



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2026

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING *Isaiah 50:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalm 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23 (R.1)*

**R.** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me mock at me;

they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver;  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!” **R.**

For dogs are all around me;

a company of evildoers encircles me.

My hands and feet have shrivelled;

I can count all my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothes among themselves,

and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **R.**

**SECOND READING** *Philippians 2:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Philippians 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death,  
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.

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

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 21:1-11 (Year A)* (For Long Version Matthew 26:14 \u2014 27:66)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"*

When they drew near to Jerusalem  
and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives,  
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,  
'Go into the village opposite you,  
and immediately you will find an ass tied,  
and a colt with her;  
untie them and bring them to me.

If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,  
"The Lord has need of them,"  
and he will send them immediately'.

This took place to fulfil  
what was spoken by the prophet, saying,  
'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on an ass,  
and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;  
they brought the ass and the colt,  
and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.

Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road,  
and others cut branches from the trees  
and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him  
and that followed him shouted,  
'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem  
all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'  
And the crowds said,

'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## WORD FROM THE DEAN

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Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

I am glad we have reached Holy Week, and now we accompany Jesus to Jerusalem, and together now we re-live in our hearts and minds, through the sacred liturgy, the Lord's Passover from death to life!

This week, for our Year of Saints at the Cathedral, I would like to mention two people, both of whom died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April:

**Blessed Vilmos Apor** was Hungarian, born into an aristocratic family in 1892. During his years at school his desire to become a priest grew, and after his studies Vilmos was ordained in 1915. This was during World War One, and in 1917 he was sent as a chaplain to the Italian front, and then to Austria, before returning to Hungary after the war and resuming peacetime pastoral ministry. He was chosen by Pope Pius XII to be Bishop of Győr in Hungary in 1941: now World War Two was raging. Bishop Vilmos became noted for his strong dedication to the poor and his tireless commitment to social justice issues. He resisted the persecution of Jews in his city at the time when the government was aligning itself with Nazi Germany, which later occupied Hungary. He provided supplies to those Jews being deported through his diocese and also sheltered in his home people made homeless after air raids. In 1945, as Soviet troops reached his diocese, he offered safe haven to numerous women and children in his residence and also protected these women who feared being raped. On Good Friday 1945, when a group of Soviet soldiers came to remove women he was sheltering to take to their barracks, Vilmos intervened, shooting broke out and he was wounded, and died three days later, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1945 strengthened by the sacraments. He was beatified as a martyr by Pope St John Paul II in 1997.

**Blessed Maria of Saint Joseph (Laura) Alvarado** was born in Venezuela in 1875. From her childhood she showed a great sensitivity toward the sick and the needy. She worked as a hospital volunteer, gathering other young women around her, and from this group there developed a community of Sisters following the rule of St Augustine, dedicated especially to assisting abandoned children and the elderly poor. The first orphanage was opened in 1905, followed in rapid succession by thirty other foundations in various cities. "Those rejected by everyone are ours; those whom no one wants are ours," she would say to her religious sisters. She died on 2<sup>nd</sup> April in 1967 at the age of 92 and was beatified in 1995.

May this Holy Week be a true blessing for each of you and your family.

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## March – April 2026

			<b>28</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Sunday</i>  <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>  * Today's 12.15pm Latin Mass to be held in the Crypt  2pm Sunday Public Tour	<b>30</b> <i>Monday</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Tuesday</i>
<b>1</b> <i>Wednesday</i>         6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>2</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>  Mass Times 10.30am Chrism Mass 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 9.00pm Compline	<b>3</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>  Mass Times 10.00am Stations of the Cross  3.00pm Passion of the Lord 	<b>4</b> <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>  Mass Times 10.00am Tenebrae  7.00pm Easter Vigil 	<b>5</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  Mass Times 7.00am 9.00am 10.30am 5pm Vespers & Benediction 6.00pm  2pm Sunday Public Tour	<b>6</b> <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>  Public Holiday Mass 9am	<b>7</b> <i>Tuesday</i>  Resume normal Liturgy Schedule
<b>8</b> <i>Wednesday</i>        6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>9</b> <i>Thursday</i>  6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	<b>10</b> <i>Friday</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Sunday</i>  Divine Mercy	<b>13</b> <i>Monday</i>  St Martin I	<b>14</b> <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



**HOLY THURSDAY VISITATION OF THE 7 CHURCHES**  
THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2026

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Walk alongside Christ on the night of His betrayal by selecting seven participating churches for your pilgrimage. With each visit, trace His journey as He was taken from one location to another, and immerse yourself in the profound events of that sacred night.

