



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRTY THIRD 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 *Malachi 3:19-20*

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 97:5-9*

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the people with fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Luke 21:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 21:5-19*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The start of this year saw the enrolment of girls in our Cathedral College and the commencement of our Girls' Choir. Music is one of the Church's important treasures and is integral to our liturgical encounter with God, as well as being a vital aspect of human culture so it is very significant that we at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney, with our great tradition of sacred choral music for boy's voices, have been able to offer a similar opportunity for girls to develop their musical knowledge and skill and understanding to a very high level. It is not only good for the flourishing of individuals, but is a real investment for the future of music in our parishes and community. Through this first year the girls have been learning and growing in their music, and some are now ready for formal Induction into their Choir. This will be celebrated at the Sunday 10.30 Mass this weekend. Our Boys Choir remains a truly exceptional part of our Cathedral community, as are the young men of the Scholars, as well as the Lay Clerks of the Choir.

With concerts and carols and the Christmas liturgies there's a lot for all of us to look forward but that means to LOT OF WORK for our musicians, young and old! Please support them in your prayers!

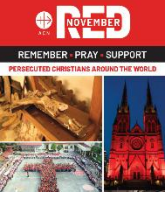
BUT.... You must not let the Choir do all the singing for you at Mass, you need to sing up as well at the appropriate times. As Psalm 97 at Mass today says, "Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. Let the sea and all within it thunder, the world and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord."

With prayers for an harmonious week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

November – December 2025

			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>
19 <i>Wednesday</i> 5.30pm Mass Red Wednesday 	20 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	21 <i>Friday</i> <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	22 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Cecilia</i>	23 <i>Sunday</i> CHRIST THE KING 10.30am Mass (Investiture of the EOHSJ) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	24 <i>Monday</i> <i>Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</i>	25 <i>Tuesday</i>
26 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	27 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	28 <i>Friday</i>	29 <i>Saturday</i>	30 <i>Sunday</i> First Sunday of Advent 12pm Blessing of the Nativity Scene (Cathedral Forecourt) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	1 <i>Monday</i>	2 <i>Tuesday</i>

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



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.



RED NOVEMBER

REMEMBER • PRAY • SUPPORT

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD



Red November

Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout **Red November**. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by scanning the QR code or visiting

www.rednovember.org



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.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office

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.

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.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

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 2025**.

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/>

You Are Not Alone Retreat Day

This retreat day is for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth, 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. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Date: Saturday 22 November 2025.

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Venue: St Martha's (formerly Sydney Catholic Schools). **Address:** 38 Renwick St Leichhardt NSW 2040.

Parking: Onsite parking available.

Cost: \$40.00 per married couple (+ booking fees).

To book

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

The Church Exists to *Evangelise!*

50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATING THE PERENNIAL WISDOM OF
EVANGELII NUNTIANDI
EVANGELISATION IN THE MODERN WORLD

ONLINE WITH **DR RALPH MARTIN**
AUTHOR AND SCHOLAR

Join Dr Martin to be inspired and grow in our understanding of the New Evangelisation as he shares his insights on this prophetic document which continues to speak to the Church as if it were written today. Dr Martin will also share some of his own experiences of sharing the Gospel to better equip us for our own mission.

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2025
8:00 - 9:00PM AEDT
GOMAKEDISCIPLES.ORG.AU/CAS-EVENTS

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DIEGO TORRE

16 DECEMBER, 7PM
11AM MATINEE

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stmaryscathedral.org.au/carols2025

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.

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>