



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY THIRD 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 *Wisdom 9:13-18*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17*

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R**

SECOND READING *Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Ps 118:135*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 14:25-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Happy Fathers' Day to all the fathers at the cathedral today for Mass or just dropping in for a visit! Every blessing to you.

As is the custom in the Sydney Archdiocese, a special collection is taken up on Fathers' Day to support the Retired Priests Foundation. Please be generous, if you can.

Conflict of Interest Declaration: I hope to be benefitting from the Retired Priests Foundation from 2036...





Next Sunday is a quite special Feast Day: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. You will be able to venerate the relic of the True Cross which the cathedral possesses on that day.

And on the subject of relics, it is probably not too late to sign up for the special event this Tuesday night at 6.30, hosted by the Friends of St Mary's Cathedral: a talk on sacred relics by Fr Anthony Robbie, who is a specialist in the causes of Saints, and a display of the Cathedral's collection of saintly relics. You can register online at the Friends' website: <https://cathedralfriends.org.au>

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

September 2025

			6 <i>Saturday</i>	7 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	8 <i>Monday</i> <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9 <i>Tuesday</i>
10 <i>Wednesday</i> 7pm Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria 'Mention My Name Service' (10 th Anniversary) 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	11 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	12 <i>Friday</i> <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	13 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	14 <i>Sunday</i> THE EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2pm Mass (Feast of Our Lady of Victories) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	15 <i>Monday</i> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	16 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian</i>
17 <i>Wednesday</i> 7pm Organ Recital  6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	18 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	19 <i>Friday</i>	20 <i>Saturday</i> <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions</i>	21 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	22 <i>Monday</i>	23 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</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



PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION



Donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day appeal

7 September 2025

The Priests' Retirement Foundation provides many essential services. This vital ministry relies solely on donations.

Support our sick or retired Fathers this Father's Day. We are their family now.



Donate at www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-prf
Or complete the parish envelope.

"Priests are part of families at times of great joy, but also great sadness."

– Fr Geoff Plant



 SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH

Canonisation of Blessed 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



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.

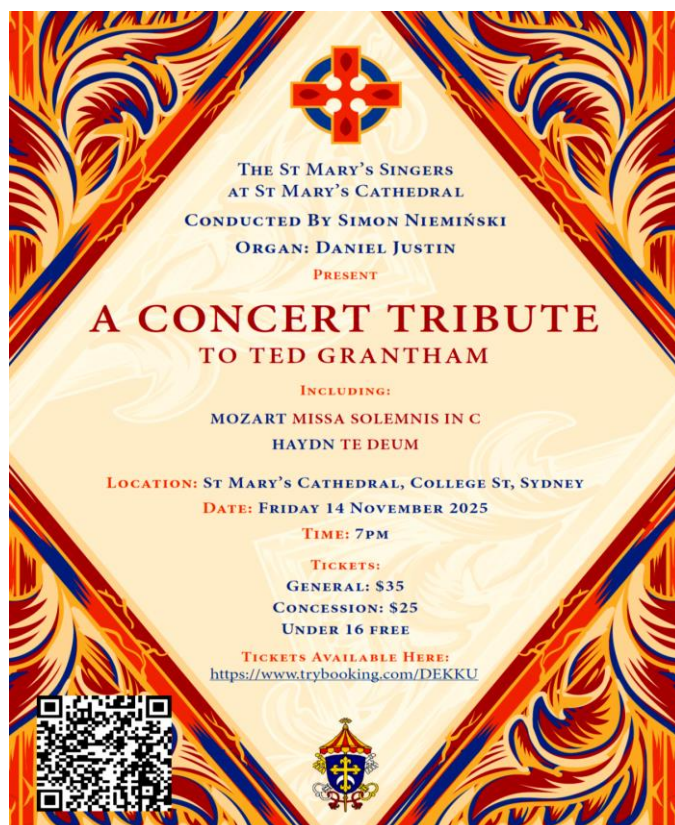
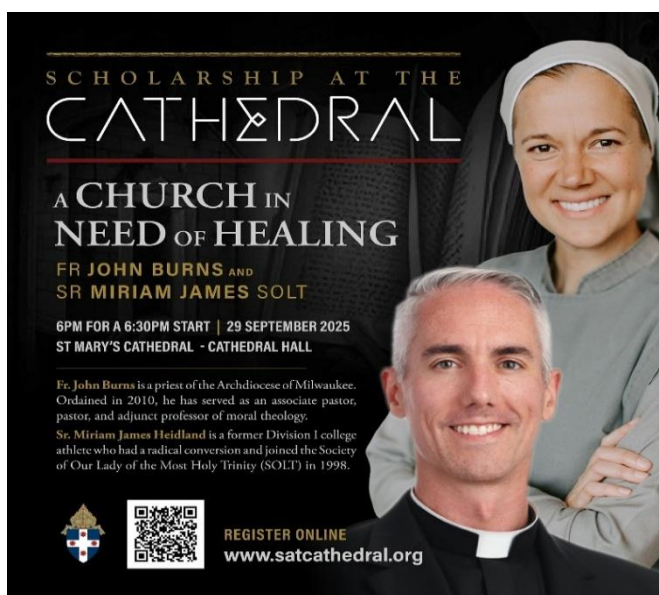
Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge.

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/>

St. Padre Pio Feast Day Mass

St Padre Pio Parish in Glenmore Park invite you to celebrate their parochial feast of St Padre Pio on **Sunday, 21 September 2025 at 10am**. They will have a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio followed by the Feast Day Mass, blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal. For further enquiries visit www.padrepio.org.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.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

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.