



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2026

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Acts 2:14, 36-41*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22:1-6*

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 2:20-25*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 10:1-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN

Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

As it is the ANZAC Day weekend, I want to begin with the opening prayer from the Mass for ANZAC Day:

Almighty everlasting God,
who sent your Son
to die that we might live,
grant, we pray, eternal rest
to those who gave themselves
in service and sacrifice for their country.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

...

At the 10.30 Mass today (Sunday 26th) the Archbishop is celebrating the annual Mass for Consecrated Life. This is a good reminder to us all to pray for those who have consecrated themselves to the Lord in religious life, and ask the Lord to continue to call men and women to seek first the Kingdom of God.

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For our Year of Saints at the Cathedral, this week I would like to mention:

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, who died in 1962 and was canonised in 2004. She was a medical doctor and the mother of a family. As her brief entry in the Roman Martyrology notes, “while carrying a child in her womb, she lovingly placed the freedom and health of her unborn child above her own life, and died.” Behind those few words, however, is a tale of heroic love and faithfulness.

Saint Jeremiah the Prophet is commemorated in the Church on May 2nd: “who, in the reigns of Jechoiakim and Zedekiah, Kings of Judah, warned of the overthrow of the Holy City and of the deportation of the people. He endured much persecution, and for this reason the Church considers him a figure of the suffering Christ. He foretold, moreover, the New and Eternal Covenant to be fulfilled in Christ Jesus, when the Father Almighty would write his law in the innermost hearts of the children of Israel, that he might be their God and they might be his people.”

Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt was born in Germany in 1817. Her father was Lutheran and her mother Catholic, and Pauline had three siblings, for whom she cared after their mother died when Pauline was 17. Attentive from an early age to the needs of the poor, in due course Pauline and several other women formed a new religious congregation, the “Sisters of Christian Charity” in Paderborn, serving especially neglected children and the blind. The Sisters grew, with several houses in Europe as well as the USA and Chile. Bl. Pauline died in 1881.

May the example of the saints, and their prayers, help you in the week ahead.
Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS



April – May 2026

			25 Saturday ANZAC DAY	26 Sunday WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Today's 10.30am Mass (Mass for Consecrated Life Concelebration) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	27 Monday <i>St Louis Marie Grignonde Montfort</i> Anzac Day Public Holiday Mass at 9am	28 Tuesday <i>St Peter Chanel</i>
29 Wednesday <i>St Catherine of Siena</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	30 Thursday <i>St Pius V</i> Today's 5.30pm Mass (Sydney Synod Opening Mass Concelebration) 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	1 Friday <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	2 Saturday <i>St Athanasius</i>  CHARITABLE WORKS FUND Appeal – 2nd & 3rd May	3 Sunday Today's 10.30am Mass (Sydney Synod Closing Mass Concelebration) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	4 Monday	5 Tuesday Today's 5.30pm Mass (Farewell Mass Concelebration for Bishop Danny Meagher)
6 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	7 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	8 Friday	9 Saturday Today's 12pm Mass (May Celebration for the World Apostolate of Fatima Concelebration)	10 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour	11 Monday	12 Tuesday <i>Sts. Nereus & Achilleus</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

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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PURPOSE
FROM LOVE TO BEAT





ADORATION + MASS | **FOOD + SOCIAL TIME** | **TALK + OPEN Q&A**

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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April Session:

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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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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. 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.

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](#)

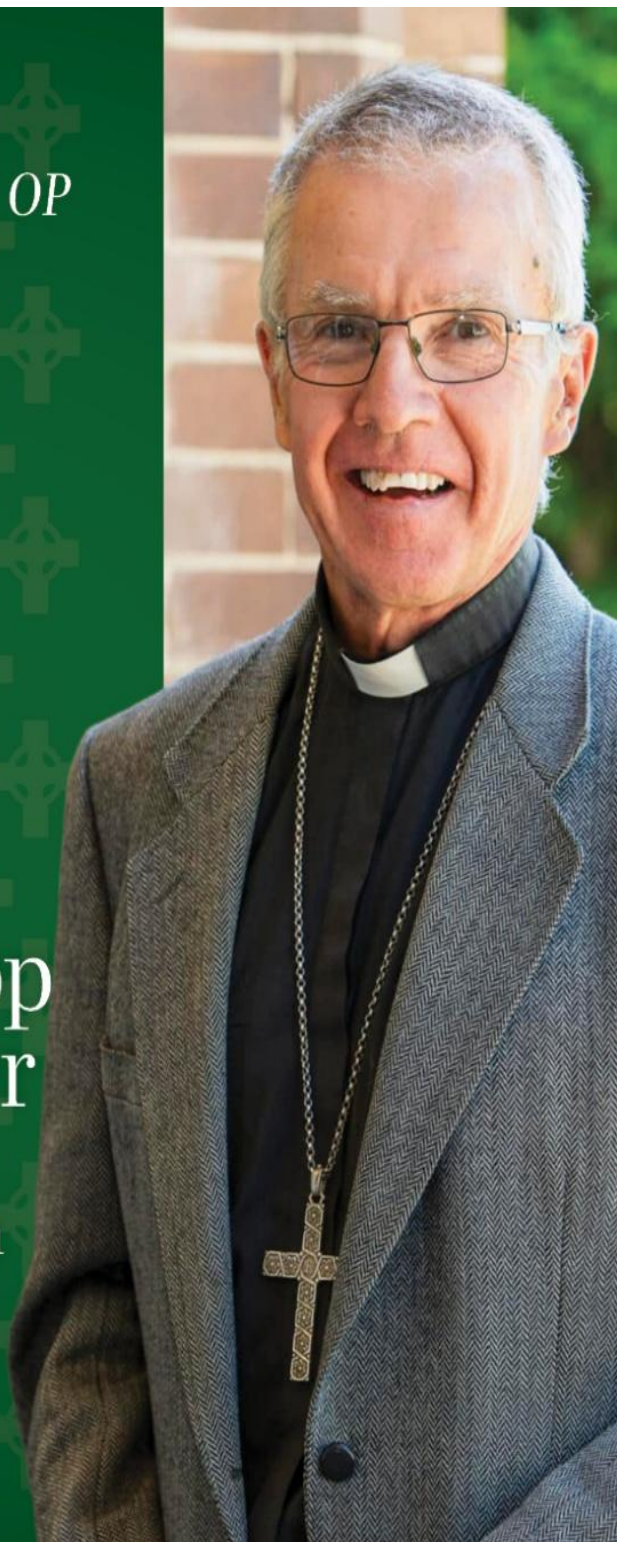
For any further information contact synod@sydneycatholic.org

*Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
invites you to the*



Farewell Mass for
**Auxiliary Bishop
Daniel Meagher**

Tuesday 5 May, 5:30pm
St Mary's Cathedral



Series of Talks on the Holy Spirit

In preparation for the feast of Pentecost, we invite you to join us for a series of talks to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Sessions will be held weekly from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the hall at St James' Catholic Primary School, Glebe:

DATES:

Thursday 7 May – Fr James Baxter OP
The Holy Spirit in Liturgical Worship

Thursday 14 May – Fr Chris Caruana OP
What Happened at Pentecost and Why Does It Matter?

Thursday 21 May – Tania Rimac (Parish Renewal Team)
Following the Spirit, Living Christ's Call

All are warmly invited. Registration is not required, but is appreciated for catering and seating purposes.

For further information, please email:
pastoral@bjcatholicparishes.org.au

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



MAY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY 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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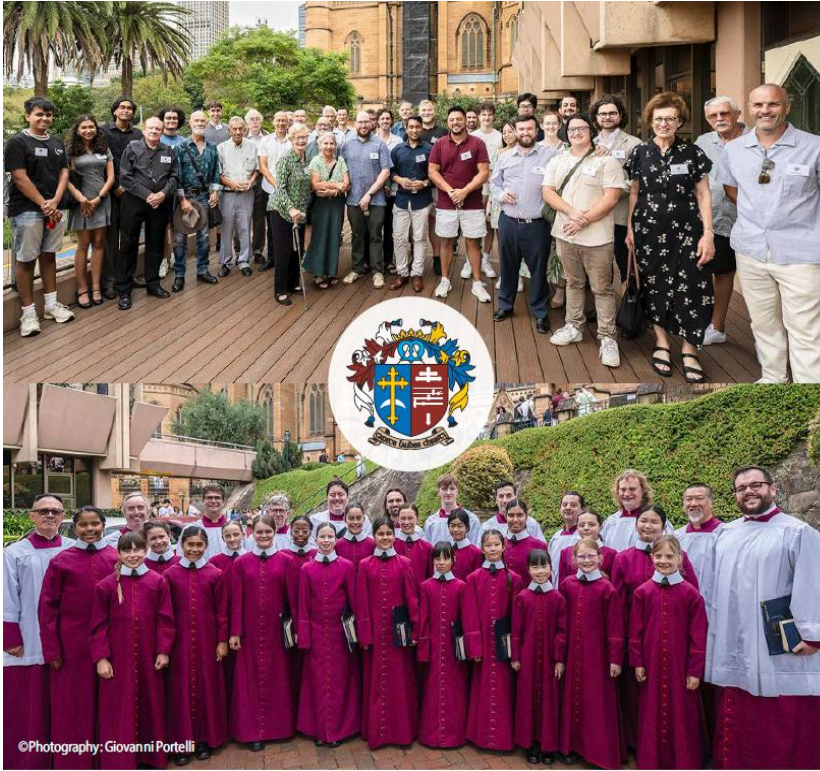
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
10 MAY GROWING OUR FAMILY CULTURE SPIRITUAL + PRACTICAL FORMATION St Michael's Lane Cove		12 MAY FOLLOWING MARY'S FOOTSTEPS FOR MUMS AND DADS St Jerome's Punchbowl + WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FATHER FOR DADS St Luke's Rossmore		

8-9 MAY
FAMILY CULTURE COURSE
Marriage + Parenting Renewal
St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Mike and Alicia Hernon, 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.



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CALLING ALL FORMER CHORISTERS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Are you a former chorister
of St Mary's Cathedral Choir?

- Join our recently formed Choir Alumni Network, and enjoy the benefits
- Stay connected with us, each other
- Learn about exciting developments, such as the St Mary's Cathedral Choir Tour to Europe later in the year
- Attend a special luncheon: Sunday, 17 May 2026.

*We want to hear from you.
Don't miss this
incredible opportunity.*



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HOST
Daniel JUSTIN
Director of Music
St Mary's Cathedral Choir



GUEST SPEAKER
Fr Don RICHARDSON
Dean of St Mary's Cathedral

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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

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

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