



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIFTH 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 58:7-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 111:4-9*

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 8:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:13-16*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Ash Wednesday will be here soon. If you have blessed palms from last Palm Sunday that you would like to give us to burn to make the ashes, please bring them before next Sunday night.

We had the Opening Mass for the new school year with our Cathedral college on Friday. The cathedral was packed, as our College is growing to be a co-educational school from Kindergarten to Year 12 and the new second campus in William Street will be open in just a few weeks. Let's keep the students and staff of St Mary's Cathedral College in your prayers as the new year begins!

This week, as part of our 2026 Year of Saints at St Mary's Cathedral, I'd like to mention:

- St Paschal I, who was Pope from 817 to 824. At that time Rome as a city was in decline and the the ancient catacombs where so many of the early martyrs and other Christians were buried, being on the outskirts of Rome were not safe anymore from looters and invaders. Paschal undertook a massive project to remove the relics of the martyrs from the catacombs and bring them into the city for safekeeping and veneration. He renovated or rebuilt a number of churches to keep the many relics in, notably Santa Prassede, Santa Cecilia in Trastevere, and Santa Maria in Domnica. If you travel to Rome today you can visit those churches and you will see mosaics in them dating from Pope Paschal's renovations which have depictions of Paschal himself. In Santa Prassede you can also see a picture St Paschal's mother, Theodora, depicted in the mosaics of a side chapel. The Church has always had the highest of respect and veneration for the relics of the saints, hence the extraordinary efforts that Pope St Paschal and others went to preserve them and keep them safe from desecration.
- St Ludan. In the year 1212, a man's body was found under a tree at Sheirkirchen, near Strasbourg in France. A note was found in the dead man's things, reading "I am the son of the noble Hildebod, a Duke of Scotland, and I made myself a pilgrim for the love of God." It turned out that he was Ludan, who, and after his father died, used his fortune for charitable works, including building a hostel for foreigners, the sick, the poor and the infirm. He had then gone on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and was on his way back home when he died, resting under a tree in the countryside.





No matter who we are, we can become holy!

May the week ahead be blessed,

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

February 2026

		7 <i>Saturday</i>	8 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	9 <i>Monday</i>	10 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Scholastica</i>	
		11 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	12 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	13 <i>Friday</i>	14 <i>Saturday</i> <i>Sts Cyril & Methodius</i>	15 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour
18 ASH  WEDNESDAY TODAY'S MASSES 6.45am 12.00pm 1.10pm 5.30pm 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	19 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	20 <i>Friday</i> 12.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	21 <i>Saturday</i> 6pm Mass (Chinese New Year Concelebration)	22 <i>Sunday</i> First Sunday of Lent 2pm Rite of Election 2pm Sunday Public Tour	23 <i>Monday</i>	24 <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



CATHOLIC
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OF SYDNEY

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 Assisiant 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

Australian Catholic Historical Society Talk

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, 15 February 2026.**

The Topic: The 60th Anniversary of Vatican II *Dei Verbum* - Its influence on the history of Biblical Scholarship.

Presenter: Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome, and there is no charge.

Details of the programme of the ACHS, as well as resources on church history are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

****FREE ADMISSION****

"The Church in the Modern World"

Dr Michael CASEY



"THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD"

We invite the Surry Hills Community to a presentation by Dr Michael CASEY on "The Church in the Modern World".

"The joys and the hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are in any way afflicted, these are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ..." (Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican)

****Free Admission - All Welcome****

To be held at:

St Peter's Parish Hall
Corner Devonshire and
High Holborn Streets.
12 noon Sunday,
15th February 2026.



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.



**No photography
or videography
permitted while
Mass is in
progress.**

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.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

SYDNEY 2026
18 February to 29 March

40 Days for Life is a world-wide pro-life campaign to pray for an end to abortion. Over half a million people have prayed peacefully outside abortuaries to change hearts and save lives.

Will you join us in 2026 as we pray for both mother and child, as well as all those involved in the abortion industry?

REGISTER NOW!
www.fli.org.au

PRAY TO END ABORTION

17 February Shrove Tuesday
LAUNCH EVENT
6pm to 9.30pm
St Thomas of Canterbury,
3 Thomas St, Lewisham
(right near the train station)
BBQ, Pancakes & Refreshments
followed by **THE ELEPHANT IN
THE ABORTION ROOM**
a talk by Anouska Firth

18 February Ash Wednesday
40 DAYS BEGINS!
Daily prayer vigils outside
NSW Parliament House
6 Macquarie St, Sydney
Every Day 7am - 7pm

29 March Palm Sunday
FINAL HOLY HOUR
followed by Victory Celebration

Hosted by
Family Life International
ph: 02 9519 9111 mail@fli.org.au
www.fli.org.au



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Join **Palms International Volunteering** [online](#) in this special session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives.

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEDT

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au



Want to visit a community first?

Join our 13-day **Encounter Tour to Timor Leste!**

Book by **28 February** for the May tour! See

palms.org.au/encounters



**In celebration of
The Chinese New Year
At
St. Mary's Cathedral**

**慶祝農曆新年
聖瑪利主教座堂**

Saturday 21st February 2026

6:00pm Mass 農曆新年彌撒

**Main Celebrant
Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP
Archbishop of Sydney
方仕漁總主教主禮**

**CHINESE NEW YEAR
OF THE HORSE
2026**

The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24
願上主祝福你,保護你. 戶籍紀 6:24



Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Women's Lenten Retreat

Join us at the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Women's Lenten Retreat - a full day of prayer and reflection led by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia and hosted by the Catholic Women's Network and Sydney Catholic Schools. To accommodate the growing interest in this beautiful retreat day, we are offering the same retreat on two days. **To book, visit:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DIBPT>

DETAILS:

Dates: Saturday 28th February 2026 *or* Saturday 14th March 2026.

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. **Time:** 9 AM - 4 PM. **Cost:** \$50