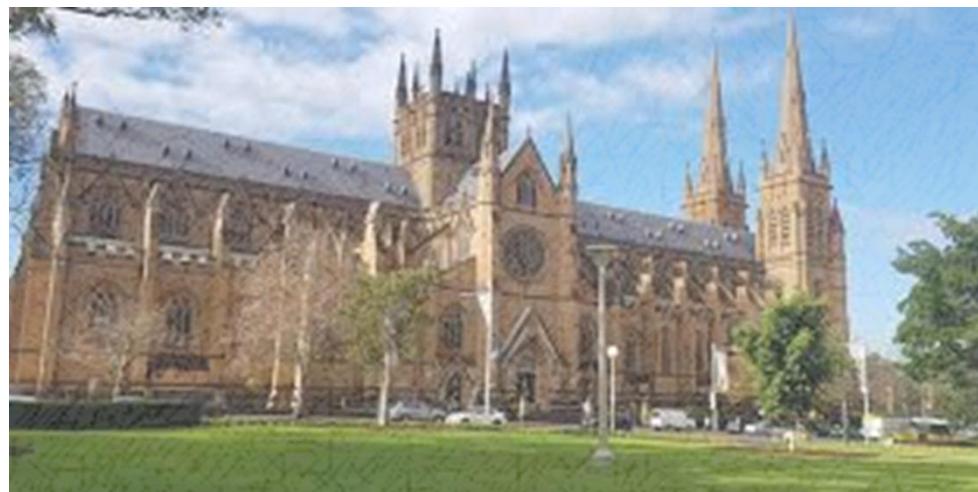




St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2026

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10*

R. Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 1:14, 12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 1:29-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

In our cathedral's special "Year of Saints", a few more models of Christian holiness for us to imitate this week:

- Blessed Marcelo Spinola y Maestre, Archbishop of Seville in Spain, who died 1906. He founded workers cooperatives to promote the well-being of society, fought for truth and justice, and opened up his home to the poor.
- Blessed Laszlo Battyany-Strattmann, died in Vienna in 1931. Father of a family, both in his life and in civil society he gave witness to the Gospel. A medical doctor, he with great charity devoted himself to the work of tending the sick. He founded hospitals where he took in only the poor and destitute. As well as the physical health of his patients, Ladislaus was also concerned with their spiritual health. Before operating he would ask God to bless the operation. He was convinced that as the medical surgery was his domain, he was still an instrument in God's hands, and that the healing itself was a gift of God. Before his patients were discharged from hospital, he would present them with an image of Our Lord and a spiritual book entitled: "Open your eyes and see". This was a way to give them guidance in their spiritual life. He was considered a "saint" by his patients and even by his own family.
- Blessed Laura Vicuna. She died in Argentina 1904 at the age of 13. Growing up in a broken family where there was abuse and violence, when she became seriously ill she offered her life to God for the repentance and return to Christian living of her mother. In the end her mother promised to change her ways, and Laura received Holy Communion for the last time and then pronounced her last words: "Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Mary."

What will your saintly biography say?

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

January – February 2026

			17 <i>Saturday</i> St Anthony	18 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	19 <i>Monday</i>	20 <i>Tuesday</i> St Sebastian
21 <i>Wednesday</i> St Agnes	22 <i>Thursday</i> St Vincent	23 <i>Friday</i>	24 <i>Saturday</i> St Francis de Sales	25 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	26 <i>Monday</i> AUSTRALIA DAY Public Holiday Mass 9am <i>Celebrating Australia Day at St Mary's Cathedral</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Organ Recital▪ History & Crypt Tours▪ Bell Tower Tours▪ Hand Bell Ringing	27 <i>Tuesday</i> Sts Timothy & Titus
6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6:30pm CITY COMPASS Resumes today				2 <i>Monday</i> The Presentation of the Lord WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE	3 <i>Tuesday</i> St Blaise
28 <i>Wednesday</i> St Thomas Aquinas	29 <i>Thursday</i>	30 <i>Friday</i>	31 <i>Saturday</i> St John Bosco	1 <i>Sunday</i> WORD OF GOD SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour		
6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6:30pm CITY COMPASS					

PLEASE NOTE: No Vespers during the school holidays



CATHEDRAL NOTICES



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POSITION VACANT

Assistant Sacristan

St Mary's Cathedral is currently seeking a candidate to fill the permanent full-time role of Assistant Sacristan.

This is an exciting opportunity to work with a supportive for purpose employer.

The primary purpose of this position is to ensure the Cathedral is cleaned and kept in good order, and that the Sanctuary, Crypt, furnishings and decorative objects are cleaned and maintained. The Assistant Sacristan will also be required to assist with the preparation for liturgical celebrations.

For a comprehensive role overview and/or to apply,

Please email

helen.morassut@stmaryscathedral.org.au

Applications for this position close on

Friday 13 February 2026

Mass and Blessing of the Sick

Join us for a special day of prayer and healing at the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood.

Date: Sunday, 8 February 2026

Time: Rosary at 2:30 PM / Mass & Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 PM

Address: Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, St James Avenue, Earlwood

Main Celebrant: Bishop Terry Brady

In case of extreme weather, the Mass will be held in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. All welcome.

EVERLASTING LOVE

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

A God-centred program empowering engaged couples to future proof their relationship and make marriage last.

