



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY FIRST 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 *Isaiah 22:19-23*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8*

R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you,
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 11:33-36*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge -
and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his
counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All
that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for
ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 16:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN

Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This week, for our Year of Saints at St Mary's Cathedral, I would like to mention some "family" saints. Firstly, a married couple who were Beatified together in 2001: Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi.

They lived in Rome. Maria was an academic and educationalist and worked for several Catholic organisations. She died in 1965. Luigi was a lawyer involved in the reconstruction of Italy after the Second World War. He died in 1951.

"The richness of faith and married love shown by Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi is a living demonstration of what the Second Vatican Council said about all the faithful being called to holiness," Pope St John Paul II said in his homily at their Beatification Mass. "They lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way," demonstrating that sainthood for married couples is "possible and beautiful. Among the joys and anxieties of a normal family, they knew how to live an extraordinarily rich spiritual life. At the centre of their life was the daily Eucharist as well as devotion to the Virgin Mary."

Bl. Luigi and Bl. Maria had four children: Their eldest son, Father Tarcisio Beltrame, a Benedictine monk, and his younger brother Father Paolino, a Trappist, both risked their lives to secretly work with the resistance during the Nazi occupation of Italy in World War II, while the Beltrame Quattrocchi family's apartment in Rome served as a hiding place for fugitives and Italians with Jewish heritage. Their eldest daughter, Stefania, entered a Benedictine monastery as a nun in 1927. The youngest child in their family, Enrichetta Beltrame Quattrocchi, was a lay-consecrated woman who has been declared "venerable" because of her holy life. She was involved in volunteer work with the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul with whom she went to the most difficult areas of Rome; in Catholic Action together with her mother; Her life was marked by various illnesses and economic difficulties, but above all by prayer and daily participation in Mass. In her last years, she dedicated herself to helping couples in crisis. She died in 2012.

This Thursday the saint of the day is St Monica, the mother of St Augustine. When her son Augustine went astray, Monica prayed and prayed, with tears, for years, that Augustine would be converted to true faith in Christ: her prayers were richly answered, and Augustine became one of the greatest saints in history, a Doctor of the Church - and that should be an encouragement to Catholic mothers everywhere! Keep praying for your children! St Monica died at Ostia near Rome in 387, and her remains now are enshrined in the centre of Rome in the Basilica of Sant'Agostino in Campo Marzio, not far from the Pantheon and Piazza Navona and well worth a visit.

Every person in every family is capable of conversion and holiness, and God is all loving!

Have a blessed week,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

August – September 2026

		22 Saturday The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	23 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour	24 Monday St Bartholomew	25 Tuesday St Louis 6.30pm Organs Showcase Tour (Hosted By: The Friends of St Mary's Cathedral) 
26 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	27 Thursday St Monica 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	28 Friday St Augustine	29 Saturday The Passion of St John the Baptist Today's 6pm Mass (Blessing of Marathon Runners)	30 Sunday SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	31 Monday 1 Tuesday WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION Today's 5.30pm Mass (Vigil for the Anniversary of the Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral)
2 Wednesday ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL (1928) 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	3 Thursday St Gregory the Great 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	4 Friday SPRING EMBER DAY	5 Saturday St Teresa of Calcutta	6 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour	7 Monday 8 Tuesday The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

