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SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2026

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Acts 6:1-7*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19*

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 2:4-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 14:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The 10.30 Mass today, Sunday 3rd May, marks the conclusion of the Archdiocesan **Synod**, convoked by Archbishop Fisher, which has been meeting for the past few days to consider ways in which the Church in Sydney can respond to our longings for more prayerful liturgies, more Christ-centred communities and to be a more mission-oriented Church. Please pray for a fruitful outcome from this important event.

Our “Year of Saints” at St Mary’s Cathedral continues, and I would like to mention especially:





St Nunzio Sulprizio, who was born in 1817 in southern Italy. His parents had him baptised the day he was born. When he was three his father died, and his mother, facing poverty, remarried, to a much older man who turned out to dislike Nunzio and treated him harshly. Nunzio was, nevertheless, able to attend a school run by a local priest and there he began to love the Mass and his faith grew. Only two years later Nunzio’s mother died, and he was sent to live with his grandmother who continued to nurture his faith, but she too passed away and Nunzio’s uncle put him to work as an apprentice blacksmith. This uncle showed him no compassion, beat him and starved him so he became susceptible to illness. Nunzio developed an infection in his leg which became gangrenous and he was hospitalised. He bore his suffering with extraordinary patience and saw it as an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord. Nunzio’s wounded leg grew worse and he was then admitted to the Hospital for Incurables. There, he would visit other young patients, comforting and teaching them prayers and catechism – he was only fifteen himself at the time. In 1835 his leg had to be amputated, but he never lost his pleasant disposition and spiritual devotion. He would tell his visitors “Jesus endured so much for us ... if we suffer for a while, we will enjoy Paradise.” His last words to the friend who looked after him were “Be cheerful. From heaven I will always be helping you.” Nunzio died in 1836 at the age of nineteen, and his profound faith, patience, and concern for other sick young people meant that the local people quickly regarded him as a saint. Beatified in 1963, after two healing miracles were attributed to his intercession, he was canonised by Pope Francis in 2018 during the **Synod** of Bishops on “Young People.” The life story of St Nunzio shows that sanctity does not require a long life only a life, whatever its length, lived with and for the Lord!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

May 2026



		<p>2 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Athanasius</i></p> <p>Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance 2026</p>	<p>3 <i>Sunday</i></p> <p>Today's 10.30am Mass (Sydney Synod Closing Mass Concelebration)</p> <p>2pm Sunday Public Tour</p> <p>Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance 2026</p>	<p>4 <i>Monday</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>Today's 5.30pm Mass (Farewell Mass Concelebration for Bishop Danny Meagher)</p>	
		 Appeal – 2nd & 3rd May				
<p>6 <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>RCIA (RESUMES 27 MAY 2026)</p>	<p>7 <i>Thursday</i></p> <p>6:30pm CITY COMPASS </p>	<p>8 <i>Friday</i></p>	<p>9 <i>Saturday</i></p> <p>Today's 12pm Mass (May Celebration for the World Apostolate of Fatima Concelebration)</p> <p>Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance 2026</p>	<p>10 <i>Sunday</i></p> <p>Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance 2026</p> <p>2pm Sunday Public Tour</p>	<p>11 <i>Monday</i></p>	<p>12 <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p><i>Sts. Nereus & Achilleus</i></p>
<p>13 <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p><i>Our Lady of Fatima</i></p> <p>RCIA (RESUMES 27 MAY 2026)</p>	<p>14 <i>Thursday</i></p> <p><i>St Matthias</i></p> <p>6:30pm CITY COMPASS </p>	<p>15 <i>Friday</i></p>	<p>16 <i>Saturday</i></p> <p>Today's 6pm Mass (Concelebration followed by Our Lady of Fatima Procession)</p> <p>Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance 2026</p>	<p>17 <i>Sunday</i></p> <p>The ASCENSION of the LORD</p> <p>WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY</p> <p>WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</p> <p>Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance 2026</p>	<p>18 <i>Monday</i></p> <p><i>St John I</i></p>	<p>19 <i>Tuesday</i></p>