2026 DATES

13 - 14 FEBRUARY 2026

ST CATHERINE LABOURE PARISH | GYMEA
6PM TO 10PM FRIDAY - 9AM-5PM SATURDAY

5 - 6 JUNE 2026

ST JOACHIM'S PARISH | LIDCOMBE
6PM TO 10PM FRIDAY - 9AM-5PM SATURDAY

20 - 21 NOVEMBER 2026

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH | MOOREBANK
6PM TO 10PM FRIDAY - 9AM-5PM SATURDAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:

LIFEMARRIAGEFAMILY@SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG



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.



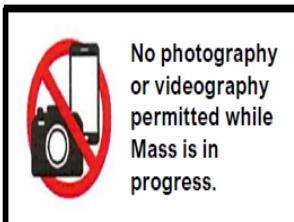
Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES

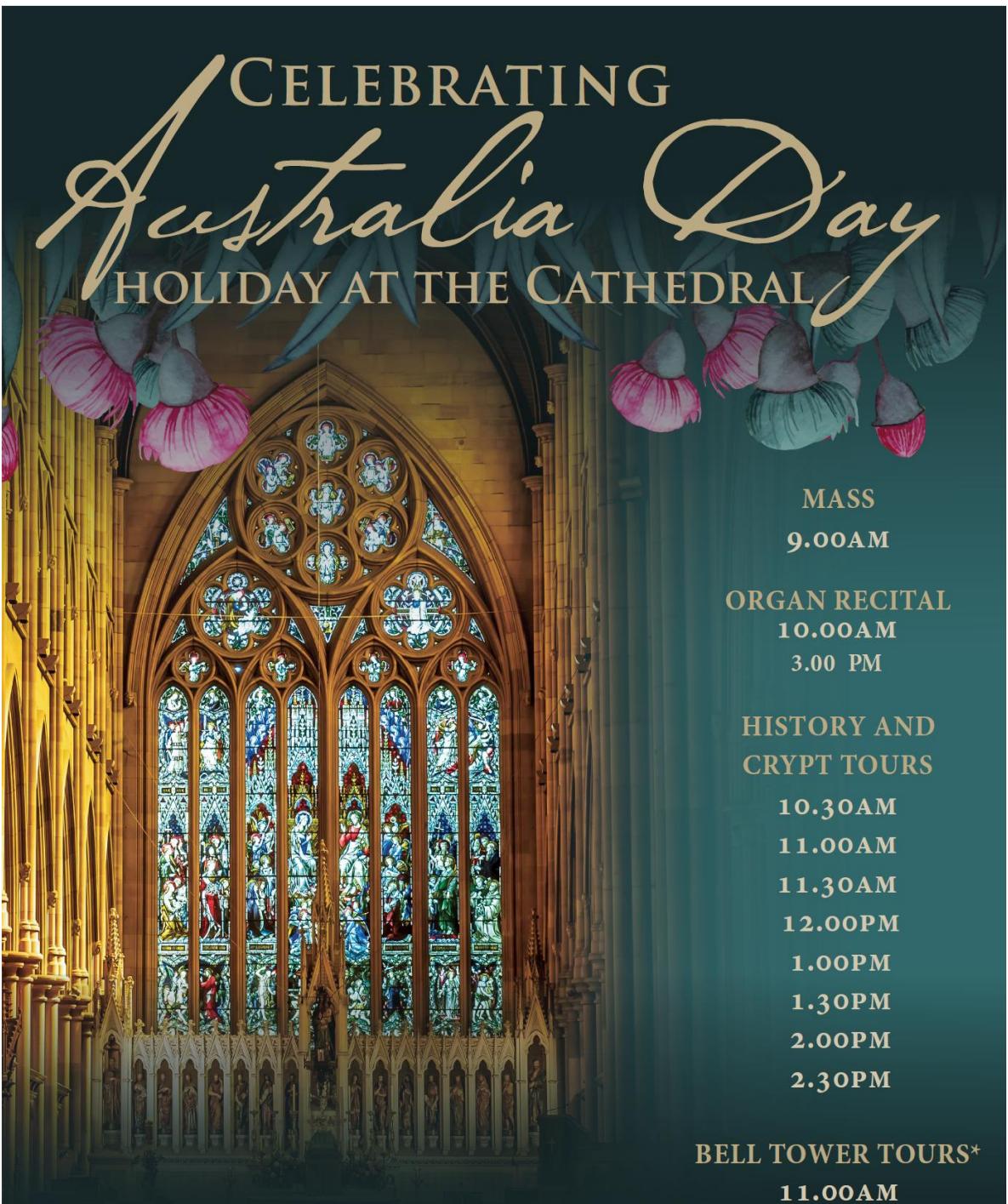
The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this Mass.



Please note you can continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.



CELEBRATING *Australia Day* HOLIDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

MASS
9.00AM

ORGAN RECITAL
10.00AM
3.00 PM

HISTORY AND
CRYPT TOURS
10.30AM
11.00AM
11.30AM
12.00PM
1.00PM
1.30PM
2.00PM
2.30PM

BELL TOWER TOURS*
11.00AM
1.30PM

26 January 2026
OPEN HOURS
6.30AM TO 6.30PM

RINGING OF
HAND BELLS –
PERFORMANCE
3.30 PM
MAIN CATHEDRAL

*Bell Tower Tour participants must be in good health and sign a standard waiver form.