



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2025

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 94:1-2, 6-9*

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *1 Peter 1:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 17:5-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

A special welcome to any of you visiting Sydney during the School Holidays!

With a constantly growing and changing body of parishioners, visiting Catholics from other parts of Australia or overseas, tourists and interested passers-by coming to St Mary's Cathedral, we have a steady and growing need for members of our cathedral community to help welcome and serve all who come to the cathedral.

If you are a Sydneysider, please do consider joining up as a Reader, Usher, Acolyte, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or to volunteer in other ways.

Next weekend we will begin our new Parish Census Project, which would be an excellent opportunity for you to let us know how you can contribute to the life of the cathedral as a place of welcome, beauty and hope.

If you are reading this on Saturday, don't forget that Daylight Saving starts this weekend.


If you are reading this on Sunday, I'm sorry if you were an hour late for Mass – check the timetable for the next one!

May the week ahead be a happy one for you, and may it see peace and reconciliation in the world.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

October 2025

			4 Saturday <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	5 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour	6 Monday Public Holiday Mass 9am	7 Tuesday <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
8 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	9 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	10 Friday	11 Saturday Catholic Mission Appeal 11 & 12 October 2025 Parish Census	12 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour Parish Census	13 Monday Parish Census	14 Tuesday Parish Census
15 Wednesday <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i> Parish Census 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	16 Thursday Parish Census 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	17 Friday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i> Parish Census	18 Saturday <i>St Luke</i> Parish Census	19 Sunday WORLD MISSION DAY 10.30am Mass (Life, Marriage & Family Sunday) 2pm Sunday Public Tour Parish Census	20 Monday Parish Census	21 Tuesday 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



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

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

MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Explore the life of Mary MacKillop through art, stories and games. Discover courage, resilience and hope that inspire everyday life!

10:30am - 12:30pm

Week 1
1 OCTOBER

Week 2
8 OCTOBER

Cost \$8 per child

- Storytelling
- Reflection Circle
- Lawn Games
- Chalk Wall
- Treasure Hunt
- Museum Visit

Ages 6 - 12

SCAN TO REGISTER

More Information: helen.chan@mmp.org.au (02) 8912 4847

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.

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.

Alpha Catholic Conference 2025

Event Sponsor



"CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY"

Colossians 1:27

Join us for two powerful days of renewal to be inspired for mission. Together we'll encounter the Holy Spirit, rediscover the joy of the Gospel, and be equipped to share the love of Jesus in our parish communities, schools and beyond.

Whether you're experienced with Alpha, exploring it for the first time, or simply longing for more of God's presence in your life and Church, this gathering is for you.

Location: Liverpool Catholic Club
424-458 Hoxton Park Rd
Prestons NSW

Date: 31 Oct - 1 Nov, 2025

Register: alpha.org.au/catholicconference




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>





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>



Discover and share in our story

The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, its history and heritage.

Australia's first religious sisters have been of service to the community regardless of creed, wealth or ethnicity, for over 185 years.

Tuesday – Thursday
10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment
Free entry, parking available
Bookings recommended

*You too are part of this continuing
and living heritage and we'd love
to welcome you.*

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