Scan QR Code for more details on participating churches and download your free devotional booklet

## PASCHAL EUCHARIST

**19 APRIL**  
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

REGISTER NOW

A celebration for the New Catholics of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Enjoy Holy Mass and fellowship with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!"  
Psalm 34:8

## CALLED & GIFTED

DISCERNMENT PROCESS

*The path to discerning your charisms*

4 May - 16 July 2026

In-person at  
**St Catherine Labouré Parish, Gymea**

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**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.*

**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.

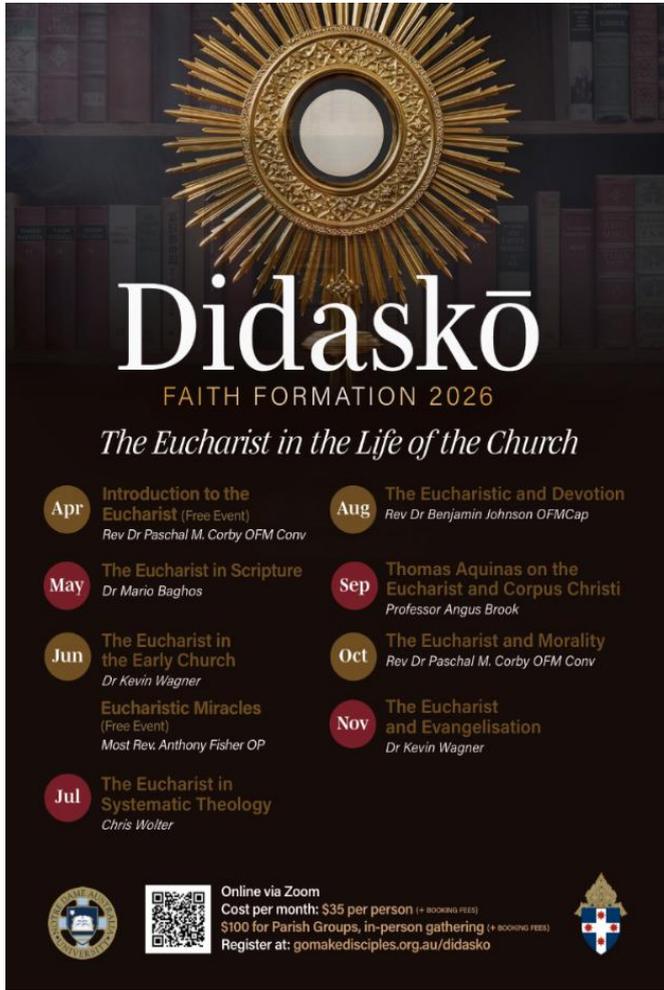
Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese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

## A NEW CD FROM THE CHOIR OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY

**In Faith and Hope and Love**  
Favourite Hymns and Motets from St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

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**\$30 from the Cathedral Shop**  
Featuring favourite hymns, including:  
**In Faith and Hope and Love, Hail Queen of Heaven, Soul of my Saviour, Sweet Sacrament Divine, and many more!**



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FAITH FORMATION 2026

*The Eucharist in the Life of the Church*

<b>Apr</b>	Introduction to the Eucharist (Free Event) <i>Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby OFM Conv</i>	<b>Aug</b>	The Eucharistic and Devotion <i>Rev Dr Benjamin Johnson OFMConv</i>
<b>May</b>	The Eucharist in Scripture <i>Dr Mario Baghos</i>	<b>Sep</b>	Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and Corpus Christi <i>Professor Angus Brook</i>
<b>Jun</b>	The Eucharist in the Early Church <i>Dr Kevin Wagner</i>	<b>Oct</b>	The Eucharist and Morality <i>Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby OFM Conv</i>
	Eucharistic Miracles (Free Event) <i>Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP</i>	<b>Nov</b>	The Eucharist and Evangelisation <i>Dr Kevin Wagner</i>
<b>Jul</b>	The Eucharist in Systematic Theology <i>Chris Wolter</i>		

Online via Zoom  
 Cost per month: \$35 per person (+ BOOKING FEES)  
 \$100 for Parish Groups, in-person gathering (+ BOOKING FEES)  
 Register at: [gomakedisiples.org.au/didasko](http://gomakedisiples.org.au/didasko)



16 MAY — 19 JULY  
SYDNEY

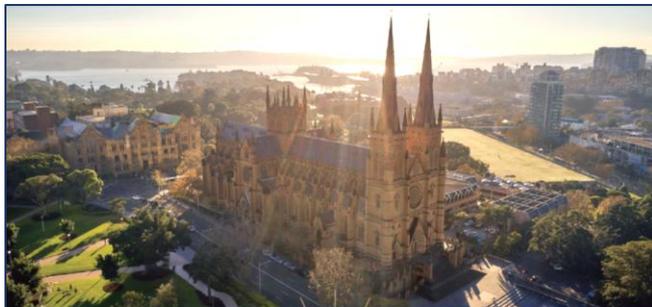
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*A Gala Fundraising Dinner*

Join with **Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP** in supporting the Campaign for St Mary's Cathedral and major restorations to advance the home of Catholic faith in Australia.

**FEATURING**

 Master of Ceremony, <b>Ben Fordham</b>	 Performances by the St Mary's Cathedral Choir	 International Actress & Opera Singer, <b>Silvia Colloca</b>	 Opera Australia Leading Tenor <b>Diego Torre</b>
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Live and silent auctions featuring exclusive items and unique experiences, along with an incredible Car Raffle.

Saturday, 9 May 2026 | Sofitel Wentworth Sydney | SEATS LIMITED – BOOK TODAY  
6:00pm to 10:30pm

\*Includes a partial tax-deductible gift for the St Mary's Cathedral National Trust

For Tickets Visit  
[www.ourfaithourworks.org/cathedral-gala-dinner](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cathedral-gala-dinner)

# Gala dinner

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

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](http://cathedralfriends.org.au)



# 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