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SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

2026

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Acts 2:14, 22-33*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11*

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
and the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 1:17-21*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since

before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Luke 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 24:13-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening

there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today we welcome to St Mary's, at the 10.30am Mass, many of the new Catholics who were baptised or received into the Catholic Church across the Archdiocese this Easter, joining the Archbishop for the annual "Paschal Eucharist" for neophytes. Across our city and across the world, there are so many new Catholics to welcome and pray for, thanks be to God!

For our "Year of Saints" at the Cathedral:

St Conrad of Parzham (John Birndorfer) was born in 1818 in Bavaria. He was the youngest of nine children. As a boy he liked to pray and had a special devotion to Our Lady. In his early thirties he was professed in the Capuchin Franciscan friars, and he was sent to the friary at Altoetting, a town in Bavaria where there is a famous Marian shrine. At the friary he was assigned to the position of Porter. As things turned out he was to serve as Porter there for forty one years! His function was to welcome visitors and the poor and to offer them hospitality at the main gate. Because there were so many pilgrims coming and going to visit the shrine, he had to exercise much patience and generosity. He used his position as an endless opportunity to serve, and those who met him came away with a deep impression of holiness. Conrad spent long hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and also asked Our Lady's intercession for the many people who had asked him to pray for them. A humble, patient and holy man, St Conrad died in 1894.

Blessed Elena Valentini would be not be easy to imitate exactly: Born in 1396 at Udine in Italy, she married and had six children. She was clearly somewhat given to dramatic gestures, as it is recorded that when her husband Antonio del Cavalcanti died in 1441, Elena cut off her hair and placed it, with her jewellery, in his coffin, declaring "*These I wore for love of you – take them to the grave with you!*" That same year she became a professed member of the Augustinian Third Order, living at her home but under religious vows. She made a vow of silence, such that she would only speak on Christmas night, except when needed with her confessor's permission. She put thirty three pebbles in her shoes so that walking was always a penance. She slept on a stone bench rather than a bed. Elena spent long periods in prayer and in reflecting on the Gospels. But her life was not all about her own penances: she was also devoted to works of mercy and service to others. In 1455 she broke both legs in a fall (perhaps a hazard of having pebbles in her shoes!) and became confined to her stone bed, where she continued her penances and prayer until her death three years later. One may not wish to emulate Bl Elena's dramatic gestures, but some quite challenging degree of penitential life and prayer and works of mercy might just be your path to life with the saints in heaven.

Let us all pray for peace!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

April – May 2026



			18 <i>Saturday</i>	19 <i>Sunday</i> Today's 10.30am Mass (<i>Paschal Eucharist</i>) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	20 <i>Monday</i>	21 <i>Tuesday</i>
22 <i>Wednesday</i>	23 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St George</i>	24 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Fidelis of 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 Grignonde Montfort</i> Anzac Day Public Holiday Mass at 9am	28 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Peter Chanel</i>
29 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Catherine of Siena</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	30 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Pius V</i> Today's 5.30pm Mass (Sydney Synod Opening Mass Concelebration) 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	1 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	2 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Athanasius</i>	3 <i>Sunday</i> Today's 10.30am Mass (Sydney Synod Closing Mass Concelebration) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	4 <i>Monday</i>	5 <i>Tuesday</i> Today's 5.30pm Mass (Farewell Mass Concelebration for Bishop Danny Meagher)

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/>



TREASURES OF THE SACRISTY



**THE FRIENDS OF
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

This Tuesday! A talk and tour with
Fr Don Richardson & the sacristy team.

Tuesday 21st April 2026, 6.30 p.m.
Meet in the eastern transept

TICKETS
\$15 (members) / \$20 (non-members)
from cathedralfriends.org.au

 Join the Friends of
St Mary's Cathedral
today

 Read more and
buy tickets for the
sacristy talk & tour

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.

Middle East Emergency Appeal Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care. To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit

www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



What's On at the Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre

4 March - 28 May
Exhibition | Give to Gain

28 April and 12 May | 10:30 - 12:00
Event | You Can Ask That

Ever wonder what it was like to be a religious sister, long ago or today? You're invited to join us for morning tea with two Sisters of Charity and ask them questions regarding things you're curious about. You can tour our exhibitions, visit our beautiful historic chapel and take a walking tour too.

Call (02) 9138 0835 or email heritagecentre@rscoffice.com to register. Please register by 23 April or 7 May for the respective sessions.

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29 APRIL | 6:30-7:30 ADORATION + MASS | 7:30-8:15 FOOD + SOCIAL TIME | 8:15-9:30 TALK + OPEN Q&A

St Catherine Labouré Catholic Church GYMEA
123 Gynea Bay Rd

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME

SPEAKER
Fr Greg Morgan

TOPIC:
You're Only as Sick as Your Secrets: Authenticity with God and Others

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SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH

Eucharistic Adoration for the Synod and Church in Australia

The Synod Working Party has organised University Catholics to run a two-day Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday, 1 May and Saturday, 2 May 2026** at St Mary's Cathedral Crypt for the intentions and success of the Synod.

They will have individual holy hour slots throughout the day, between 9 am and 4 pm, open to all Sydney Catholics.

If you are interested, please RSVP using this link: [Adoration Vigil: Eucharistic Adoration for the Synod and Church in Australia at St Mary's Cathedral](#)

For any further information contact synod@sydneycatholic.org



Two **IMPACTFUL** Sessions!

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join **Palms International** Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see palms.org.au/events

**April Session:
Discover Palms Online!**

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Date: Thursday 30 April 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST



May Session: Live from Timor Leste!

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Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Time: 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST



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TO INTERCEDE FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD
AND
THE WELFARE OF AUSTRALIA



**The World Apostolate of Fatima
(Sydney Archdiocesan Committee)**

**INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
(Main Altar)
Saturday 9th of May 2026 - 11.30am**

**Spiritual Director
Rev. Fr. Roberto Keryakos**
(Will be Principal Celebrant and preach the homily)

11.30am – Entrance Procession (inside the Cathedral)
with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (With the Immaculate Heart), Rosary, Litany of Loreto, Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fatima Prayers

12:00pm – Mass

Sponsored by
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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
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progress.**



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AUSTRALIAN TOUR 2026

HOSTED BY THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>10 MAY GROWING OUR FAMILY CULTURE SPIRITUAL + PRACTICAL FORMATION St Michael's Lane Cove</p>		<p>12 MAY FOLLOWING MARY'S FOOTSTEPS FOR MUMS AND BUBS St Jerome's Punchbowl + WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FATHER FOR DADS St Luke's Riverina</p>		<p>8-9 MAY FAMILY CULTURE COURSE Marriage + Parenting Renewal St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala</p>

Mike and Alicia Heron, co-founders of the Messy Family Project, will empower parents, strengthen marriages and bring families to Christ through a number of formation evenings from 8-12 May 2026.




The FEAST of OUR LADY of
FATIMA

Saturday 16 May 2026

Vigil Mass at 6pm followed by Marian Procession

Walk with Our Lady of Fatima in a candle-lit procession from St Mary's Cathedral as we pray for the needs of the Church and the world.




For more information, visit sydneycatholic.org/our-lady-of-fatima-procession

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