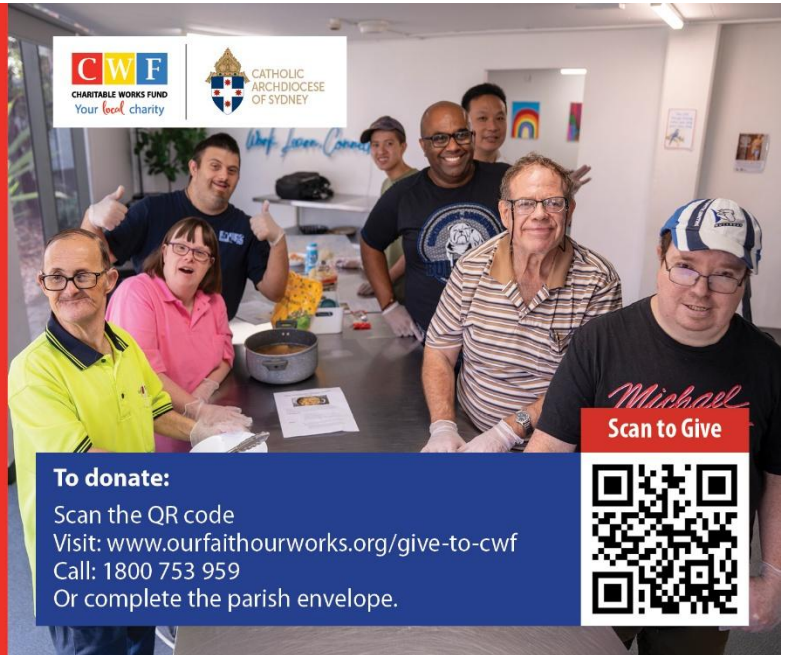
CATHEDRAL NOTICES

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2 and 3 May 2026

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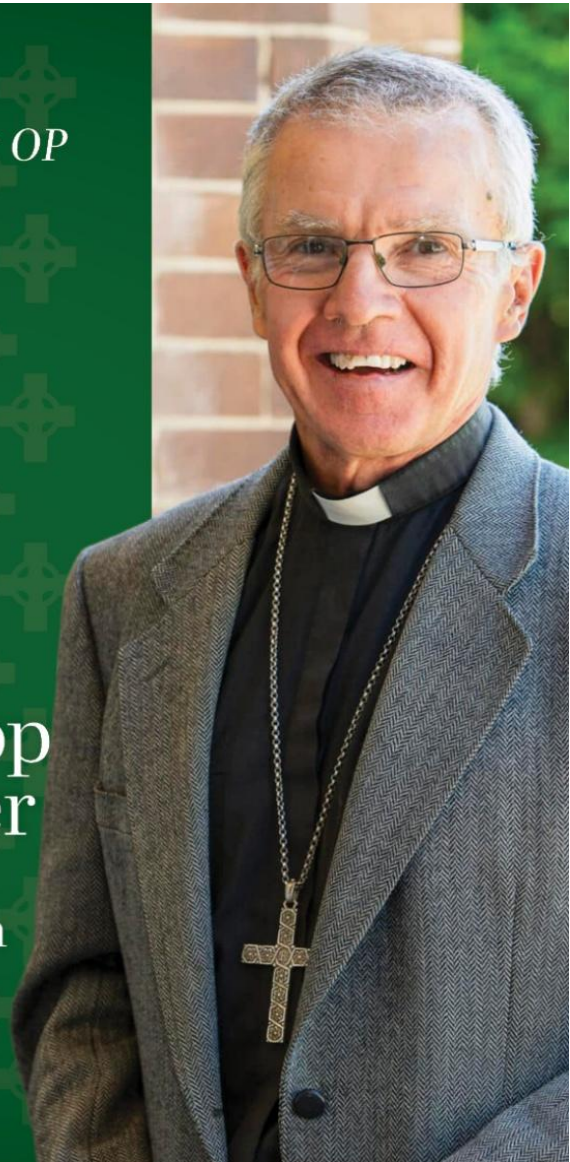


*Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
invites you to the*



Farewell Mass for
**Auxiliary Bishop
Daniel Meagher**

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



New Hearts

Pentecost Retreat

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you
- Ezekiel 36:26

Venue:

St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish
Jubilee Hall
62 Kingsland Rd. Berala

Dates:

Wednesday 6th, 13th and 20th May
8-9.30pm
Pentecost Sunday 24th May 10am-2pm

Cost: \$25

Book:

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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@bbjatholicparishes.org.au

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AUSTRALIAN TOUR 2026

HOSTED BY THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	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 Rosebery	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.



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. 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.

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
Sydney Archdiocesan Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima Aust Inc.
(Public Association of the Faithful)

Post Office Box 6057, Narrabeena NSW 2099
Phone No: (02) 9984-8988 Mob. 0403578994

Upcoming 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, 17 May 2026**.

The Topic: "Unconventional Women" History of Blessed Sacrament Sisters

Presenter: Dr Sarah Gilbert

Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome, and there is no charge.

Details of the programme of the ACHS, as well as resources on church history, are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

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.

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

Eucharist28 Update – Renewal has begun!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

But this is more than an event in Sydney. It is a national journey, an invitation to renewal for the whole Church, wherever we are.

Across the Easter weekend, thousands of catechumens and candidates throughout Australia were baptised and received into full communion with the Church. Our churches were alive with faith—pews filled, hearts renewed. It was a beautiful witness to what the Church is called to be every week, not only at Christmas and Easter.

The great gift of the Eucharist is that it is not merely a story remembered over a few sacred days. At every Mass, we encounter the reality itself: we offer ourselves to God alongside Christ, truly present in our midst.

How wonderful it would be to see our pews full every week—because people have truly encountered the living Lord in the Eucharist!

For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org



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- 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.

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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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Friday 5th June 2026, 6.30 p.m.
Cathedral House

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