



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2026

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 64:10-14*

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 8:18-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 13:1-23*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not

having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Many are on holidays at this time of year, so a special welcome to you if you are visiting from interstate or out of town. I was away on holiday myself for the past few weeks and I appreciate how important a bit of a break and change of scenery can be! I used the time to reconnect with family and friends (I had the joy of baptising my newest great-nephew), to see new sights and learn new things.

This Thursday July 16th is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This feast day has its origins in Our Lady's appearance to an English Carmelite friar, St. Simon Stock, in the 13th century. She gave him the Brown Scapular, a garment worn by religious over the neck and shoulders, to be worn by Carmelites "as a sign of her protection." It is a Marian devotional practice which, over the centuries, has spread to Catholics around the world, the "Brown Scapular". By being formally enrolled in the Brown Scapular, laypeople associate themselves with the Carmelite Order, participating in the spiritual blessings of the order. The Brown Scapular is an official sacramental of the church. It is not a good luck charm or magical protection: Our Lady's promises for those who wear the scapular are "Take this Scapular, it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace. Whosoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire." She further said: "Wear it devoutly and perseveringly. It is my garment. To be clothed in it means you are continually thinking of me, and I in turn, am always thinking of you and helping you to secure eternal life".

You cannot just buy a scapular and put it on and that's that: a person needs to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular by a priest, and undertake to live chastely according to their state in life, to pray certain prayers each day, and be dedicated to life in Christ.

Here in Sydney we have our own diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, at Waterloo, one of the churches in our Sydney City South Parish. The church is just off Kellick Street, Waterloo, and is one of Sydney's most historic, established by Archbishop Polding in 1859.

On Saturday 18th July there will be a special Mass there at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo at 10.00am to celebrate the feast, and after that Mass you can be enrolled in the Brown Scapular.

With prayerful best wishes for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

July 2026

			11 Saturday <i>St Benedict</i>	12 Sunday SEAFARERS SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	13 Monday <i>St Henry</i>	14 Tuesday <i>St Camillus de Lellis</i>
15 Wednesday <i>St Bonaventure</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	16 Thursday <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	17 Friday	18 Saturday	19 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour	20 Monday <i>St Apollinaris</i>	21 Tuesday <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>
22 Wednesday <i>St Mary Magdalene</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	23 Thursday <i>St Bridget</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	24 Friday <i>St Sharbel Makhluuf</i>	25 Saturday <i>St James</i>	26 Sunday WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	27 Monday	28 Tuesday

PLEASE NOTE: VESPERS (SCHOOL HOLIDAY) SCHEDULE

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

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

VIVALDI GLORIA

7pm Friday 17 July
St Anne's Catholic Church
North Bondi

Concession \$30
Adults \$45



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Special Screening of Triumph of the Heart

Sydney Vocations is hosting a **special screening of the film *Triumph of the Heart*** – the moving true story of **St. Maximilian Kolbe**, the Franciscan priest who offered his life in exchange for another prisoner at Auschwitz during World War II. Come and be inspired by this powerful witness of faith, courage, and sacrificial love. This screening is open to all parishioners aged 18 and up.

When: 7:30pm Saturday August 8

Where: Gleeson Auditorium, ACU Campus, 25A Barker Rd, Strathfield NSW

Admission: \$15 including Dinner



RSVP: Register at

<https://www.sydneyvocations.org/events-1/triumph-of-the-heart-movie-screening-18-only>

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, 19 July.

The Topic: Parramatta Cathedral Fire

Presenter: Mgr John Boyle

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/>

WALKING WITH MARY IN *Hope and Wonder*

A Zoom Novena in Preparation for the
Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

DAILY FROM
JULY 30 - AUGUST 7

7:30PM - 8:00PM AEST

You're invited to join Mary MacKillop Place for a Zoom novena of prayer and reflection.

Over nine days, we will explore hope and wonder through the life Mary MacKillop as we journey towards celebrating her Feast Day on Saturday 8 August.

Zoom Link to join the Novena:

<https://zoom.us/j/92816949299>

For more information about Feast Day 2026 visit us at:

<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/>



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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.



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**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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