



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

2026

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH  
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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



### FIRST READING *Exodus 17:3-7 (Year A)*

A reading from the book of Exodus

*Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (Year A)*

**R.** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

**SECOND READING** *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (Year A)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *cf John 4:42, 15 (Year A)*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL** *John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42 (Year A)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:  
Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water  
will get thirsty again;  
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give  
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming  
when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.  
You worship what you do not know;  
we worship what we do know;  
for salvation comes from the Jews.  
But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -  
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:  
that is the kind of worshipper  
the Father wants.  
God is spirit,  
and those who worship  
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The Gospel today – Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well – begins with thirst: Jesus tells the woman he is thirsty, but in fact she also is thirsty, thirsty for acceptance, thirsty for meaning, thirsty for true happiness. Jesus is the living water to quench that thirst.

Holiness, for us, begins perhaps when we realise our thirst can be answered only by God, and then we are moved to quench the thirst of others as best we can by faith in action. This is what we can learn from the example of the saints, and this week for our Year of Saints at the cathedral I want to mention:

**Blessed Angela Salawa** - she was born in Poland in 1881, to poor parents. Her health was not robust and she had little education. She left her parents home aged 16 and moved to Krakow where one of her sisters was living, and worked as a maid. Angela got caught up in the entertainments of city life and became less religious than she had been, but the words of her sister encouraged her to be less worldly and while out dancing at a wedding reception she had a vision of Jesus asking her why she preferred to be dancing rather than following him – this changed her life and she would have liked to become a religious but her poor health was a problem so she took a private vow of chastity instead. Some time later she did become a Secular Franciscan. She continued to work as a maid but she was estranged from her family. When World War 1 broke out Angela remained in Krakow, nursing wounded and sick soldiers as well as her work as a maid, even though her own health was getting worse and worse. She was falsely accused of theft by her employer and lost her job. Angela was living alone in poverty and sickness - she had multiple sclerosis. Yet her faith was profound. She wrote in her diary "Thinking back on my life, I believe I am in that vocation, place and status, in

which God has called me from childhood.” She died in 1922, but many people in Krakow recognised her holiness and she was beatified in 1991 by St John Paul II.

**Blessed Artemide Zatti** was born in Italy a year before Blessed Angela Salawa. When he was 17 he emigrated with his family to Argentina. He worked in a hotel and then a factory, but also spent time in his local parish helping the Salesian priests there and visiting the sick. He decided to join the Salesian Order to become a priest but while at the house of studies he contracted tuberculosis and so for his health was sent to a Salesian college at Viedma in the Andes mountains. There was a hospital and pharmacy attached, run by a Salesian priest. Artemide made a promise to Our Lady, Help of Christians, that if she would obtain a cure for him, he would serve the sick and poor for the rest of his life. He recovered from his illness and continued to train as a Salesian religious brother. He became a pharmacist, nurse, operating room assistant - and eventually he was in charge of the hospital. His vocation took the form of a passionate, competent and loving service to the sick. He served there at Viedma for forty years, and it was said of him that not only was he a provider of medicine, but was himself a medicine for others by his presence, his songs, and his voice. Artemide died in 1951.

This Lenten week, like the woman at the well, why not let Jesus “tell you all you have ever done” and respond accordingly?

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## March 2026

		7 <i>Saturday</i>	8 <i>Sunday</i> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> 10.30am Mass (Catholic Institute of Sydney Welcome Mass) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	9 <i>Monday</i>	10 <i>Tuesday</i>	
11 <i>Wednesday</i>  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	12 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	13 <i>Friday</i>  12.15pm <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	14 <i>Saturday</i>	15 <i>Sunday</i> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 9am Mass (Cathedral College Family Mass Concelebration) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	16 <i>Monday</i>	17 <i>Tuesday</i>  <b>ST PATRICK</b>  10am Annual St Patrick's Day Mass
18 <i>Wednesday</i>  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	19 <i>Thursday</i>  <b>ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> 6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	20 <i>Friday</i>  12.15pm <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	21 <i>Saturday</i>	22 <i>Sunday</i> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 10.30am Mass (Concelebration for the Day of the Unborn) Followed by Angelus and Procession at 12pm. 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



## 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](mailto:heritagecentre@rscoffice.com)



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## 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

