



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY SECOND 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 *Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 67:4-7, 10-11*

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 11:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This Tuesday, 2nd of September is a very important liturgical feast for us: Anniversary of the Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral. I hope you can visit the cathedral that day. The Church grants a Plenary indulgence under the usual conditions for a pious visit to a Minor Basilica on the anniversary of its Dedication, although during this Jubilee Year you could obtain a plenary indulgence on any day of the year by making a pious visit to St Mary's Cathedral.

The next day, Wednesday 3rd, is another anniversary: that of Archbishop Anthony Fisher's ordination as a bishop, in 2003. Please keep our Archbishop in your prayers in a special way that day.

A very warm welcome to anyone who is visiting Sydney for the marathon, either as a runner or supporter!

Fr Don Richardson

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

August - September 2025

		30 Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass Concelebration (Blessing of the Marathon Runners)	31 Sunday SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	1 Monday WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION	2 Tuesday Anniversary of Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney	
3 Wednesday St Gregory the Great 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	4 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	5 Friday SPRING EMBER DAY	6 Saturday	7 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour	8 Monday The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9 Tuesday
10 Wednesday 7pm Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria 'Mention My Name Service' (10th Anniversary) 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	11 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	12 Friday The Most Holy Name of Mary	13 Saturday St John Chrysostom	14 Sunday THE EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2pm Mass (Feast of Our Lady of Victories) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	15 Monday Our Lady of Sorrows	16 Tuesday Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

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 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



Join the
Friends today
to become part
of our vibrant
community



 SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH

*Canonisation of Blesseds
Carlos Acutis & Pier
Giorgio Frassati*

 Sunday 7th Sep

 5:00– 9:00pm

 St Mary's Cathedral,
2 St Mary's Road,
Sydney.

*18+ event



Come join us as we screen the Canonisation of Blesseds Carlos Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall, preceded by Vespers, Adoration and Benediction in St Mary's Cathedral.

 ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
ORGAN CONCERTS 2025



BACH at the centre
celebrating discoveries and anniversaries



Simon Niemiński
Assistant Director
of Music
St Mary's Cathedral

*"This is a splendid release... There is a lot of poetry here."
(American Record Guide)*

*"Simon Niemiński plays this hugely difficult score brilliantly"
(Choir and Organ)*

Wednesday 17 September, 7pm
ADMISSION FREE • RETIRING COLLECTION



THE ST MARY'S SINGERS
AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

CONDUCTED BY SIMON NIEMIŃSKI
ORGAN: DANIEL JUSTIN

PRESENT

**A CONCERT TRIBUTE
TO TED GRANTHAM**

INCLUDING:
MOZART MISSA SOLEMNIS IN C
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LOCATION: ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, COLLEGE ST, SYDNEY

DATE: FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2025

TIME: 7PM

TICKETS:
GENERAL: \$35
CONCESSION: \$25
UNDER 16 FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE HERE:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DEKKU>





**WARM
INVITATION
TO ATTEND
MULTICULTURAL
MASS**

SUNDAY
28TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 2PM

*COME DRESSED IN
CULTURAL ATTIRE



 CONTACT KYLIE
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 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. 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.