



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2025

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!  
For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17*

**R.** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

## **SECOND READING** *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Colossians

***Seek the things that are above where Christ is.***

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Matthew 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Luke 12:13-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to. Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to, do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## WORD FROM THE DEAN

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Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

I am writing this in our parish on beautiful Norfolk Island, far out in the South Pacific. Recently the parish has been able to connect to very fast internet thanks to the generosity of a donor, and communications from my desk in the presbytery here back to Sydney are so good I am tempted to administer the cathedral from Norfolk Island much more often!

I would like to mention two anniversaries which fall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Firstly, it is the anniversary of the death of Cardinal Edward Bede Clancy, the seventh Archbishop of Sydney, who fell asleep to the Lord in 2014. Please remember him in your prayers. He was our Archbishop from 1983 to 2001. It was he who saw to the completion of the cathedral's spires.

Secondly, it is the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Mary's Cathedral being granted the status of a Minor Basilica by His Holiness Pope Pius XI. A *Plenary Indulgence* may be gained by making a pious visit to a Minor Basilica on the anniversary of its elevation, subject to the usual conditions. Actually, during the course of this Holy Year, a *Plenary Indulgence* is available for making a pious visit to the cathedral on any day.

This week is "Vocations Awareness Week", so please keep in your prayers those who are discerning what the Lord is calling them to. And let us all continue to pray for peace!

Fr Don Richardson,

Dean and Administrator of the Cathedral, Norfolk Island and Darlinghurst Parishes.



# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## August 2025

		2 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Peter Julian Eymard</i>	3 <i>Sunday</i> VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK  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>	
6 <i>Wednesday</i>  <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>  6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	7 <i>Thursday</i>  6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	8 <i>Friday</i>  ST MARY OF THE CROSS	9 <i>Saturday</i>	10 <i>Sunday</i>  2pm Sunday Public Tour	11 <i>Monday</i>  <i>St Clare</i>	12 <i>Tuesday</i>
13 <i>Wednesday</i>  6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	14 <i>Thursday</i>  <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>  6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	15 <i>Friday</i>  The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	16 <i>Saturday</i>	17 <i>Sunday</i>  12.30pm Deanery Confirmations  3.30pm Deanery Confirmations  <u>PLEASE NOTE</u> ▪ 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>

## 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



## Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

2 and 3 August 2025

The CWF is the charity of the Catholic community in Sydney and your local parish. Together, we bring hope and care to those who need it most.

Give generously.  
Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.

**To donate:**  
Scan the QR code  
Visit: [www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf)  
Call: 1800 753 959  
Or complete the parish envelope.

Scan to Give

### 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.

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

#### Application Process

Applications should be sent in confidence to [mehul.shah@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto: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.*

### National Vocations Awareness Week, August 3-10, 2025



AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

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)



## 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/>



The Catholic agency  
for international aid  
and development

**Caritas Australia invites us to light a candle and pray for the people of Gaza.**

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter candle,  
we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'

We pray today that all people may work with you  
to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope  
for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace.

Amen.

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's  
Gaza Appeal, please donate online  
at [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza)  
or phone 1800 024 413



*Love to sing?*

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

The St Mary's Singers is an unadorned 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](mailto:stmaryssingers@stmaryscathedral.org.au)  
or complete the online registration form:  
<https://www.stmaryssingers.com/join-st-marys-singers.html>

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at St Mary's Cathedral  
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**CHURCHES  
PILGRIMAGE**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6**

REGISTER INTEREST



<https://forms.gle/pXROb2dOEndQdvs8>

BE A PILGRIM OF HOPE & WALK TO 7 JUBILEE CHURCHES  
MARY MACKILLOP CHAPEL to ST BRIGID'S COOGEE



**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**  
Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office


**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](mailto: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.