



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2025

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Wisdom 18:6-9*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,
so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22*

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 24:42, 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 12:32-48*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

I write this message at my desk in the presbytery on Norfolk Island, in the South Pacific, where I have been for the past week. During this pastoral visit I have been discussing with the parishioners how we might make use of technology and the internet to help the faithful in this remotest outpost of the Archdiocese of Sydney to enhance their connection to and participation in Catholic life and worship. As it is winter on Norfolk, there are not so many tourists around at present, but this island with its fascinating history and its unique community is as beautiful as ever.

A word of acknowledgement to all the runners in the City2Surf race today, Sunday – may they be safe and successful. The Sydney Marathon will take place on Sunday 31st, and several Catholic athletes have requested that we have a blessing for the runners in the Marathon, as happens in cities like New York and Boston. So, the 6pm Mass on Saturday 30th will include a Blessing of Runners, and will be celebrated by Bishop Danny Meagher.




This Friday, the 15th, we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. As it is a working day, the Mass times at the cathedral are intended to let you get to Mass before work, during the lunch break, or after work: 6.45am, 1.10pm and 5.30pm. As usual on a Friday, there will be a Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction beginning at Noon.

I would also like to mention that Saturday the 16th of August is the anniversary of the death in 1911 of Cardinal Patrick Francis Moran, the third Archbishop of Sydney, and next Sunday 17th is the anniversary of the death in 1883 of the second Archbishop, Roger Bede Vaughan OSB. Both are buried in the cathedral crypt. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

August 2025

		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 PLEASE NOTE ▪ 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>

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/>



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)



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office

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

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.

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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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

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