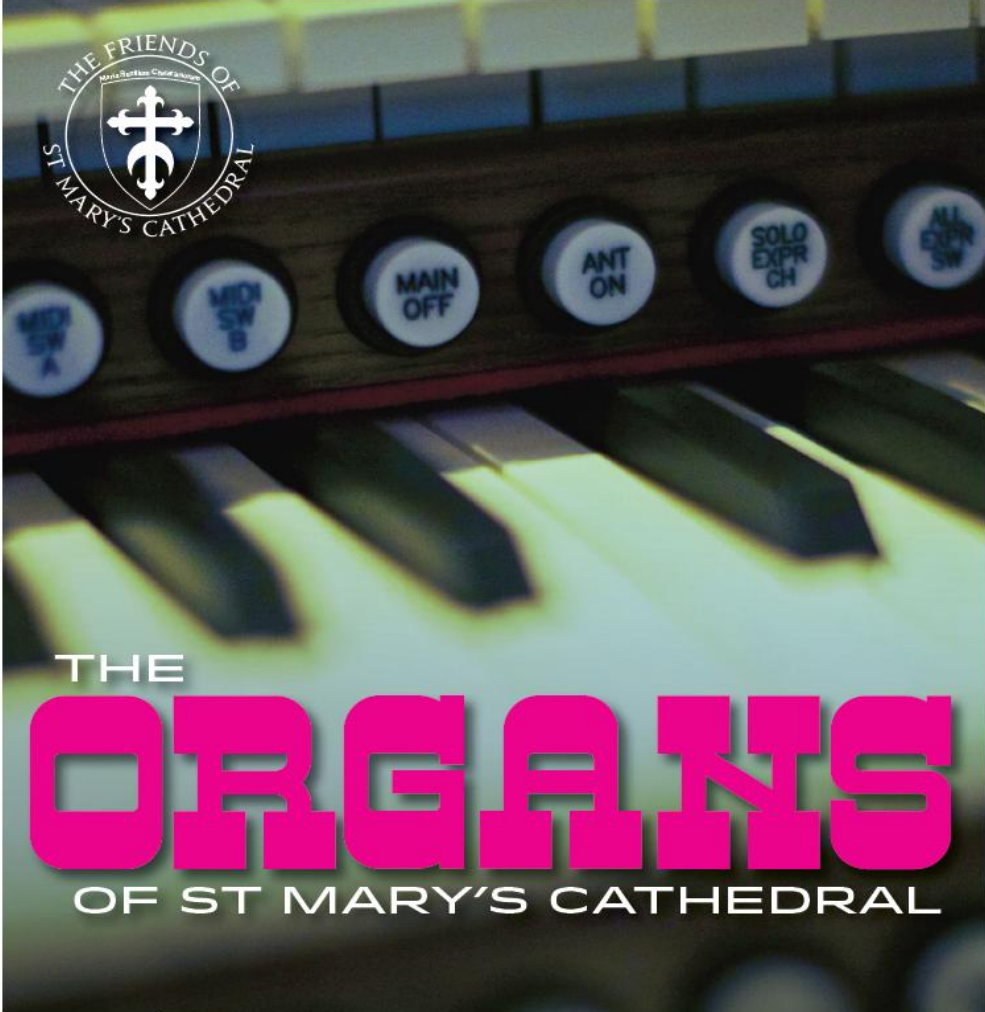
Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

THE ORGANS
OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

 Join the Friends of St Mary's Cathedral today

 Read more and buy tickets for the organ showcase tour

Join Daniel Justin, Director of Music, for an in-depth tour of the Cathedral's organs.

Tuesday 25th August 2026, 6.30 p.m.
Meet in the eastern transept

TICKETS
\$15 (members) / \$20 (non-members)
from cathedralfriends.org.au

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.



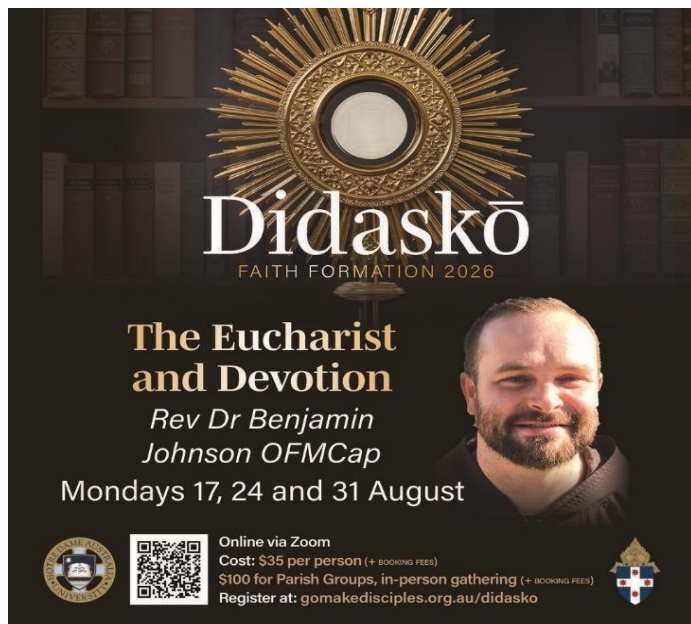
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office

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.