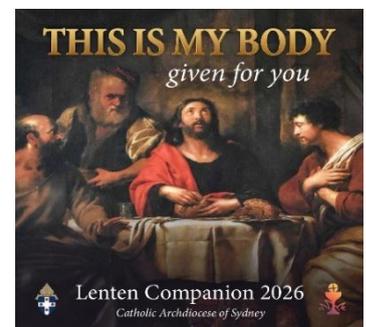
**TO REGISTER**  
[WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DIBPT](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DIBPT)

## *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/](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/resources/)



### 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.



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Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office

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 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.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

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# FINDING SILENCE WITH ST. JOSEPH

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

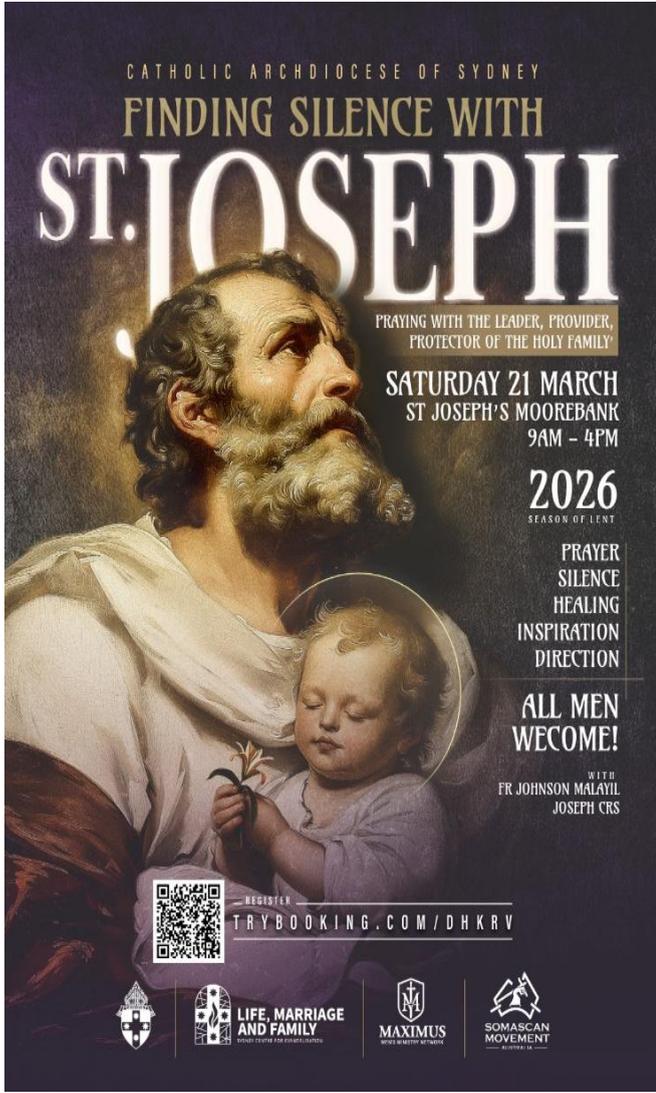
SATURDAY 21 MARCH  
ST JOSEPH'S MOOREBANK  
9AM - 4PM

2026  
SEASON OF LENT

PRAYER  
SILENCE  
HEALING  
INSPIRATION  
DIRECTION

ALL MEN WELCOME!

