



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

2026

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17*

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 5:12, 17-19*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

I do hope your Lent has begun well! There were very large numbers at the Masses on Ash Wednesday, so it is clear that Catholics appreciate what a blessing this season of penance and love can be.

This morning at the 10.30 Mass we will be Inducting some new Boy Choristers, who have progressed from being Probationers to Singing Boys and will now be fully-fledged Choristers, continuing the wonderful tradition of sacred music and music education here at St Mary's. An Induction of Girl Choristers will be held in March, which will be another marvellous occasion.

And today being the First Sunday of Lent, His Grace the Archbishop will preside over the Rite of Election of Catechumens in the cathedral this afternoon, as hundreds of people take the next step of preparation for their Baptism or Reception into the Catholic Church this Easter.

NEXT SUNDAY 1st March is the official beginning of the time of Preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held here in Sydney in 2028! Please note that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers and Benediction will commence next Sunday at 4.30pm instead of the usual 5.00pm. I do hope many of you can join us for that!

Now, for our Year of Saints at the Cathedral, here are three Martyrs. Two of them, St Anne Line and Bl Mark Barkworth, were converts to Catholicism, whereas Bl Roger Filcock was a Catholic from infancy.

Saint Anne Line was born Anne Heigham in England in the 1560's, to Protestant parents. In her teens she and her brother converted to Catholicism and were disowned and disinherited by her father as a result. She married a fellow convert to Catholicism, Roger Line, in 1583. Catholic priests were outlawed and the Mass was

banned at that time in England. Anne's husband Roger Line was caught attending a clandestine Mass, and was fined, imprisoned for a time and then exiled from England to Flanders, where he died in 1594. Left behind in England, Anne was active in the underground Catholic life and ran a kind of "safe-house" for Catholic priests in London, where they could minister to the people. In 1601, on 2nd February, as Mass was being celebrated, the house was raided by the constables and although the priest escaped, Anne herself was arrested, charged with the crime of harbouring Catholic priests, and gaoled. She was put on trial and condemned to death, and executed by hanging at Tyburn on February 27, 1601. That same day, two Catholic priests, Blessed Mark Barkworth and Blessed Roger Filcock, were taken together to Tyburn to be executed for the "crime" of being a Catholic Priest. Anne Line's body was still hanging where she had been martyred, and before their own execution by being hanged, disembowelled while still alive, and quartered, the two priests were able to kiss the hem of her dress, Fr Barkworth saying "*Ah, sister, thou hast got the start of us but we will follow thee as quickly as we may.*"

Let us pray that we won't be put to the test in the same way as these three saints, even as we take courage and inspiration from their witness!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

February – March 2026

			21 <i>Saturday</i> 6pm Mass <i>(Chinese New Year Concelebration)</i>	22 <i>Sunday</i> First Sunday of Lent 2pm Rite of Election 2pm Sunday Public Tour	23 <i>Monday</i>	24 <i>Tuesday</i>
25 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	26 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	27 <i>Friday</i> 12.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	28 <i>Saturday</i>	1 <i>Sunday</i> Second Sunday of Lent 10.30am Mass <i>(Launch of IEC)</i> 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 <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	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 2pm Sunday Public Tour	9 <i>Monday</i>	10 <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



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 now available in parishes.

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



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY



WOMEN'S *Lenten* RETREAT

with THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA

seek His face
PSALM 27

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS • EUCHARISTIC ADORATION • CONFESSIONS
• TALKS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS • BREAKOUT SESSIONS • CATHOLIC STALLS

OPTION 1
SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026
9AM-4PM | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

OPTION 2
SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026
9AM-4PM | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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Eucharistic Adoration

Exploration of Theology, Liturgy, Music and Prayer

Deanery	Parish	Date
South-West	Holsworthly (St Christopher)	Wednesday 4 th March 2026, 6-9pm
Sutherland	Sutherland (St Patrick)	Friday 6 th March 2026, 6-9pm
Western	Bossley Park (Mary Immaculate)	Monday 9 th March, 6-9pm
Central	Lidcombe (St Joachim)	Tuesday 10 th March 2026, 6-9pm
City	Broadway (St Benedict)	Saturday 14 th March 2026, 10am-1pm
Eastern	Bondi (St Patrick)	Saturday 21 st March 2026, 10am-1pm
Northern	Meadowbank (St Michael)	Saturday 2 nd May 2026, 10am-1pm
Concord	Lewisham (St Thomas)	Saturday 9 th May 2026, 10am-1pm
St George	Brighton Le Sands (St Thomas More)	Saturday 16 th May 2026, 10am-1pm



Register here



What's On at the Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre

4 March - 28 May
Exhibition | Give to Gain



11 March | 10:30am
International Women's Day | Morning Tea
Join us for morning tea as we celebrate International Women's Day and check out our new temporary exhibition.

