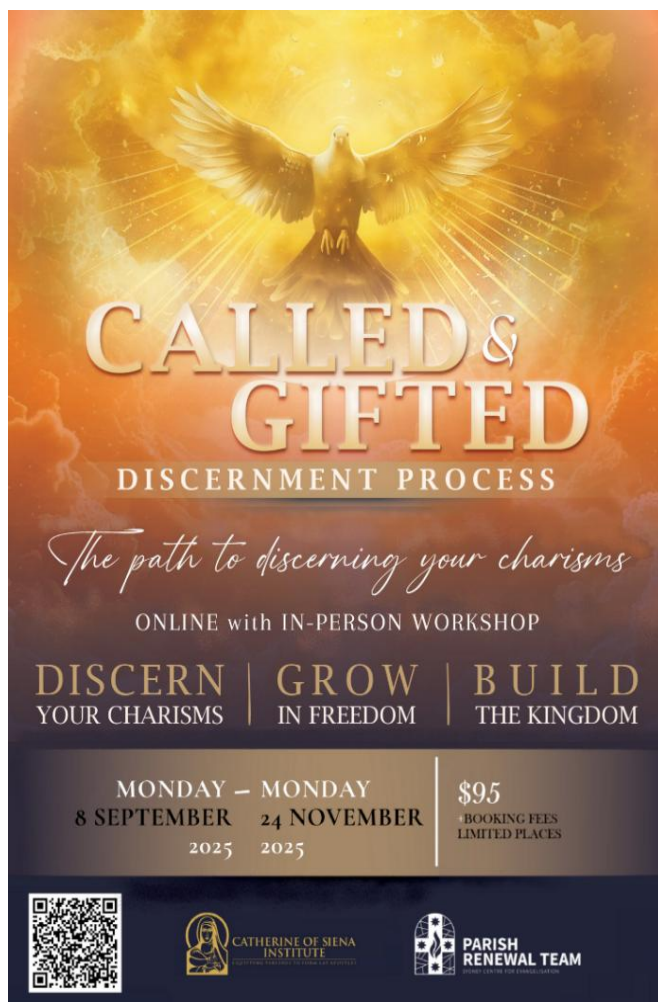
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JUBILEE 2025
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MARY MACKILLOP CHAPEL to ST BRIGID'S COOGEE



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8 SEPTEMBER 2025 | **24 NOVEMBER 2025**

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BOOKING FEES
LIMITED PLACES



Logos: Catherine of Siena Institute, Parish Renewal Team