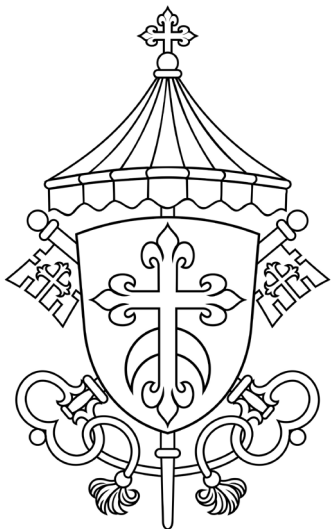


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass

Twentieth Sunday
of the Year

16 August 2026
10.30am

WELCOME

to St Mary's Cathedral which stands in the centre of Sydney as a Christian statement of grace and beauty. Generations of artists have bequeathed to it their magnificent gifts in stone and glass, designing a unique space of solace and prayer within this vibrant city. This Cathedral represents the spiritual origins of the Catholic Church in Australia. It is one of Sydney's most treasured historic buildings and one of the finest examples of English-style gothic churches in the world. William Wilkinson Wardell, the 19th century architect, dreamed of a gothic structure shaped from the local yellow-block sandstone on which this city is built. The building was finally completed 100 years after the architect's death. The Cathedral is dedicated to Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, Help of Christians.

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is the oldest musical institution in Australia. In 1818 a group of choristers was formed to sing Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament in the Dempsey household, the centre of Catholic worship in the penal colony. After the establishment of St Mary's Cathedral in 1833 the successors of these choristers formed the permanent Cathedral Choir. In faithfulness to the Benedictine English tradition from which the Cathedral's founders came, the Choir was formed of men and boys, preserving the historical character of Catholic liturgical and musical heritage. However, from 2025, St Mary's began a girls' choir, and St Mary's is the only Catholic Cathedral in Australia to have an on-site Choir School where the boy and girl choristers are educated. The other parts of the Choir are provided by lay clerks who are professional singers. The Choir's primary function is to sing Vespers and Mass in the Cathedral which it does almost daily, but it has also undertaken several international tours, recordings and concert projects.

REGULAR CHORAL SERVICES

Sunday	1030	Solemn Mass <i>Full Choir</i>
	1700	Solemn Vespers and Benediction <i>Lay Clerks</i>
Monday	1700	Vespers <i>Lay Clerks</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Boy Choristers & Lay Clerks</i>
Tuesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Boy & Girl Choristers</i>
Wednesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Girl Choristers & Lay Clerks</i>
Thursday	1700	Vespers <i>Lay Clerks</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Lay Clerks</i>

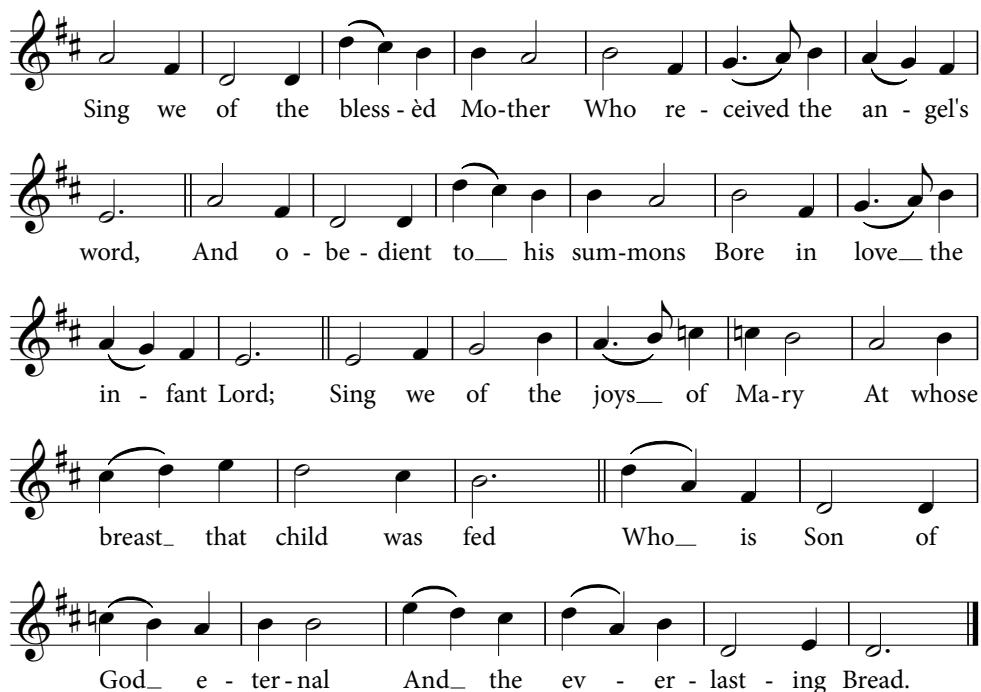
Download the weekly Music List at <http://musiclists.cathedralchoir.sydney>

**TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY,
PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

ORDER OF MASS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand and sing

THE HYMN



Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther Who re - ceived the an - gel's
word, And o - be - dient to his sum - mons Bore in love the
in - fant Lord; Sing we of the joys of Ma - ry At whose
breast that child was fed Who is Son of
God e - ter - nal And the ev - er - last - ing Bread.

2

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

3

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's Redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

Psalm 83:10,11,2,3

PROTECTOR noster aspice, Deus, et respice in faciem Christi tui: quia melior est dies una in atriis tuis super millia. ☩ Quam dilecta tabernacula tua. Domine virtutum! concupiscit, et deficit anima mea in atria Domini.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. ☩ How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Archbishop says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After a brief silence all say

I CONFESS to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast thrice, saying

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The Archbishop gives the absolution, saying

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

℟: **Amen.**

The Choir sings the KYRIE and GLORIA

from Missa Brevis in C (KV 259)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te,
glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Archbishop says the COLLECT

℟: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66:2-3,5-6,8 R: v.4



R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R:**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R:**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R:**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

The Choir sings the ALLELUIA

V: *Psalm 94:1*

Alleluia.

V: Venite, exsultemus Domino: iubilemus Deo salutari nostro.

Come; ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

After the Homily all stand and renew their Baptismal promises.

Do you renounce Satan,
and all his works and empty promises?

R: **I do.**

Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

R: **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

R: **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation
is given to you in a special way
just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

R: **I do.**

Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

R: **I do.**

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Archbishop says

DEARLY beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted Sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

The Archbishop extends his hands over those to be confirmed, saying

ALmighty God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Each person to be confirmed is presented to the Archbishop by their sponsor.

The Archbishop anoints each candidate with Chrism and, making the Sign of the Cross on their forehead, says

N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The newly confirmed replies

℟: Amen.

Peace be with you.

℟: And with your spirit.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Choir sings the OFFERTORY MOTET

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

LAUDATE Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius, et veritas Domini manet in æternum. Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

O praise the Lord all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples. Strong is his loving-kindness towards us, and the truth of the Lord stands for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

The Archbishop says

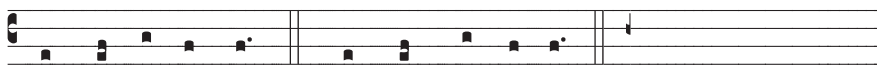
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

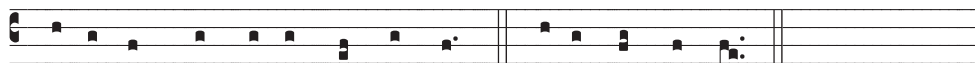
The Archbishop says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

R: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

T HE Lord be with you. **R: And with your spi-rit.**

 Lift up your hearts. **R: We lift them up to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R: It is right and just.**

THE PREFACE

S An-ctus, * San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in

ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díc-tus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni.
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.
Hosanna in the highest.

When the Archbishop sings

The mystery of faith.

