



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY SECOND 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 *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 62:2-6, 8-9*

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 12:1-2*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Ephesians 1:17, 18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:21-27*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The Sydney Marathon is run this weekend, and we welcome participants to the Blessing of Runners at the Saturday 6pm Mass, offering thanksgiving to God for the gift of life and the wonder of our physical being, and praying for a healthy and rewarding experience for the runners. As the path of the race itself goes along College Street outside the cathedral it will be somewhat noisy for us during the Sunday morning Masses, but without earthly races, how would we ever understand the great metaphor that St Paul used: “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” (I Cor 9.24-25)

The 2nd of September – this Wednesday - is the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral, a very special Solemnity for us here at St Marys, and a Feastday throughout the Archdiocese of Sydney. There is a Plenary indulgence for visiting the Cathedral on the anniversary of its Dedication and fulfilling the usual conditions for Indulgences.

For our Year of Saints at the Cathedral, this week I just want to list all the saints who are commemorated on 2nd September in the Roman Martyrology, the official daily list of saints and blessed in the Church. Because the Anniversary of Dedication always takes precedence, they would not otherwise get a mention:

- St Zeno, a Roman soldier martyred around AD303;
- St Theodota and her sons Ss Evodius, Hermogenes and Callistus, believed to have been martyred in the early 4th Century;
- St Antoninus, another 4th Century martyr, who was a stonemason and according to tradition was killed by pagans because he had destroyed their idols;
- St Prosper of Tarragona, an 8th Century bishop who had to flee his city in Spain due to the Arab invasion;
- St Justus of Lyon, a holy 4th Century bishop;
- St Elpidius, a 4th Century monk;

- St Nonnosus, a 6th Century monk in Italy;
- St Syagrius, Bishop of Autun in France who died in the year AD600
- St Agricola of Avignon, a holy bishop in the 7th Century;
- St Albert and St Vitus, two medieval monks from Lombardy, not to be confused with some other saints who have the same names;
- St Brocard, who was one of the first leaders of the hermit monks on Mount Carmel later formed into the Carmelite Order, he died about AD1231;
- Blessed Ingrid Elofsdotter, a holy Swedish woman who, after being widowed, became a Dominican nun in the 13th Century;
- Blessed Jean-Marie du Lau d'Allemans, Francois Joseph and Pierre-Louis de la Rochefoucauld, bishops, and ninety three other priests and religious imprisoned in a Carmelite convent at Paris and martyred in September 1792 during the French Revolution;
- Blessed Pierre-Jacques-Marie Vitalis, and twenty other clergy, killed around the same time in the Abbey of Saint-Germain-des-Pres in Paris by the revolutionary government out of hatred for the Church.

Let us all run the good race and win, with the saints, the prize of immortality. Our loving Lord Jesus want us to be with him.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

August – September 2026

			29 Saturday <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i> 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 <i>St Gregory the Great</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	4 Friday SPRING EMBER DAY	5 Saturday <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</i>	6 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour   Father's Day Appeal 6 September 2026	7 Monday	8 Tuesday <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
9 Wednesday <i>St Peter Claver</i> 7pm (Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria – Mention My Name Service) 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	10 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	11 Friday	12 Saturday <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	13 Sunday SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour 3pm Mass (Feast of Our Lady of Victories Concelebration)	14 Monday <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	15 Tuesday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>

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



Called & Gifted Discernment Process: Online with In-person Workshop

If you are wondering how God is calling you to serve Him, then the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is for you! This Process is designed to help Christians identify and nurture their spiritual gifts (charisms), both to represent Christ and to serve as a channel of God's goodness to others.

Commences Wednesday 2 September 2026.
Places are limited.

Register at
gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process.

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



Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Centenary Jubilee Celebrations at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa

Come join us as we give thanks for the past 100 years and entrust the future to the loving care of the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt.

Date: Sunday 13th September

Time: Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10am start. The celebration is to conclude at approximately 3pm.

The day will begin with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP followed by light refreshments and an official program. Parish bus groups are encouraged. An exhibition on the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary will be available for viewing in the Family Hall from 8:30am – 6:00pm.

To RSVP and for more information visit: www.schoenstatt.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.