



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2025

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## FIRST READING *Amos 6:1, 4-7*

A reading from the prophet Amos

*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion  
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.  
Lying on ivory beds  
and sprawling on their divans,  
they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal;  
they bawl to the sound of the harp,  
they invent new instruments of music like David,  
they drink wine by the bowlful,  
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,  
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;  
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 145:6-10*

**R.** Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

He upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

## **SECOND READING** *1 Timothy 6:11-16*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

***Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.***

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at the due time will be revealed  
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,  
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,  
who alone is immortal,  
whose home is in inaccessible light,  
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:  
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## WORD FROM THE DEAN

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Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Monday 29 September will be the Feast of the Archangels, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October is the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels.

The existence of angels is a truth of faith. Both Sacred Scripture and the Tradition attest to the existence of spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Scripture usually calls "angels." Their nature is spirit, their office is "angel", which means "messenger" – they are the servants and messengers of God. They have intelligence, they have will, they are immortal, they are splendid.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us:

333 From the Incarnation to the Ascension, the life of the Word incarnate is surrounded by the adoration and service of angels. When God "brings the firstborn into the world, he says: 'Let all God's angels worship him.'" Heb 1:6. Their song of praise at the birth of Christ has not ceased resounding in the Church's praise: "Glory to God in the highest!" Lk 2:14. They protect Jesus in his infancy, serve him in the desert, strengthen him in his agony in the garden, when he could have been saved by them from the hands of his enemies as Israel had been. Cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13,19; 4:11; 26:53; Mk 1:13; Lk 22:43; Macc 10:29-30; 11:8. Again, it is the angels who "evangelize" by proclaiming the Good News of Christ's Incarnation and Resurrection. Cf. Lk 2:8-14; Mk 16:5-7. They will be present at Christ's return, which they will announce, to serve at his judgement. Cf. Acts 1:10-11; Mt 13:41; 24:31; Lk 12:8-9

334 In the meantime, the whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels. Cf. Acts 5:18-20; 8:26-29; 10:3-8; 12:6-11; 27:23-25.

335 In her liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God. She invokes their assistance (in the Roman Canon's *Supplices te rogamus*. . . ["Almighty God, we pray that your angel..."]; in the funeral liturgy's *In Paradisum deducant te angeli*. . . ["May the angels lead you into Paradise. . ."]). Moreover, in the "Cherubic Hymn" of the Byzantine Liturgy, she celebrates the memory of

certain angels more particularly (St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, and the guardian angels).

336 From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Cf. Mt 18:10; Lk 16:22; Pss 34:7; 91:10-13; Job 33:23-24; Zech 1:12; Tob 12:12. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." St. Basil, Adv. Eunomium III, I: PG 29, 656B. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.




Our hope, as Christians, is that we will join the angels in heaven, but even now, in the liturgy, in the company of the angels we sing God's praises and we adore Christ the Lord.

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*



# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## September – October 2025

		<b>27</b> <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Sunday</i> <b>WORLD REFUGEES AND MIGRATION DAY</b>  2pm Multicultural Mass (Catholic Immigration Office)  2pm Sunday Public Tour	<b>29</b> <i>Monday</i> <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Jerome</i>	
<b>1</b> <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>  6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>2</b> <i>Thursday</i> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>  6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	<b>3</b> <i>Friday</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Sunday</i>  2pm Sunday Public Tour	<b>6</b> <i>Monday</i> <b>Public Holiday Mass 9am</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Tuesday</i> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
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## 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

## CANA Communities Appeal – this weekend 28 & 29 September 2025

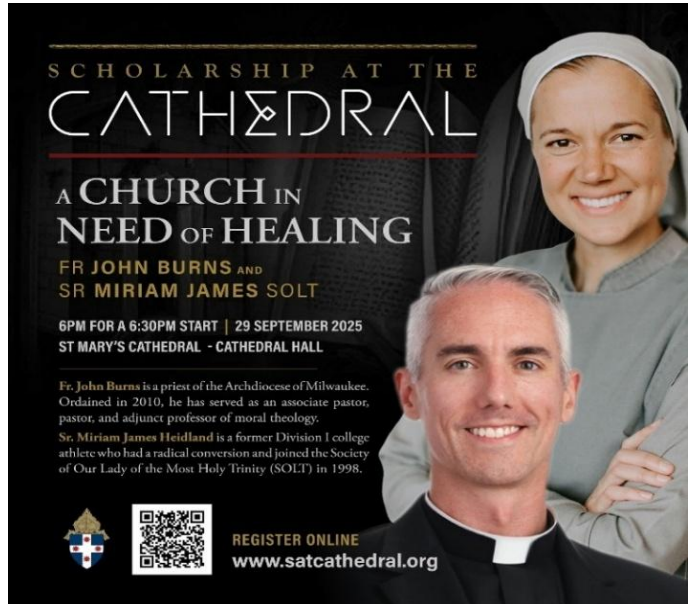
Cana Communities will be holding their annual appeal this weekend **28 & 29 September 2025**, Cana is a not-for-profit charity working with men and women who are experiencing homelessness, addiction, imprisonment, and mental health issues.

Appeal Envelopes will be provided. Thank you for your generous donation.



**WARM INVITATION TO ATTEND**  
**MULTICULTURAL MASS**  
SUNDAY  
28TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 2PM  
\*COME DRESSED IN CULTURAL ATTIRE

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**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](http://www.satcathedral.org)



**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](http://www.trybooking.com/DDFAJ)



**THE ST MARY'S SINGERS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**  
CONDUCTED BY SIMON NIEMIŃSKI  
ORGAN: DANIEL JUSTIN  
PRESENT

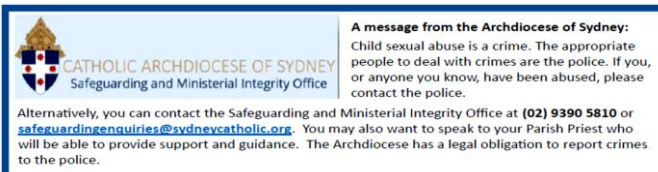
**A CONCERT TRIBUTE TO TED GRANTHAM**

INCLUDING:  
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>



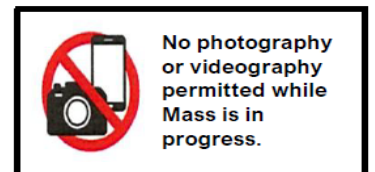
**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**  
Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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.**