All sing

W[℣] HEN we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death,
 O Lord, until you come a-gain.

When the Archbishop sings

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All respond

℣ A-men.

COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All sing

O UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;
and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

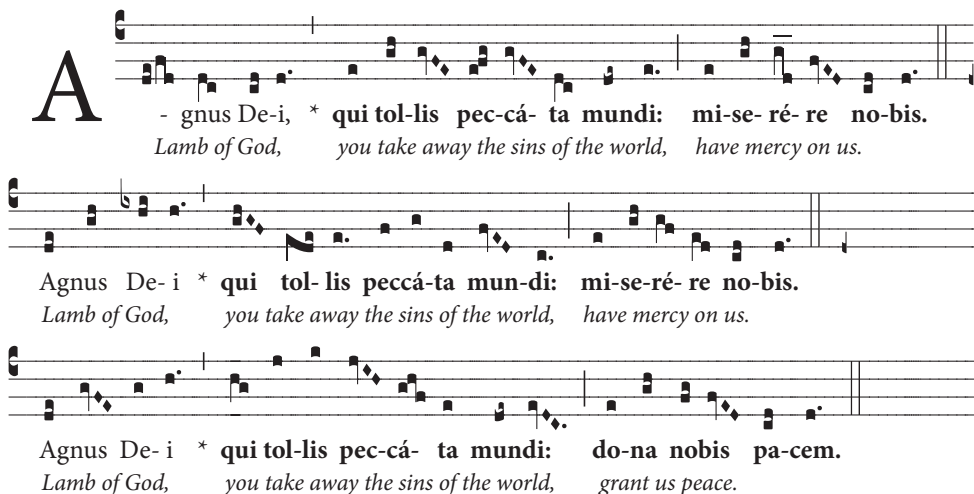
℟: For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

℟: Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟: And with your spirit.



A - gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá- ta mundi: mi-se-ré- re no-bis.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Agnus De-i * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré- re no-bis.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Agnus De-i * qui tol-lis pec-cá- ta mundi: do-na nobis pa-cem.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Archbishop shows the host to the congregation, saying

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion.

The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.

The Choir sings the COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Matthew 21:13

Domus mea, domus orationis vocabitur, dicit Dominus: in ea omnis, qui petit, accipit: et qui quærit, invenit, et pulsanti aperiatur.

My house will be called a house of prayer, says the Lord: In that house, everyone who asks receives, everyone who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

During Holy Communion the Choir sings AGNUS DEI II

from Missa Brevis in C (KV 259)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

All sing

THE HYMN

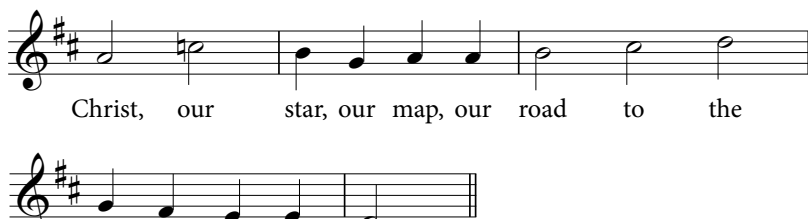
Refrain



The Refrain is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

In faith and hope and love with joy - ful trust we
move towards our Fa-ther's home a - bove.

Verses



The Verses are written on two staves in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verses, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Christ, our star, our map, our road to the
Fa-ther's high a - bode.

Christ our bread along the way;
Christ our rescue when we stray. 𐄂

Christ our shelter, Christ our friend,
our beginning and our end. 𐄂

Christ our hope and our reward;
our redeemer and our Lord. 𐄂

Araluen 77 and antiphon
Richard Connolly (1927–2022)

James Phillip McAuley (1917–1976)

The Archbishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R: **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R: **Now and for ever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: **Who made heaven and earth.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Exultemus (Seven Sketches on Verses from the Psalms)

Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)

LATER TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL

Solemn Vespers and Benediction *sung by the Boys & Lay Clerks
of St Mary's Cathedral Choir*

5.00pm



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