



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

2026

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Acts 2:42-47*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 1:3-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put

your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me,
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today, Sunday 12th April, the Octave Day of Easter, is also known as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. For those who have a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy as expressed in the writings and experiences of St Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy celebrations are being held this afternoon in numerous parishes around our archdiocese. These include: Sacred Heart Church, Mosman; Holy Family Church, Menai; St Joseph's Church, Rockdale; St Joseph's Church, Como; Our Lady of Fatima Church, Kingsgrove; All Saints Church, Liverpool; St Jerome's Church, Punchbowl; Holy Innocents Church, Croydon; St Ambrose Church, Concord West. Please check each parish website or social media for details, but most are commencing at 2.00pm or 3.00pm.

Never underestimate the power of prayer: let us keep praying for peace, especially in the Middle East.

As part of our "Year of Saints" at the Cathedral, I would like to mention these whose names appear in the Martyrology for this week:

St Barsanulphus. He lived in the 6th Century and became a hermit-monk at Gaza in Palestine. He lived for many years in total isolation, but grew in spiritual wisdom, which he shared by letters to those who sought his counsel;

St Damien of Molokai. Damien de Veuster was a Belgian priest best known for his ministry to the lepers on the island Molokai in Hawaii. After eleven years caring for those with leprosy he caught that disease himself (he was already suffering from tuberculosis) and died on 15 April 1889.

St Kateri Tekakwitha. A Native American, she grew up among the Mohawk people in what is now upper New York State. She found faith in Christ and at the age of 19 was baptised on Easter Sunday, 1676. She was a very remarkable young woman. After her conversion, her people treated her harshly, and because she refused to work on Sundays, the Lord's Day, she was given no food on Sundays. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for a Native woman whose future ordinarily depended on being married. Kateri eventually escaped away from her village, walking 200 miles to the Christian town of Sault-Saint-Marie in Quebec. She practiced fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. She died in 1680 aged about 24. She was the first Native American to be canonised a saint, and is known as "The Lily of the Mohawks." I have had the privilege of going to the shrine where she is buried in the Saint-François-Xavier mission on the Mohawk territory of Kahnawake in Canada, as part of the group of Sydney pilgrims to World Youth Day in Toronto in 2002, and I would highly recommend a visit and getting to know more about this saint!

With Easter prayers for a blessed week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

April 2026

		11 <i>Saturday</i>	12 <i>Sunday</i> <i>Divine Mercy</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	13 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Martin I</i>	14 <i>Tuesday</i>	
		15 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	16 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	17 <i>Friday</i>	18 <i>Saturday</i>	19 <i>Sunday</i> Today's 10.30am Mass (Paschal Eucharist) 2pm Sunday Public Tour
22 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	23 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St George</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	24 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Fidelis of</i> <i>Sigmaringen</i> PLEASE NOTE Today's 5.30pm Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm for the Anzac Eve Mass Concelebration	25 <i>Saturday</i> ANZAC DAY 	26 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Today's 10.30am Mass (Mass for Consecrated Life Concelebration) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	27 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Louis Marie</i> <i>Grignonde</i> <i>Montfort</i> Anzac Day Public Holiday Mass at 9am	28 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Peter Chanel</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



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 19 April 2026**. The Topic: History of Catholic Scouting in NSW or the Rise and Fall of Catholic Scouting. Presenter: Christine Edney. Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

PASCHAL EUCHARIST

19 APRIL
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
ST MARYS 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

ANZAC
Eve Mass

Friday, April 24th, 2026
6:30pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to commemorate the sacrifices of our retired and active defence personal and those who died in the line of defence.

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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.

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.

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.