



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY FIFTH 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 *Amos 8:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 112:1-2, 4-8*

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Timothy 2:1-8*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 Corinthians 8:9*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 16:10-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

I am excited that our Cathedral Choir will be going on tour mid next year to Rome, Edinburgh and London! This should be a wonderful experience for the choristers and is a great opportunity to showcase the importance we place on sacred music in the life of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney – as we prepare for the International Eucharistic Congress here in 2028. It is a big undertaking, though, and we will be begging your help through various fundraising opportunities to help the Choir on their way. Do keep an eye out for some special notices about this!

We Australians are blessed to be able to live in peace and to plan such travels to relatively calm and safe places. That is not so for many in our world, and the appalling situation in the Holy Land is deeply disturbing. Moreover, there are ugly things even in our own society: immorality, violence, assisted suicide, the killing of the unborn, the exploitation of the vulnerable, and the spreading of false and corrosive ideas. As Catholics, we should respond to these times with faith and reason, not with ideology and prejudice. We should always remember the dignity of each person, and try to elevate our community, not break it down. Less time interacting with the shallowness and pseudo philosophy of social media, more time doing nice things for others: that would help make the world, and your own headspace, brighter and more fulfilled. Here is a good prayer from the Missal , “For the Progress of Peoples:”

O God, who gave one origin to all peoples
and willed to gather from them one family for yourself,
fill all hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love
and kindle in them a desire
for the just advancement of their neighbour,
that, through the good things
which you richly bestow upon all,
each human person may be brought to perfection,
every division may be removed,
and equity and justice may be established in human society.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

September – October 2025

		20 <i>Saturday</i> Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	21 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	22 <i>Monday</i>	23 <i>Tuesday</i> St Pius of Pietrelcina
24 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	25 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	26 <i>Friday</i>	27 <i>Saturday</i> St Vincent de Paul	28 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD REFUGEES AND MIGRATION DAY 2pm Multicultural Mass (Catholic Immigration Office) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	29 <i>Monday</i> Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
30 <i>Tuesday</i> St Jerome	1 <i>Wednesday</i> St Thérèse of the Child Jesus 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	2 <i>Thursday</i> The Holy Guardian 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	3 <i>Friday</i>	4 <i>Saturday</i> St Francis of Assisi	5 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour
6 <i>Monday</i> Public Holiday Mass 9am	7 <i>Tuesday</i> Our Lady of the Rosary				

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

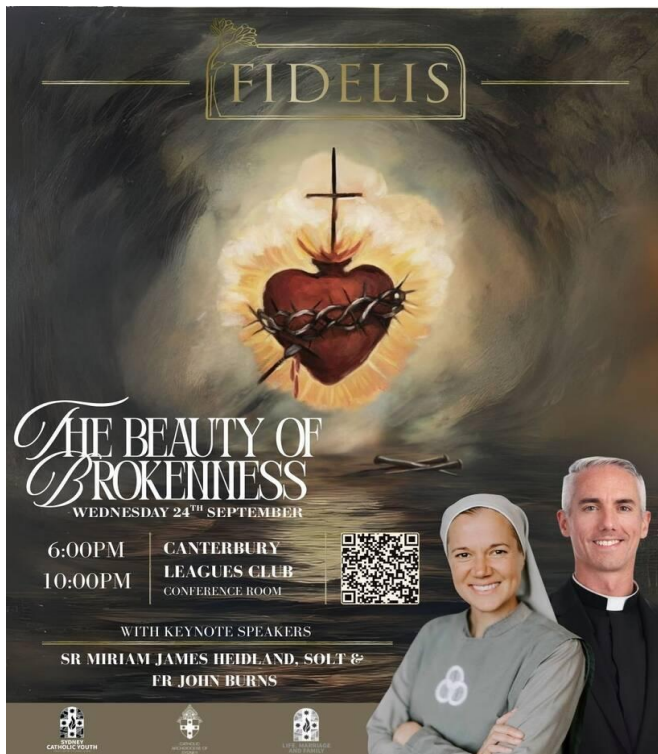
(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

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 21 Sept**, in the crypt of St Patrick's Church, Church Hill. The Topic '*The Divided Heart of Catherine Mackerras, Faith, family & self-understanding in a different Australia*'. Speaker: Patrick Mullins, historian. *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 and YouTube videos are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>*



Sydney Street Feast 2025 - Volunteers Welcome

On Friday, 14 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 11 am to 2 pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/SydStreetFeast2025>



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.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE
CATHEDRAL

A CHURCH IN
NEED OF HEALING

FR JOHN BURNS AND
SR MIRIAM JAMES SOLT

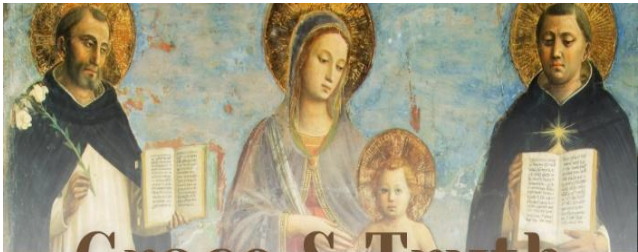
6PM FOR A 6:30PM START | 29 SEPTEMBER 2025
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL - CATHEDRAL HALL

Fr. John Burns is a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Ordained in 2010, he has served as an associate pastor, pastor, and adjunct professor of moral theology.

