



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY NINTH 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 *Exodus 17:8-13*

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 120*

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Hebrews 4:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 18:1-8*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Our Cathedral Parish Census Project got underway last weekend, and continues throughout October. If you live in the cathedral parish (map provided) or regularly attend Mass at St Mary's, we would ask you to fill in one of the census forms and drop it in the special box near the western doors.

Even if you are a tourist or one time visitor (hello and welcome!!!) it would be nice if you would also fill in a form to help us know where our visitors are from.

At the 10.30 Mass today we are celebrating Marriage and Family, with couples who were wed at the cathedral, spouses who are celebrating milestone anniversaries, and "ordinary" husbands and wives joining us for a special blessing and renewal of vows. A very warm welcome to you!

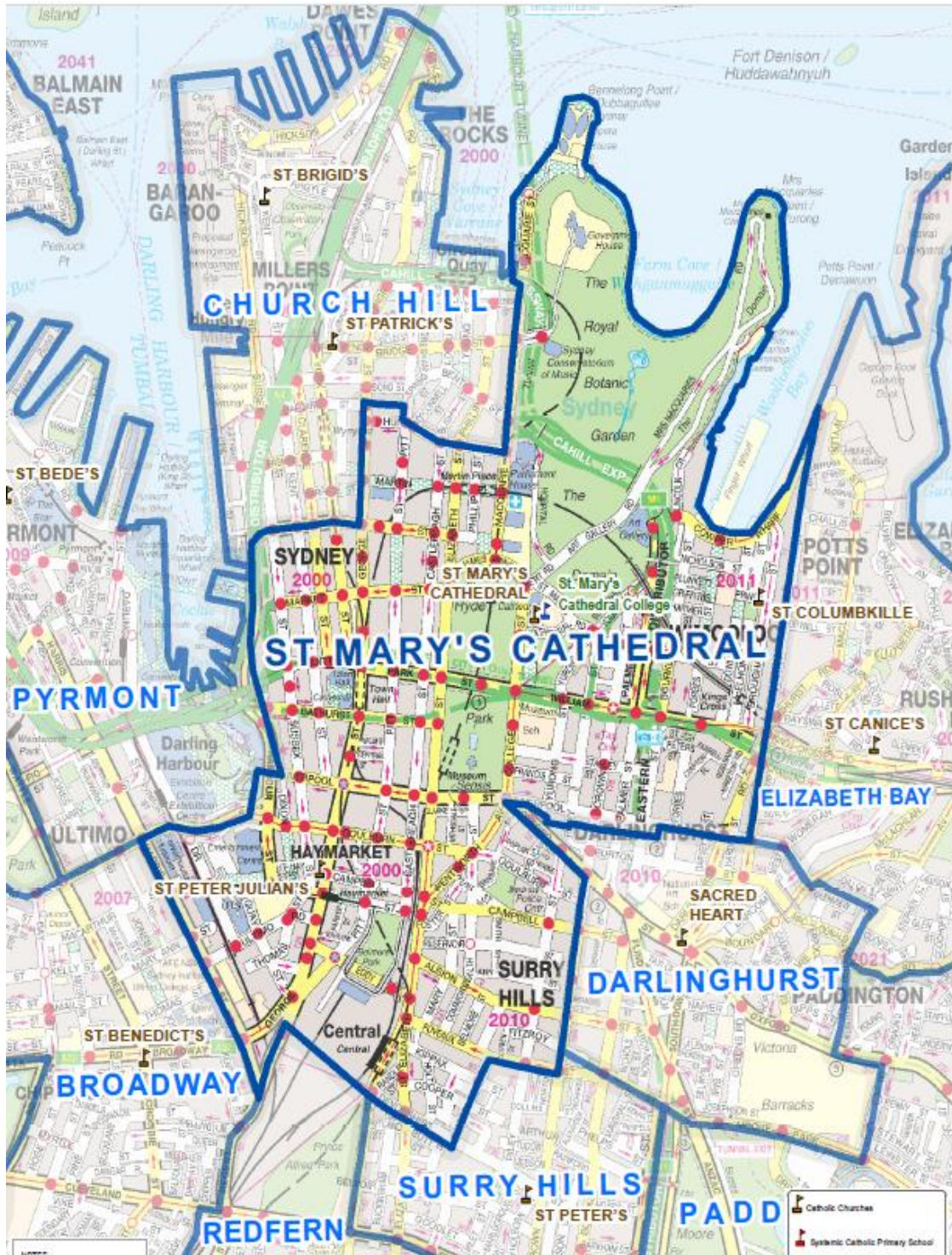
Today October 19th is the feast day of St Philip Howard, one of the English martyrs in the reign of Queen Elizabeth the First. The parish church on Norfolk Island, our sister parish of which I am also Administrator, is named for St Philip Howard, who was the son of the Duke of Norfolk, so may I invite your prayers for our sisters and brothers on Norfolk Island on this special day?

Tuesday 21st is the anniversary of the death of the fifth Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal Sir Norman Thomas Gilroy in 1977. Cardinal Gilroy was a remarkable figure, and older Sydney Catholics have many stories about him. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

With every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH



UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

October – November 2025

			18 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Luke</i> Parish Census	19 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD MISSION DAY 10.30am Mass <i>(Life, Marriage & Family Sunday)</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour Parish Census	20 <i>Monday</i> Parish Census	21 <i>Tuesday</i> Parish Census
22 <i>Wednesday</i> 7pm Organ Recital  Parish Census 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	23 <i>Thursday</i> Parish Census 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	24 <i>Friday</i> Parish Census	25 <i>Saturday</i> Parish Census	26 <i>Sunday</i> 10.30am Mass <i>(Adult Confirmation)</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour Parish Census	27 <i>Monday</i> Parish Census	28 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>Sts. Simon & Jude</i> Parish Census
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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



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 22nd October, 7pm

ADMISSION FREE • RETIRING COLLECTION

Sisters of Life - Advent Retreat

Catholic Women's Network are delighted to be hosting the Sisters of Life for an Advent retreat. Join us for an afternoon of reflection and quiet prayer time in preparation for the Advent season under the theme 'No longer forsaken: the Lord delights in you' (Isaiah 62).

The mini-retreat will include input from the Sisters of Life, quiet time, access to the Sacrament of Confession and a Holy Hour.

Set aside an afternoon to enter into the stillness and quiet and deepen your relationship with the Lord. Limited spaces available. Light refreshments included.

DETAILS:

Date: Saturday, 29 November 2025

Time: 1pm – 5pm

Venue: St Joachim's Catholic Church, Lidcombe

Cost: \$25 per person. Group discounts available.

Register here <https://www.trybooking.com/DFBJT>



**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.

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.

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>



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office

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.

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.