

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2025

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



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.

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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



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 3rd 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 95th 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

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| | | | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
| | | | St Peter Julian Eymard | VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2pm Sunday Public Tour | St John Vianney | Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
| The Transfiguration of the Lord | | ST MARY OF THE CROSS | | 2pm Sunday Public Tour | St Clare | |
| 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) | 6:30pm CITY COMPASS | | | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
| | St Maximilian Mary Kolbe | The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED | | 12.30pm Deanery Confirmations 3.30pm Deanery Confirmations | | |
| | | VIRGIN MARY | | | | |
| | | | | PLEASE NOTE The 12.15pm Latin Mass will be moved to the Crypt | | |
| 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) | 6:30pm CITY COMPASS | | | The 2pm Sunday Public Tour and the 5pm Vespers for today is CANCELLED | | |

Afrikly 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.



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.

Application Process

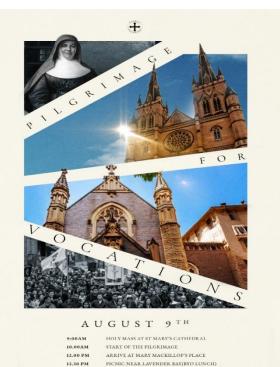
Applications should be sent in confidence

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week, August 3-10, 2025



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.

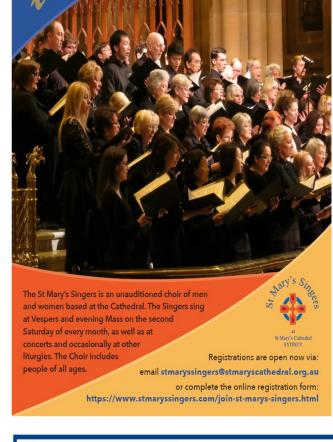
May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

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 or phone 1800 024 413







to the police.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or <u>safeguardingenquiries@sydnevcatholic.org</u>. 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

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

Join

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

No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.