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SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2026

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH  
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ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,  
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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



### FIRST READING *Exodus 19:2-6*

A reading from the book of Exodus

*You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.*

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 99:2-3, 5*

**R.** We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

## SECOND READING *Romans 5:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.*

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. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Mark 1:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 9:36 - 10:8*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## WORD FROM THE (ACTING) DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

We wish Fr Don a very restful and prayerful break (well deserved). In this coming month, I would like to continue our focus on the mystery of saints “unknown” in our Year of Saints.

On my recent retreat, my casual reading had much to do with inner freedom and the peace that Jesus brings to all of us. The monk, St Abraham – born on the banks of the Euphrates was one day arrested on his way to visit the hermits of Egypt. He spent 5 years in chains in a prison cell as an innocent man and later died. One might be frustrated by the injustices that take place in the world and that is justified, however we must not allow this frustration to occupy space in a heart that was made for God. St Abraham lived with the peace of Jesus in his heart. Much like St Paul, chains and imprisonment could not contain them. I could not help but think of our late Cardinal George Pell, who suffered the same fate for 404 days as an innocent man. Only Jesus can bring us freedom in the most extraordinary situations, even when it feels as though the world around us is falling down. I pray that you might be inspired by these figures in whatever hardship you are experiencing.




God bless you, keep you and protect you.

Fr Ben Saliba (Acting Dean)

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## June 2026



		<b>13</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	<b>14</b> <b>Sunday</b> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	<b>15</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	
		<b>17</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 7pm  Pre Choir Tour Concert  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>18</b> <b>Thursday</b>  6:30pm <b>CITY COMPASS</b> 	<b>19</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>St Romuald</i>	<b>20</b> <b>Saturday</b> Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm	<b>21</b> <b>Sunday</b> Today's 10.30am Mass (Cathedral College First Communions) Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition 2pm Sunday Public Tour
<b>24</b> <b>Wednesday</b> The <b>NATIVITY</b> of <b>ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm  6:30pm <b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<b>25</b> <b>Thursday</b> Today's 5.30pm Mass (Welcoming Mass Concelebration for the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis) Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm  <b>CITY COMPASS</b> (Cancelled Today)	<b>26</b> <b>Friday</b> Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm	<b>27</b> <b>Saturday</b> Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm	<b>28</b> <b>Sunday</b> Today's 10.30am Mass (Dempsey Medal Award Ceremony) Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition 2pm Sunday Public Tour	<b>29</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>Saints PETER and PAUL</b> Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm	<b>30</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i> Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm

## 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

**SCHOLARSHIP AT THE  
CATHEDRAL**

6:00PM - 8:00PM | TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2026  
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL COLLEGE - COLLEGE HALL  
2 ST MARY'S RD, SYDNEY

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GIVEN FOR YOU**





**DR. MARY HEALY**  
PROFESSOR OF SCRIPTURE  
SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY, DETROIT

Dr. Mary Healy is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and a bestselling author and international speaker. She is a general editor of the *Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture* and author of three of its volumes: *The Gospel of Mark, Hebrews, and Genesis*. Her other books include *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook and Healing*.

She is one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is a member of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

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**ST MARY'S  
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*Europe Tour 2026*



# PRE-TOUR CONCERT





For tickets, please scan the QR code:



**Come and hear a preview of the  
Choir's touring concert programme**

**St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**  
**Wednesday 17 June at 7pm**





## Mass and Reception of St Carlo Acutis Relic

**Thursday 25 June, St Mary's Cathedral**

5:30pm Mass celebrated  
by Archbishop Anthony  
Fisher OP

Catechesis and veneration  
of the relic after Mass.



### Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life

The Tim Fischer Oration 2026 is an opportunity to give thanks for what we have received. It calls forth young people to protect and promote the common good through ethical attitudes and actions in public and political life.

Professor Mary Healy will deliver the third Tim Fischer Oration.

**DETAILS:**  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 June 2026  
**Time:** 6 PM  
**Venue:** Rosehill Gardens  
**Cost:** \$50 per ticket

For more information, visit [tfo.org.au](http://tfo.org.au)



**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](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.

**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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or videography  
permitted while  
Mass is in  
progress.**




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