



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY EIGHTH 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 *2 Kings 5:14-17*

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 97:1-4*

**R.** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **R.**

## SECOND READING *2 Timothy 2:8-13*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,  
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,

because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL *Luke 17:11-19*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE DEAN

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Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This weekend we are beginning our Cathedral Parish Census Project.

It is several years since we last conducted a “parish census” – not long before the COVID pandemic.

We are asking those of you who attend Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral regularly, or who live with our parish boundaries, to fill in a form to help us better understand who is coming and how we can build up our community and meet your pastoral needs. You can also use the census form to let us know how you’d like to be involved in various activities.

So, just to be clear: **if you live within our parish boundaries** (even if you don’t often come to Mass here), **OR if you live in another parish but often come to Mass here** on Sundays or on weekdays, would you please fill in a census form?

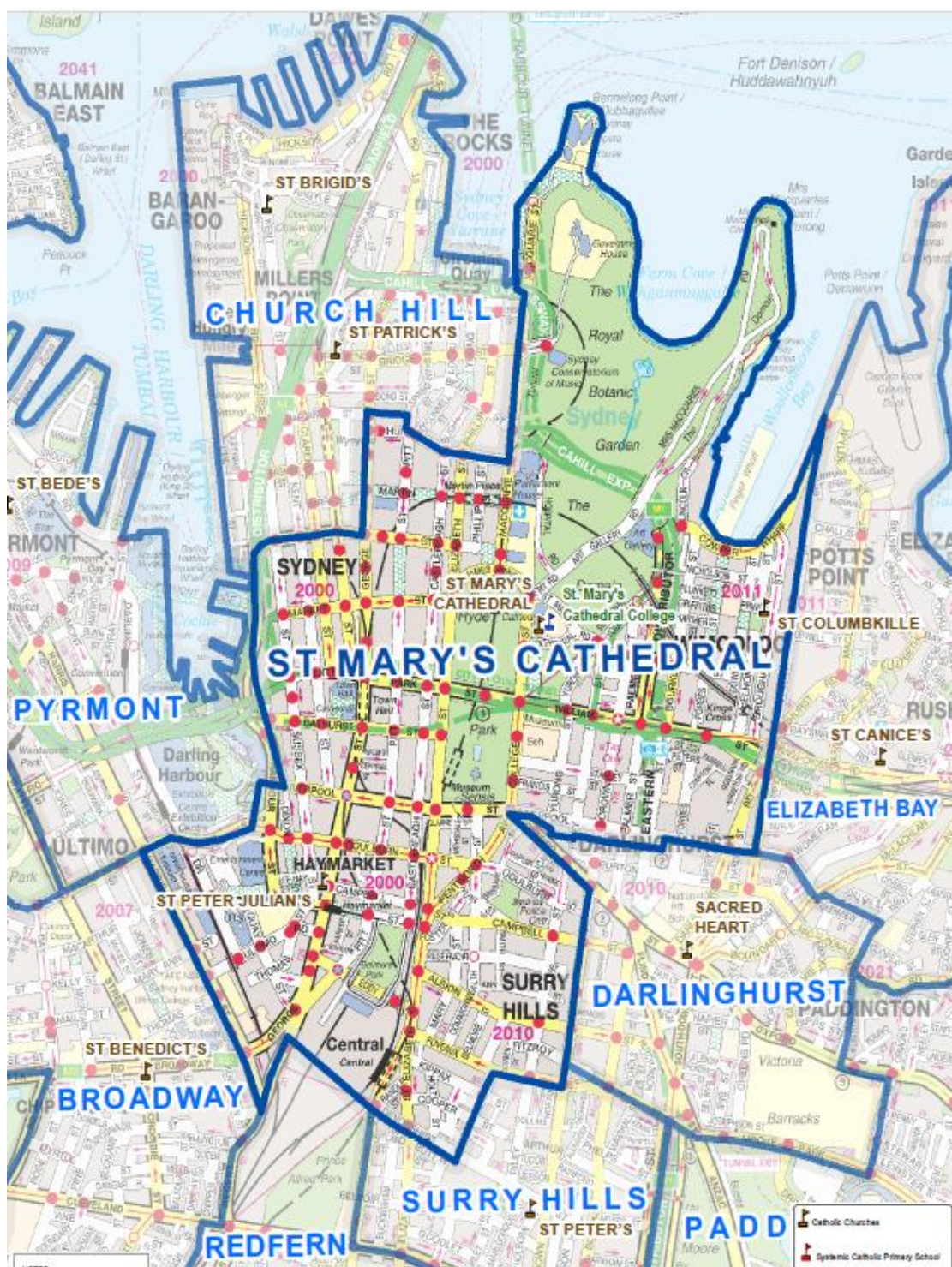
There are privacy rules around how we manage the information you give, and I won’t be uploading it to ChatGPT!