WITH FR. JOHNSON MALAYIL  
JOSEPH CRS



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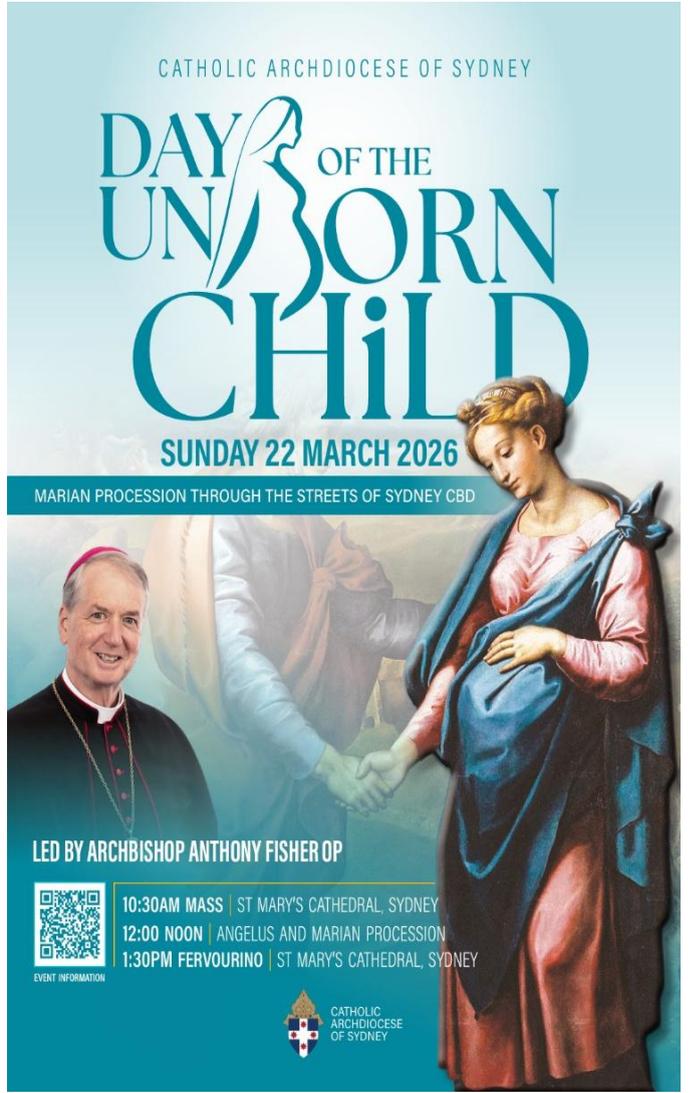



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# DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

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




# Didaskō

FAITH FORMATION 2026

*The Eucharist in the Life of the Church*

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

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





# CALLED & GIFTED

DISCERNMENT PROCESS

*The path to discerning your charisms*

4 May - 16 July 2026

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

<https://www.trybooking.com/DHRPG>

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# Eucharistic Adoration

Exploration of Theology, Liturgy, Music and Prayer

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



Register here

# Gala dinner

FOR OUR LADY  
HELP OF CHRISTIANS



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



Read more and buy tickets for the dinner

TICKETS  
\$120 from cathedralfriends.org.au

## Discover and share in our story

The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, it's history and heritage.

Australia's first religious sisters have been of service to the community regardless of creed, wealth or ethnicity, for over 185 years.

Tuesday – Thursday  
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.

1 Rockwall Cres, Potts Point, NSW  
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Sisters of Charity of Australia

HERITAGE CENTRE

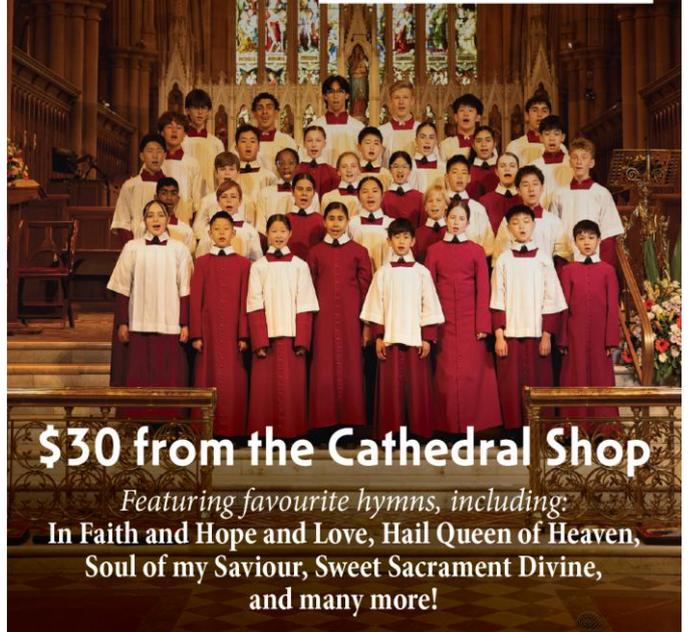


## A NEW CD FROM THE CHOIR OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY

### In Faith and Hope and Love

Favourite Hymns and Motets from St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Daniel Justin • Simon Nieminski  
Director of Music Organist



## \$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!



# 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