



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS' DAY)

2025

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Wisdom 4:7-15*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

A blameless life is a ripe old age.

The virtuous man, though he die before his time, will find rest.
Length of days is not what makes age honourable,
nor number of years the true measure of life;
understanding, this is man's grey hairs,
untarnished life, this is ripe old age.
He has sought to please God, so God has loved him;
as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up.
He has been carried off so that evil may not warp his understanding
or treachery seduce his soul;
for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade,
and the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart.
Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life;
his soul being pleasing to the Lord,
he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him.
Yet people look on, uncomprehending;
it does not enter their heads
that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord,
and protection, his holy ones.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22*

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 5:17-21*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. But however great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater; and so, just as sin reigned wherever there was death, so grace will reign to bring eternal life, thanks to the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Revelation 1:5-6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 12:35-40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be like servants waiting for the arrival of their master.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Last week I was in Melbourne for a few days. As is usually the case when I visit other Australian cities, after Sunday Mass several people mentioned that they love to come to St Mary's Cathedral when in Sydney, and others told me they began regularly to watch our livestreamed Masses during the Covid lockdowns, and still do so. St Mary's Cathedral truly is the much loved "Mother Church" of Catholicism in Australia!

November, being the month when we especially pray for the souls in purgatory, reminds us that we are part of a Church which is much bigger than our local parish, much bigger than our diocese and our city and country: the Church is a communion, in Christ, of those living in this world, of those who have died and are being purified so that they may see God and live, and of those saints who are in the glory of heaven. Just as we pray to God for our family and friends and the needy who live in our neighbourhood or in other towns and cities and lands, so we pray to God for those in Purgatory, and we ask the saints in Heaven to intercede for us here, that through the mercy of God we may join them in the eternity of God's merciful love.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

NOVEMBER MASSES

Dear Parishioners,

Throughout November, Catholics pray especially for the souls of those who have died, and it is customary to ask for Masses to be offered for the souls of our deceased relatives and friends. "November Mass" envelopes are available in the cathedral. You can write the names of those for whom you wish Mass to be celebrated on the envelope. The NSW Bishops have set the offering ("stipend") to be made to the priest for November Masses at twenty dollars for each Mass. The stipend is considered a gift to the priest who celebrates the Mass and a way for the donors to join themselves more closely to the holy sacrifice by making an offering from their own resources.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

November 2025

		1 <i>Saturday</i> ALL SAINTS	2 <i>Sunday</i> ALL SOULS' DAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	3 <i>Monday</i>	4 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>
CWF November Appeal 1st & 2nd November 2025					
5 <i>Wednesday</i>	6 <i>Thursday</i>	7 <i>Friday</i>	8 <i>Saturday</i>	9 <i>Sunday</i> THE DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA PRISON SUNDAY 12.30pm Deanery Confirmations PLEASE NOTE - The 12.15pm Latin Mass will be <u>moved</u> to the Crypt - The 2pm Sunday Public Tour is CANCELLED	10 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Leo the Great</i>
11 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)		6:30pm CITY COMPASS 		
12 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Josaphat</i>	13 <i>Thursday</i>	14 <i>Friday</i>	15 <i>Saturday</i>	16 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2.30pm Annual Catechist Mass 2pm Sunday Public Tour	17 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
18 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul</i>	6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)		6:30pm CITY COMPASS 		

<i>Weekly Mass Schedule</i>	
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

Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

1 and 2 November 2025

The CWF is the charity of the Catholic community in Sydney and your local parish. Together, we bring hope and care to those who need it most.

Give generously.
Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.



To donate:

Scan the QR code
Visit: www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf
Call: 1800 753 959
Or complete the parish envelope.

Scan to Give



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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>

Sydney Synod 2026 Formal Online Submissions

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?

Formal online submissions are now open.
Submit your ideas at

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod/>. The submissions portal will close at 12.00 pm on Monday, 3 November 2025.

Australian Catholic Historical Society Program

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, 16 November**.

The Topic: The 60th Anniversary of the Vatican II document *Christus Dominus* On the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops.

Presenter: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome, and there is no charge.

For further details visit the website

<https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>



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.

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.