It will take a little time to fill in the form and put it in our special census box, but if you are one of our “regulars” I do hope you will share that little bit of yourself with us. You could take the form home and bring it back another day: we’ll keep the census going throughout October.

Thank you so much,





Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*.



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# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## October 2025

			<b>11</b> <i>Saturday</i> <div>Catholic Mission Appeal 11 &amp; 12 October 2025</div> Parish Census	<b>12</b> <i>Sunday</i> <div>2pm Sunday Public Tour</div> Parish Census	<b>13</b> <i>Monday</i> Parish Census	<b>14</b> <i>Tuesday</i> Parish Census
<b>15</b> <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i> Parish Census <b>6:30pm</b> <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>16</b> <i>Thursday</i> Parish Census <b>6:30pm</b> <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	<b>17</b> <i>Friday</i> <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i> Parish Census	<b>18</b> <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Luke</i> Parish Census	<b>19</b> <i>Sunday</i> <b>WORLD MISSION DAY</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b> <i>(Life, Marriage &amp; Family Sunday)</i> <b>2pm Sunday Public Tour</b> Parish Census	<b>20</b> <i>Monday</i> Parish Census	<b>21</b> <i>Tuesday</i> Parish Census
<b>22</b> <i>Wednesday</i> <b>7pm Organ Recital</b>  Parish Census <b>6:30pm</b> <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>23</b> <i>Thursday</i> Parish Census <b>6:30pm</b> <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	<b>24</b> <i>Friday</i> Parish Census	<b>25</b> <i>Saturday</i> Parish Census	<b>26</b> <i>Sunday</i> <b>10.30am Mass</b> <i>(Adult Confirmation)</i> <b>2pm Sunday Public Tour</b> Parish Census	<b>27</b> <i>Monday</i> Parish Census	<b>28</b> <i>Tuesday</i> <i>Sts. Simon &amp; Jude</i> Parish Census

## 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

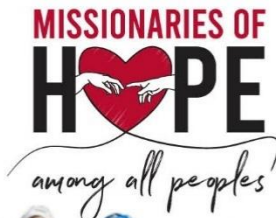
Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)



# CATHEDRAL NOTICES



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

**The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mission](https://catholicmission.org.au/mission), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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Freecall: 1800 257 296

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## 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**

**Date:** Tuesday, 14 October 2025

**Time:** 6 – 9 PM

**All Saints Parish Liverpool**

**Date:** Thursday, 16 October 2025

**Time:** 6 – 9 PM

**Registration is essential via**

[sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod](https://sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod)

### 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.



**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](mailto: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.

# Tour the bell-tower

WITH THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

**Thursday 16th October 2025, 6.30 p.m.**

**Bookings essential • Minimum level of fitness required**

**TICKETS \$20 (\$15 members) from [cathedralfriends.org.au](https://cathedralfriends.org.au)**



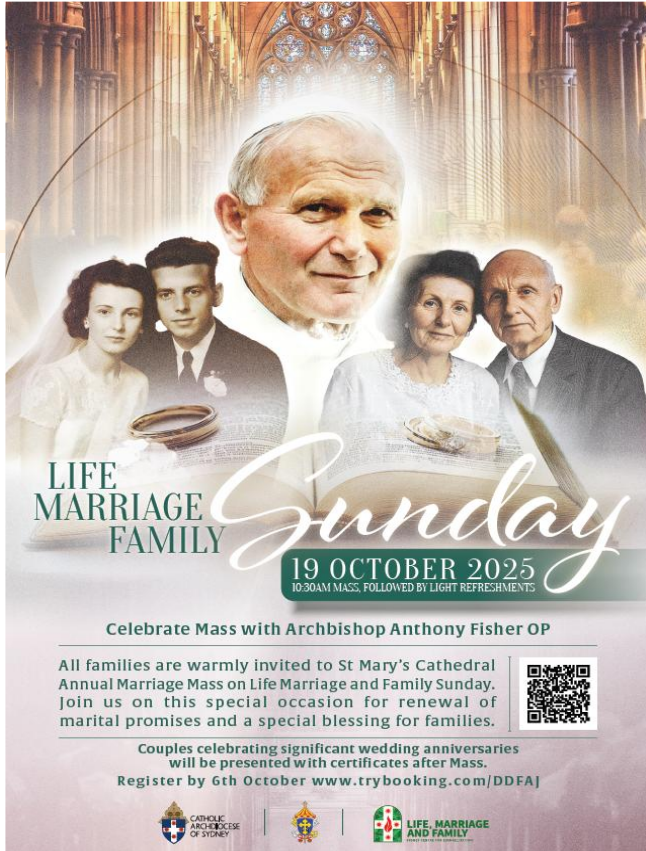
Read more and buy tickets for the bell-tower tour



