



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY FIRST 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 *Isaiah 66:18-21*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 116*

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 13:22-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Not only is Wednesday this week the Memorial of St Monica, a truly remarkable woman, but Thursday is the Memorial of her son, St Augustine, one of the most important saints in the history of the Church. Augustine's philosophy and theology have had a profound influence in Christian thought -he is one of the Doctors of the Church – and his books, such as the *Confessions*, continue to help many in our spiritual journey. St Augustine has come into people's general awareness again recently because our Pope Leo XIV is an Augustinian Friar, one of several groups of religious and clergy who follow, in various ways, the Rule of St Augustine. Pope Leo has been sprinkling his talks and homilies with quotes from the teachings of St Augustine, but in fact all the Popes tend to quote from Augustine in their writings because his thought is so very noteworthy. You can be sure we'll be hearing plenty more about St Augustine!

On Friday, The Beheading of St John the Baptist is commemorated, his last great act of witness to Christ, the Word-made-flesh. John's preaching about marriage was a reproof to Herod and Herodias: let it be a reminder to each of us, also, to order our lives in fidelity to the commandments of God, and to prefer nothing whatsoever more than the Lord's will.




Finally, a reminder that the Sydney Marathon is on next Sunday 31st. Please allow a little extra time to get to the cathedral for Mass that day as the surrounding streets will be closed. I know of at least two Catholic priests who will be running in the marathon, and I dare say many other Catholic athletes will take part. There will be a Blessing of Runners at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 30th, celebrated by Bishop Danny Meagher. So, as the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us in the Second Reading today, "hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread."

With prayers for peace and blessings in the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

August - September 2025

			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>
3 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Gregory the Great</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	4 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	5 <i>Friday</i> SPRING EMBER DAY	6 <i>Saturday</i>	7 <i>Sunday</i>	8 <i>Monday</i> <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9 <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



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)



RESCHEDULED

CAMINO of ST JOSEPH

AN OVERNIGHT WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH

5-6 SEPTEMBER 28
FRIDAY ~~7~~ 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.



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7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6

REGISTER INTEREST



<https://forms.gle/pXROb2dQEndQdvx8>

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



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL Trivia Night

The St Mary's Cathedral Trivia Night returns! The perfect occasion for those who say they don't like trivia nights: our inventive question rounds always satisfy and amuse.

Come with a team (up to eight people), or join one on the night. Bring your own supper.

**Saturday 6th
September 2025
from 6.30 p.m.
Cathedral Hall**

TICKETS
\$20 (\$15 members)
from cathedralfriends.org.au



Read more
and buy
tickets for the
Trivia Night



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8 SEPTEMBER 24 NOVEMBER
2025 2025

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BOOKING FEES
LIMITED PLACES



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
WOMEN'S NETWORK



Anointed
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE
SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2025

8:30 AM | ROYAL RANDWICK
5:00 PM | RACECOURSE
SYDNEY



WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SR MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND, SOLT

REGISTER
WWW.CATHOLICWOMENSNETWORK.ORG



Grace & Truth

An evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship
open to men and women of all ages.

St Mary's Cathedral, 5-8:30PM

30th September

Fr Paul Rowse, OP & Sr Anastasia, OP
and the Dominican Friars and Sisters
Theme: Anchored in Hope

Registration: www.trybooking.com/DESDN
Questions: sydney@op-tn.org

Registration closes 23 September
(Contact the Sisters at the above email with queries after this date)



No photography or videography
permitted while Mass is in progress.



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 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.