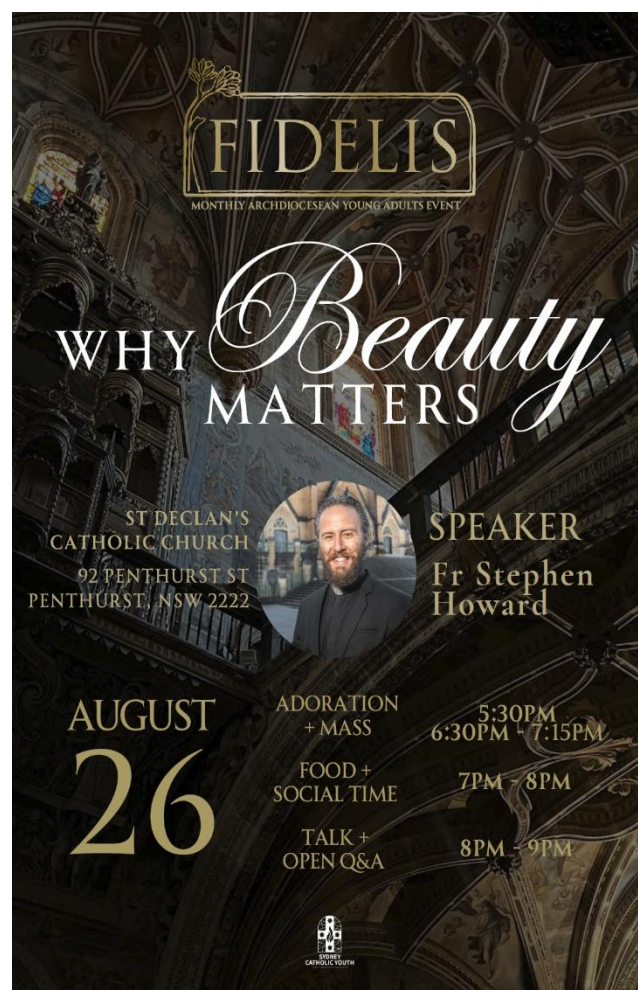
No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.



Didasko
FAITH FORMATION 2026

The Eucharist and Devotion
Rev Dr Benjamin Johnson OFM Cap
Mondays 17, 24 and 31 August

Online via Zoom
Cost: \$35 per person (+ BOOKING FEES)
\$100 for Parish Groups, in-person gathering (+ BOOKING FEES)
Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko



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MONTHLY ARCHDIOCESEAN YOUNG ADULTS EVENT

WHY Beauty MATTERS

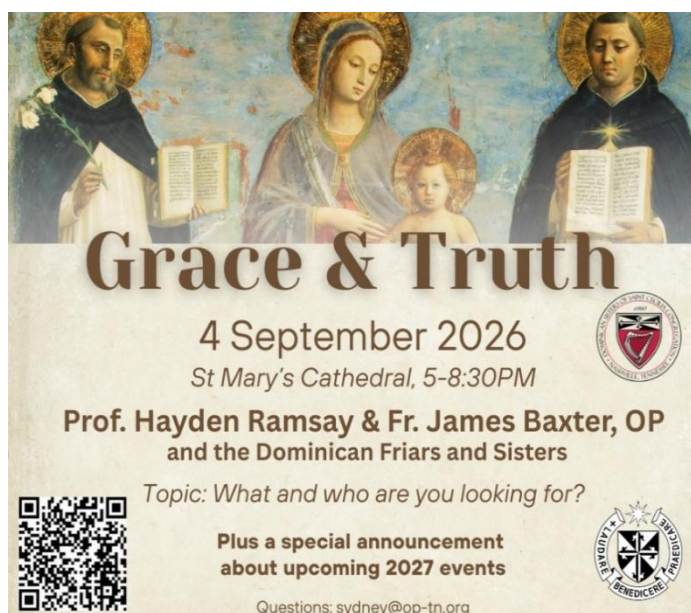
ST DECLAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
92 PENTHURST ST
PENTHURST, NSW 2222

SPEAKER
Fr Stephen Howard

AUGUST 26

ADORATION + MASS	5:30PM - 7:15PM
FOOD + SOCIAL TIME	7PM - 8PM
TALK + OPEN Q&A	8PM - 9PM

SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH



Grace & Truth
4 September 2026
St Mary's Cathedral, 5-8:30PM

Prof. Hayden Ramsay & Fr. James Baxter, OP
and the Dominican Friars and Sisters

Topic: What and who are you looking for?

Plus a special announcement about upcoming 2027 events

Questions: sydney@op-tn.org



EMERGENCY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL - COLOMBIA

COLOMBIA
37 Salesian works

Help provide emergency relief, restore vital community services, and bring hope to children and families as they recover.

Salesian Missions AUSTRALIA
www.salesianmissionsaus.org.au



Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

Supporting the persecuted: Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed.

Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit:
aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.