Register by Monday 9 March, by calling (02) 9138 0835 or email heritagecentre@rscoffice.com



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FINDING SILENCE WITH ST. JOSEPH

PRAYING WITH THE LEADER, PROVIDER, PROTECTOR OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY 21 MARCH
ST JOSEPH'S MOOREBANK
9AM - 4PM

2026
SEASON OF LENT

PRAYER
SILENCE
HEALING
INSPIRATION
DIRECTION

ALL MEN WELCOME!

WITH
FR JOHNSON MALAYIL
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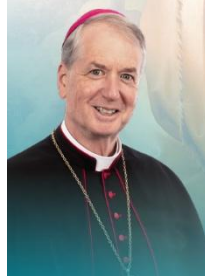
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MOVEMENT

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



EVENT INFORMATION

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



CATHOLIC
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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

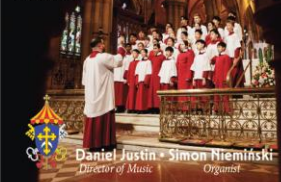
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10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment
Free entry, parking available
Bookings recommended



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



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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

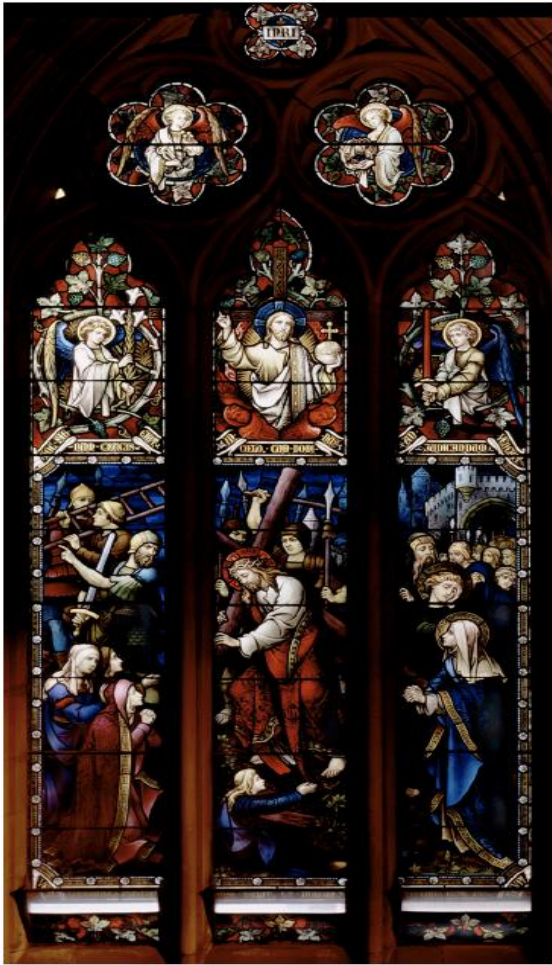
The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this Mass.



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



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.



**STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**
at
ST MARYS CATHEDRAL
LENT 2026

DATE: FRIDAYS
20 FEBRUARY, 27 FEBRUARY, 6
MARCH, 13 MARCH, 20 MARCH,
27 MARCH
TIME: 12.15PM



EASTER
AT
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

*"I welcome you to the Sacred Liturgies of
Holy Week.*

*Jesus Christ died for all and rose from the
dead so that all people may come to know
and believe in the saving power of God."*

Fr Don Richardson
Dean of St Mary's Cathedral

PALM SUNDAY / 29 MARCH 2026

7.00am: Mass
9.00am: Mass
10.30am: Procession & Solemn Mass
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and
Benediction 6.00pm: Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY / 2 APRIL 2026

10.30am: Chrism Mass
6.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
9.00pm: Compline The Office of Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY / 3 APRIL 2026

10.00am: Stations of the Cross
3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY / 4 APRIL 2026

10.00am: Tenebrae The Office of Readings
7.00pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY / 5 APRIL 2026

7.00am: Mass
9.00am: Mass
10.30am: Solemn Mass
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and
Benediction 6.00pm: Mass