



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2026

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Genesis 12:1-4*

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22*

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *Matthew 17:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This weekend the Church in Australia begins a time of special preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held here in Sydney in 2028! The official “launch” of the Congress preparation takes place at the 10.30am Solemn Mass today (Sunday), and will also be marked by a Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction which begins this evening at the slightly earlier time than usual of 4.30pm! Come, pray, and ask our Eucharistic Lord for the graces that you and your loved ones need.

Now, for our Year of Saints at the Cathedral, this week I want to mention these:

Saint Katherine Drexel was born in Philadelphia, USA, in 1858. Her parents were wealthy but her mother died a few weeks after Katherine was born. Her father remarried, and Katherine and her sister and half-sister were brought up in a loving and faith-filled family. Not only were the children well educated at home by tutors, but they were taught by the example of their parents to share their resources with the poor and those in need. The family home was regularly opened up to serve the poor, and the Drexels gave financial support to women and families who were struggling. After watching her stepmother suffer with terminal cancer for three straight years, Katharine also learned that no amount of money could shelter them from pain or suffering. From this moment, Katharine's life took a turn. She became imbued with a passionate love for God and neighbour, and she took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. When her father died she and her sisters inherited a fortune, and began to support missions in South Dakota and elsewhere. While visiting Europe in 1887 she and her sisters met Pope Leo XIII, who suggested to Katherine that she herself become a missionary. Katharine decided she would give herself and her inheritance to God through service to both Native Americans and African Americans. And so, she

founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored. Among many other initiatives, Katherine founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University in the United States for African-Americans. At the time of her death, aged 96, in 1955, she had established 50 missions for Native Americans and there were more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country.

Blessed Jeremiah of Wallachia (John Kostist) also learned from the example of his parents to be generous to the poor. He was born in 1556 in Romania. As a young man he left home and went to Italy, where he joined the Capuchin Franciscan Friars at Naples. He spent forty years continuously serving as Infirmarian, caring for the sick in a spirit of joy and peace, and died in 1629.

May we all have a good Second Week of Lent!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

February – March 2026

			28 <i>Saturday</i>	1 <i>Sunday</i> Second Sunday of Lent 10.30am Mass (Launch of IEC) 4.30pm Holy Hour PLEASE NOTE Today's 12.15pm Latin Mass will be in the Crypt 2pm Sunday Public Tour	2 <i>Monday</i>	3 <i>Tuesday</i>
4 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	5 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	6 <i>Friday</i> Autumn Ember Day 12.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7 <i>Saturday</i>	8 <i>Sunday</i> Third Sunday of Lent 10.30am Mass (Catholic Institute of Sydney Welcome Mass) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	9 <i>Monday</i>	10 <i>Tuesday</i>
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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



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026

MARIAN PROCESSION THROUGH THE STREETS OF SYDNEY CBD

LED BY ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP

10:30AM MASS | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY
 12:00 NOON | ANGELUS AND MARIAN PROCESSION
 1:30PM FERVOURINO | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

EVENT INFORMATION

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Gala dinner

FOR OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Canapés • Three courses
 Music from the Australian World Orchestra

Friday 5th June 2026, 6.30 p.m.
 Cathedral House

TICKETS
 \$120 from cathedralfriends.org.au

Join the Friends of St Mary's Cathedral today to become part of our vibrant community

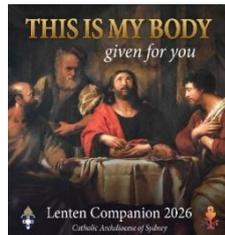
Read more and buy tickets for the dinner

This is My Body, given for you – Lenten Companion 2026

The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes, communities, and homes to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion: *This is My Body, given for you.*

Lenten Companions are available in parishes.

Download the Lenten Companion and Leader's Resource at gomakedisciples.org.au/resources/



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.