



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRTIETH 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 *Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge

who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,

nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23*

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the

whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 18:9-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



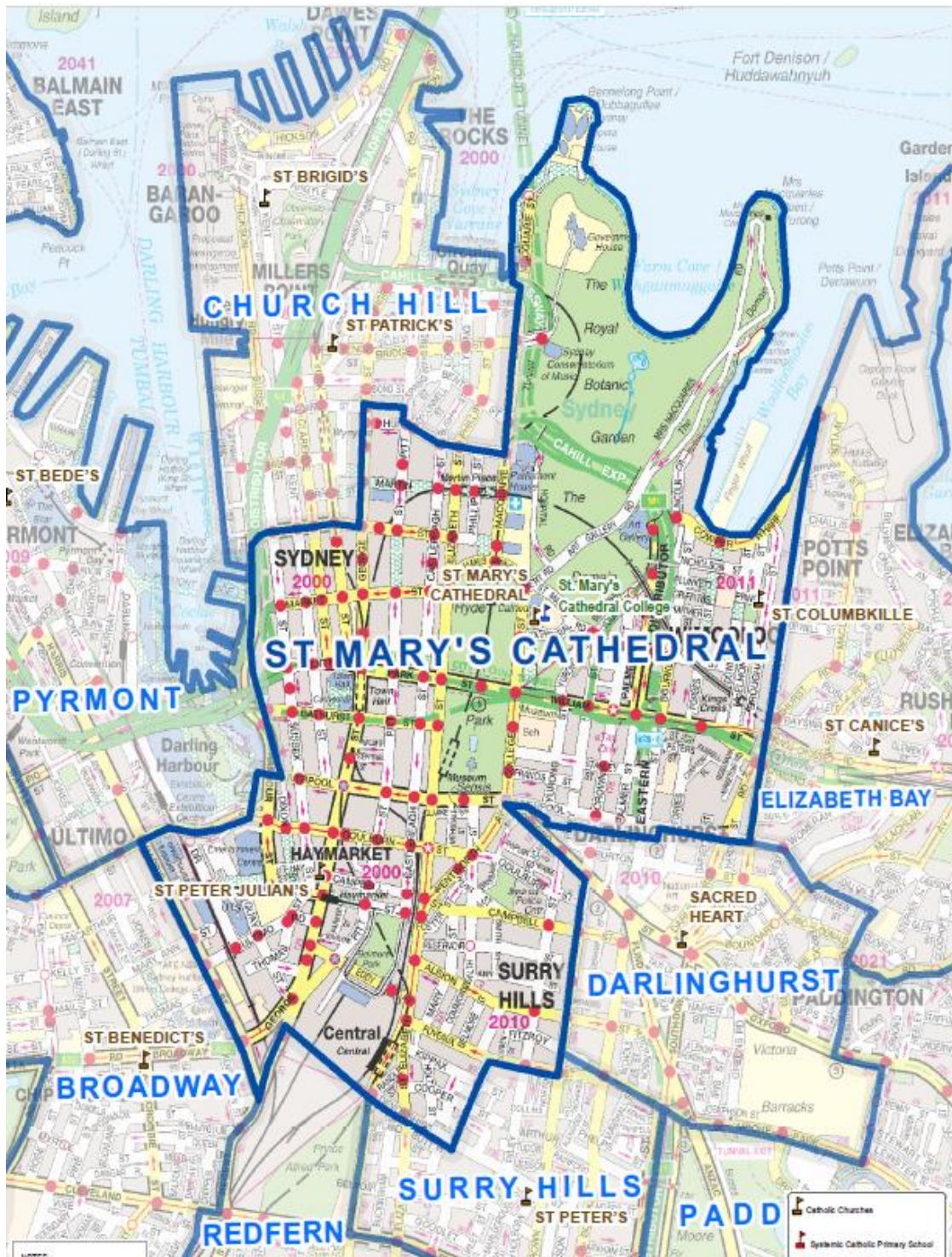
Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

- A special welcome to those joining us at the 10.30am mass for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation!
- We keep in our prayers the students sitting the Higher School Certificate exams at this time.
- Our Parish Census project is underway through October – I encourage you to fill in a parish census form and drop it into the special box near the College Street doors, if you live in the cathedral parish or even if you only occasionally come to Mass here at St Mary's. It will help us in our pastoral action and planning.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH



UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

October – November 2025

			25 <i>Saturday</i> Parish Census	26 <i>Sunday</i> 10.30am Mass (Adult Confirmation) 2pm Sunday Public Tour Parish Census	27 <i>Monday</i> Parish Census	28 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>Sts. Simon & Jude</i> Parish Census
29 <i>Wednesday</i> Parish Census 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	30 <i>Thursday</i> Parish Census 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	31 <i>Friday</i> Parish Census	1 <i>Saturday</i> ALL SAINTS CWF November Appeal 1st & 2nd November 2025	2 <i>Sunday</i> ALL SOULS' DAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	3 <i>Monday</i> 	4 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>
5 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	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>

	
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

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 11.59 pm on Friday, 31 October 2025.



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.



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.

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: 7 PM

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

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



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. 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>

You are not Alone

A RETREAT FOR COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN

This retreat day is for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage or still-birth, and for those still hoping to conceive. Though you may experience pain, grief, and shame, with the support of others and the love of God, **you are not alone.**

Saturday 22 November
9am - 4pm
38 Renwick St Leichhardt
\$40 per married couple

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1384481>



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