



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2026

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16*

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 8:26-27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Among the saints commemorated by the Church each year are several holy people mentioned in the Old Testament scriptures. This week, on 20th July, the Catholic Church remembers Saint Elijah the Tishbite. Elijah was a prophet of the Lord in the days of Ahab, King of Israel, and vindicated the laws of the one God against a faithless people with such force of spirit that he prefigured not only John the Baptist but even Christ himself. The Carmelite friars like to consider Elijah as their spiritual father and inspiration: their Order was founded by a group of Christian hermits who settled on Mount Carmel, drawn by its connection to the life and miracles of Elijah. Elijah lived about 900 years before Christ was born, and the Carmelites were founded more than 1000 years after Christ was born. In Rome, if you visit the Basilica of Santi Silvestro e Martino ai Monti, which is run by the Carmelites, you can see a series of 17th Century frescos about the life of Elijah, which show him wearing the habit of a Carmelite friar!

Hmm...

This Friday 24th July is the Memorial of St Charbel Makhlouf, priest, who is a very popular saint among the Maronite Catholics, but the most important feasts this week are St Mary Magdalene on Wednesday and St James, Apostle, on Saturday. May they all intercede for us, as their example and witness urge us to give our whole heart and mind to God!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

July – August 2026

			18 <i>Saturday</i>	19 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	20 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Apollinaris</i>	21 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>
22 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Mary Magdalene</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	23 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Bridget</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	24 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Sharbel Makhluf</i>	25 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St James</i>	26 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AN THE ELDERLY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	27 <i>Monday</i>	28 <i>Tuesday</i>
29 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	30 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Peter Chrysologus</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	31 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	1 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	2 <i>Sunday</i> VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK <u>PLEASE NOTE</u> Today's 12.15pm Latin Mass has been moved to the Crypt and the 2pm Sunday Public Tour is cancelled – due to the 12.30pm Deanery Confirmations	3 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Dominic</i>	4 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St John Vianney</i>
				CWF August Appeal 1st & 2nd August 2026		

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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



WORLD DAY FOR
Grandparents
and the Elderly

"I will never forget you"
ISAIAH 49:15

 World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026

 LIFE, MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY





The 6th World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is held every year on the fourth Sunday of July (Sunday 26, July) and is connected to the feast days of St Joachim and St Anne. The day is an opportunity to bring the Church closer to grandparents and the elderly. The theme of World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is: "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). The theme reminds us about God's unconditional fidelity to his people, especially the elderly who are living in solitude or feel like they are forgotten.

 **CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**
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.**

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.

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/>



 **MARY MACKILLOP PLACE** | **OUT OF THE Ordinary**

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.sydneylvocations.org/events-1/triumph-of-the-heart-movie-screening-18-only>





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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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AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION



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