Join the Friends today to become part of our vibrant community










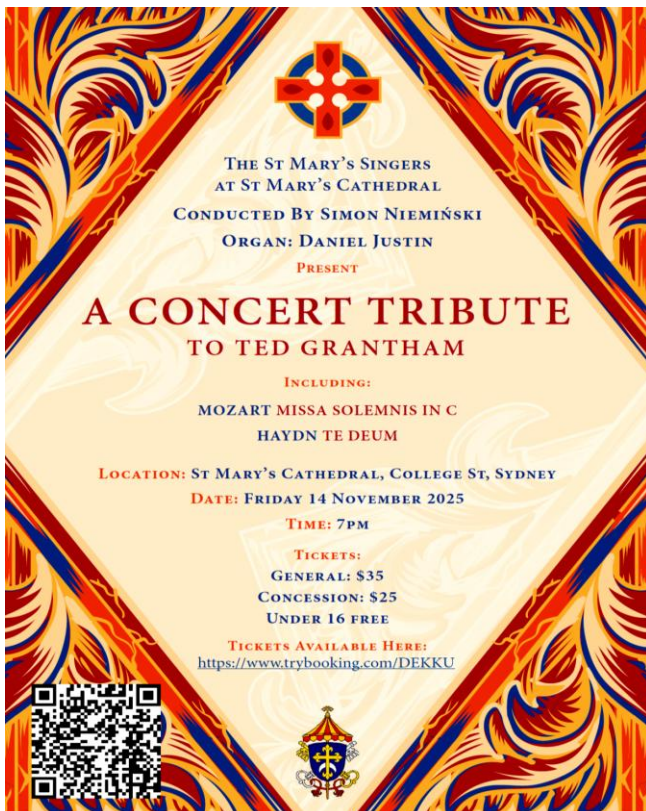
**LIFE MARRIAGE FAMILY Sunday**  
19 OCTOBER 2025  
10:30AM MASS, FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

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**

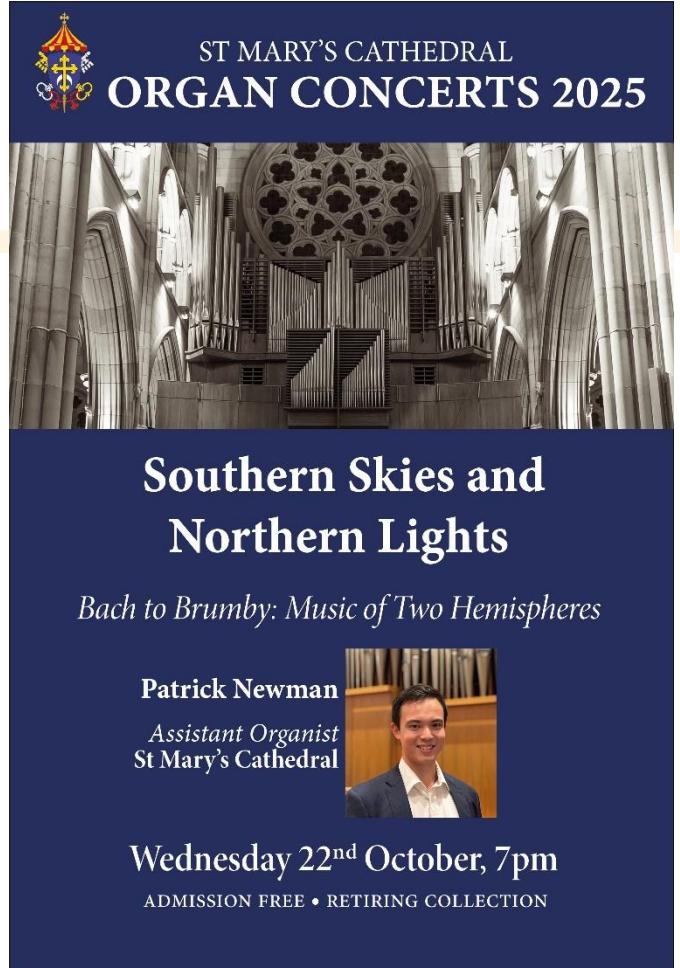
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LOCATION: ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, COLLEGE ST, SYDNEY  
DATE: FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2025  
TIME: 7PM

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

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




ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL  
**ORGAN CONCERTS 2025**

**Southern Skies and  
Northern Lights**

*Bach to Brumby: Music of Two Hemispheres*

Patrick Newman  
Assistant Organist  
St Mary's Cathedral



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 7pm  
ADMISSION FREE • RETIRING COLLECTION

### Celebrating the Canonisation of Blessed Peter To Rot

Communities across Sydney and the Central Coast are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed Peter To Rot, Papua New Guinea's first saint, on Sunday, 19 October.

A special Mass and refreshments will be held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick, beginning at 2:30 pm. All are welcome.

On Sunday, 26 October, Holy Cross Parish, Kincumber, in the Diocese of Broken Bay, will host a Mass at 11 am in honour of the newly canonised saint, followed by refreshments. The day will also include unveiling a St Peter To Rot relic.

Peter To Rot was a lay catechist and martyr. Let us come together in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate his inspiring witness.

### 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>