



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

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 *Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 147:12-15, 19-20*

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 6:51-52*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 6:51-58*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This past Friday we welcomed thousands to the cathedral to venerate the relics of St Anthony of Padua. Later this month, on Thursday 25th June, the major pilgrim relic of St Carlo Acutis will be welcome here at the cathedral at a Mass commencing at 5.30pm.

Continuing the theme, for our Year of Saints at St Mary's Cathedral, here is a less well-known holy woman to consider:

Blessed Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankikyan was born in a remote village in Kerala, India, in 1876. She was a remarkable person and a social reformer. She came from a family that had lost all its wealth paying the dowry of seven aunts, and grew up in poverty. Even as a girl she developed a strong faith and a mystical spirituality.

As a young woman she helped the poor, nursed the sick, visited and comforted the lonely people of her parish. She nursed even hideous and revolting cases of leprosy and small pox, often abandoned to their lot by their poor relatives who had no means of caring for them. With the help of her bishop, Mariam Thresia, together with three friends, founded Congregation of the Holy Family. Their mission was to take care of the poor and the needy, helping families affected by drink, immorality and violence. She worked at a time when women were not encouraged to go outside the home, and there were objections to their work which the sisters had to overcome. Mariam Thresia herself suffered stigmata - wounds like those received by Christ on the Cross. She died in 1926 - the Congregation continues her work and consists of over one thousand Sisters working in India and several other countries. Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankikyan was Beatified by Pope St John Paul II in 2000.

With prayerful best wishes for the month ahead (I am going on holidays for the rest of June),

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

June 2026

			6 Saturday	7 Sunday  CORPUS CHRISTI 2pm Sunday Public Tour	8 Monday Public Holiday Mass at 9am	9 Tuesday <i>St Columbkille</i>
10 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	11 Thursday <i>St Barnabas</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	12 Friday  SACRED HEART	13 Saturday <i>The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	14 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour	15 Monday Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition from 15 to 21 June Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm	16 Tuesday Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition from 15 to 21 June Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm
17 Wednesday 7pm  Pre Choir Tour Concert Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition from 15 to 21 June Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	18 Thursday Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition from 15 to 21 June Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	19 Friday <i>St Romuald</i> Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition from 15 to 21 June Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm	20 Saturday Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition from 15 to 21 June Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm	21 Sunday Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis Crypt Exhibition from 15 to 21 June Opening Hours 10.30am to 3pm 2pm Sunday Public Tour	22 Monday	23 Tuesday

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

Please take a copy of the **PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP to the Priests, Religious, and People of the Archdiocese of Sydney on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 2026.**

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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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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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

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR
Europe Tour 2026



**PRE-TOUR
CONCERT**



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

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

For tickets, please
scan the QR code:



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 21 June 2026**.

The Topic: Still Relevant? Fr Julian Tenison Woods in the Twenty-First Century.

Presenter: Fr Roderick O'Brien

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 and YouTube videos are on the website

<https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>



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

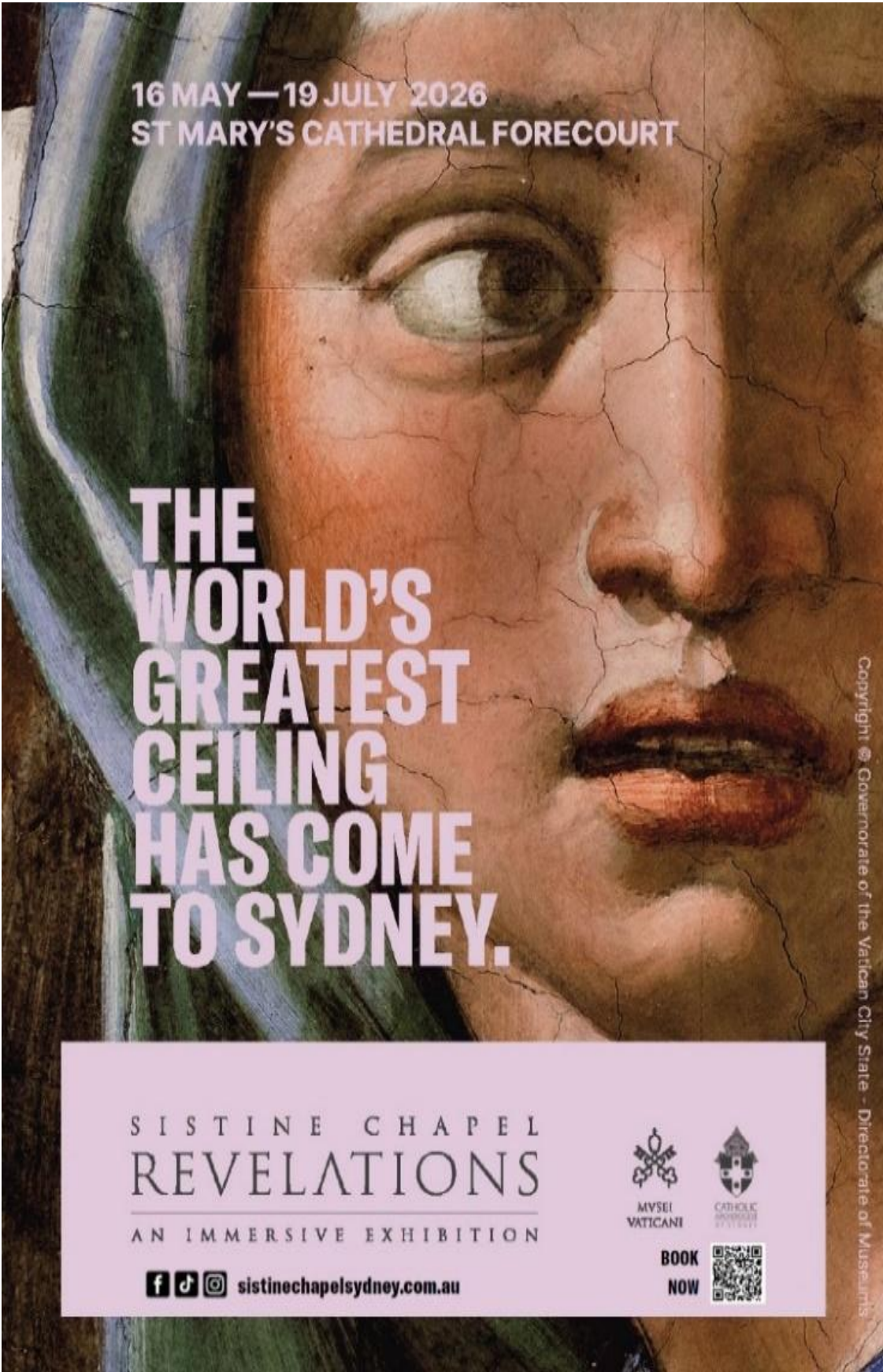
The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this Mass.



Please note you can continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.



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ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FORECOURT

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