Sr. Miriam James Heidland is a former Division I college athlete who had a radical conversion and joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) in 1998.

REGISTER ONLINE
www.satcathedral.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)



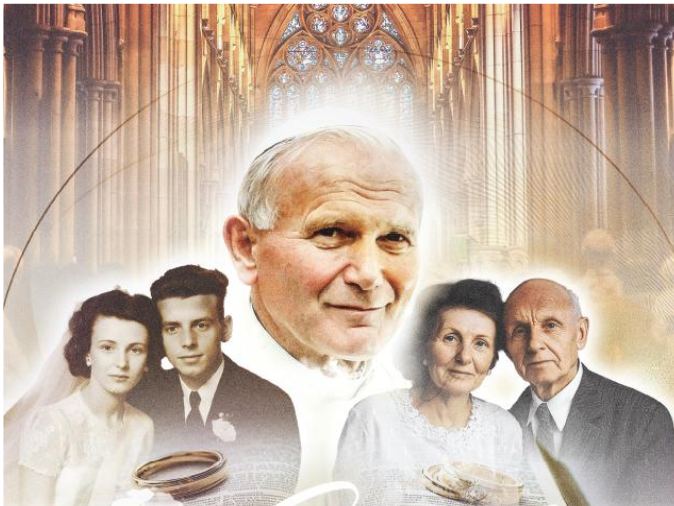


Sydney Synod 2026

Can you give Archbishop Fisher **positive, practical, and faithful ideas** to address the **three longings** of Sydney Catholics: that our liturgies be **more prayerful**, our communities **more Christ-centred**, and our Church in Sydney **more mission-oriented**?

Come along to our regional consultations: *St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney* on **Tuesday, 14 October 2025** from 6 – 9 PM and at *All Saints Parish, Liverpool* on **Thursday, 16 October 2025** from 6 – 9 PM.

Registration is essential via sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod



LIFE MARRIAGE FAMILY Sunday

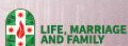
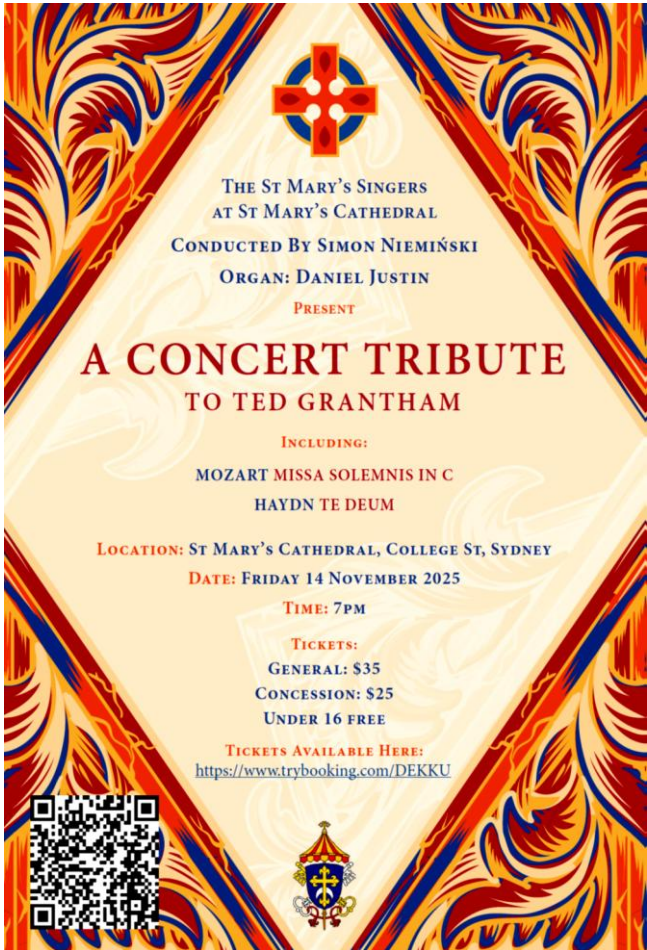
19 OCTOBER 2025
10:30AM MASS, FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Celebrate Mass with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

All families are warmly invited to St Mary's Cathedral Annual Marriage Mass on Life Marriage and Family Sunday. Join us on this special occasion for renewal of marital promises and a special blessing for families.



Couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries will be presented with certificates after Mass.
Register by 6th October www.trybooking.com/DDFAJ

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:
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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>