



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2026

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,
MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16*

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 88:2-3, 16-19*

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *1 Peter 2:9*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 10:37-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE (ACTING) DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The Solemnity of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul: Simon, son of Jonah and brother of Andrew, was the first among the disciples to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, by whom he was called Peter; Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, preached Christ crucified to Jews and to Greeks. In faith and in love of Jesus Christ, both proclaimed the Gospel in the City of Rome, and died as martyrs in the reign of the Emperor Nero. Peter, as tradition records, was crucified upside down and buried on the Vatican Hill near the Via Triumphalis; Paul was put to death by the sword and buried on the Via Ostiensis. On this day the entire world celebrates their triumph, with equal honour and veneration.

We pray as a community to always uphold the faith they proclaimed. May we have courage in adversity and in a culture that often shows hostility toward Christianity, to boldly stand for the truth that these pillars of faith died for.

This weekend we also congratulate and thank Stefanus Sudibjo. Stefanus will be receiving a Dempsey Medal for his decades of dedicated service as an acolyte here at St Mary's Cathedral.

Have a lovely week ahead!

Fr Ben Saliba
(Acting Dean)

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

June – July 2026

			27 <i>Saturday</i> Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm	28 <i>Sunday</i> Today's 10.30am Mass (Dempsey Medal Award Ceremony) Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition 2pm Sunday Public Tour	29 <i>Monday</i> Saints PETER and PAUL	30 <i>Tuesday</i> First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
1 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	2 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	3 <i>Friday</i> St Thomas	4 <i>Saturday</i> 			

PLEASE NOTE: VESPERS SCHEDULE UPDATE Due to the Cathedral Choir Europe Tour and School Holidays

- ❖ There will be no Weekday and Sunday Vespers from 25 July 2026, except for Saturdays which will be at the usual time of 5.30pm.
- ❖ Vespers Resumes as per regular timetable commencing from Sunday 19 July 2026.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



JUSTICE PEACE OFFICE

TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE DINNER

PREVENTING MODERN DAY SLAVERY
in sydney

This year's social justice dinner will be dedicated to the topic of modern slavery and hosted jointly with Australian Catholic Anti-Slavery Network.

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2026
6.00PM - 9.00PM | **ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH**
PARISH HALL, LIVERPOOL

SPEAKERS

ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

DR JAMES COCKAYNE
NSW ANTI-SLAVERY COMMISSIONER

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC ANTI-SLAVERY NETWORK

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY | **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY** | **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA**

Vivaldi's Gloria

Gloria is an evening of magnificent sacred choral music, performed by over 40 singers and accompanied by a chamber orchestra. The programme spans over 500 years of sacred music and culminates in Vivaldi's *Gloria*, performed by choir, soloists and chamber orchestra. In an age when authentic sacred music plays an increasingly important role in the life of the Church, we hope this concert will offer an opportunity for people to encounter the richness of our musical and spiritual heritage.

One night only. **Friday, 17 July 2027, 7pm**, at St Anne's Catholic Church, North Bondi.

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMGXK>

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2026

SATURDAY 18 JULY
LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC CLUB | 9AM-5PM

PARISH RENEWAL TEAM
SYDNEY CENTRE FOR DISCIPLES

gomakedisciples.org.au/prc26



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.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

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.



25% OFF*

**FOR ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL VISITORS
THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

Present this flyer at the box office on St Mary's Cathedral forecourt
to receive your discount to a session this Saturday and Sunday.

*Limited tickets available for sessions. Get in early.

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REVELATIONS
AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION



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