



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



NINETEENTH 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 *1 Kings 19:9, 11-13*

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 84:9-14*

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. *R.*

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. *R.*

SECOND READING *Romans 9:1-5*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Ps 129:5*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 14:22-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Prayers for a safe and successful “City2Surf” for those who are running today (Sunday)!

We thank God with joy for the ordination of three new priests here yesterday. May their ministry be fruitful and their lives blessed!

This week, most of the priests of the Archdiocese will be away at an important clergy conference. Consequently there will be quite a few parishes without weekday Masses. Here at the cathedral we will have the usual timetable **EXCEPT: there will be no 6.45am Mass on Tuesday 11th August**, and Confession will have to end strictly at the notified finishing times, so that the priest can celebrate the following Mass.

This Saturday, 15th August, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. You can fulfil the obligation to attend Mass for the Assumption by going to our Friday evening 5.30pm Mass, or the Saturday 9am, 12noon or 6pm Mass.

If you attend the Saturday 6pm Mass to fulfil the obligation for the Assumption, then you can’t use that to fulfil your Sunday obligation, and will need to attend Mass on Sunday.

Remember: two obligations = two Masses.

If you have a serious reason for not being able to fulfill your obligation, your parish priest can dispense you. The Church doesn’t expect you to do the impossible. But if you are not at Mass on Sundays and major feastsdays, the whole People of God are less than we should be, and you’re not properly fulfilling the Commandment “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.”

In Australia, apart from every Sunday, there are only two Holy Days of Obligation each year: the Assumption 15th August, and the Nativity 25th December. The “obligation” to participate in Mass with the Church comes from the commitment we have made to follow Christ and love God and our neighbour.

May the week ahead be full of God’s grace for us all.

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

August 2026

		8 Saturday ST MARY OF THE CROSS 10.30am Priestly Ordinations PLEASE NOTE Today's 9am Mass, 11am Confessions and 12noon Mass are CANCELLED due to the Ordinations	9 Sunday	10 Monday St Laurence	11 Tuesday St Clare PLEASE NOTE Today's 6.45am Mass is CANCELLED
12 Wednesday St Jane Francis de Chantal 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	13 Thursday Sts Pontian & Hippolytus 6:30pm CITY COMPASS	14 Friday St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	15 Saturday The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TODAY'S MASSES 9am Mass 9am Latin Mass (Held in the Crypt) 12pm Mass 5.30pm Vespers 6pm Mass	16 Sunday Today's 10.30am Mass (St Mary's Cathedral College Confirmations)	17 Monday
19 Wednesday St John Eudes 7pm Organ Recital 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	20 Thursday St Bernard 6:30pm CITY COMPASS	21 Friday St Pius X	22 Saturday The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	23 Sunday	24 Monday St Bartholomew
					25 Tuesday St Louis 6.30pm Organs Showcase Tour (Hosted By: The Friends of St Mary's Cathedral)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



Campus Ministry

ACU

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Theology at the Pub

In celebration of our annual Mission Week, ACU Campus Ministry and the MacKillop Bakhita Law Students' Society invite all Sydney young adults to a fun evening at the pub!

SPECIAL GUEST
Dr. Robert Haddad
The legal situation for Christians during the persecutions of the Roman Empire:
The response of St Justin Martyr

Monday 10 August

6pm

The Orient Hotel
Lvl 3, The Rocks.

Free entry 18+ event

REGISTER NOW

Register with the QR Code or via Facebook

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

6:00PM - 8:00PM | THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 2026
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL COLLEGE - CHAPTER HALL
2 ST MARY'S RD, SYDNEY

SAINT OSCAR ROMERO "PERSONA EUCHARISTICA"

ARCHBISHOP
JOHN WILSON
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

Archbishop John Wilson was born in Sheffield on 4 July 1968 and educated in theology at the University of Leeds before entering priestly formation at the Venerable English College in Rome in 1989. During his seminary formation, he completed a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, and a Licence in Moral Theology at the Accademia Alfonsiana. He was ordained priest for the Diocese of Leeds on 29 July 1995.

In 2015 Pope Francis named him Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, ordained bishop in 2016, before becoming Archbishop of Southwark in 2019.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
www.satcathedral.org

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

Walk and pray with us for the Solemnity of the Assumption
SATURDAY AUGUST 15

From Mary MacKillop Chapel to St Brigid's Coogee

Gather at 9am
The day includes Mass for the Solemnity

Register Interest
<https://forms.gle/Uv3BszTtpH4LUTLS9>

Australian Catholic Historical Society Talk

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of St Patrick's Church Hill, at 2:00 PM on Sunday, 16 August.

The Topic: Fr Ted Kennedy and Redfern - A Personal Reflection. **Presenter:** Danny Gilbert
Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge.
Details of the programme on the ACHS website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.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.



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN CONCERTS 2026



WILD THINGS & GRAND DESIGNS

Music by Widor, Saint-Saëns (*Carnival des Animaux*)
Willan (*Introduction, Passacaglia & Fugue*)
World première of Sydney composer Adriel Sukumar's *Sonata*

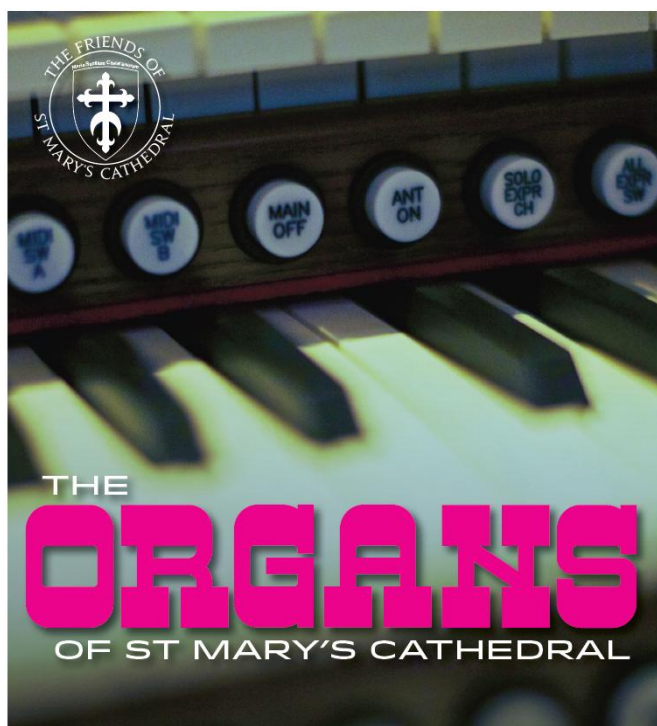
Patrick Newman

Assistant Organist
St Mary's Cathedral



Wednesday 19th August, 7pm

ADMISSION FREE • RETIRING COLLECTION



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



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FAITH FORMATION 2026

The Eucharist and Devotion

Rev Dr Benjamin
Johnson OFMCap

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



POSITION VACANT:

Parish Business Manager (Full-Time) St Patrick's Church Hill, The Rocks

Serve the Church at St Patrick's, The Rocks!
Supporting the parish priest, this professional
role manages finances, properties, compliance,
and contracts, ensuring our infrastructure is
ready for the 2028 International Eucharistic
Congress and beyond, for the spiritual mission
and long-term growth of the parish. You will be
supported by our office and maintenance
managers, and city parking is provided. For a
job description, or to apply, contact the Parish
Priest at parishpriest@stpatschurchhill.org by
Friday 21 August 2026.



Simplicity September

**This September, simplify one thing in
your life and discover what truly matters.**

Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to
participate and raise money for **Palms
International Volunteering**, Australia's only
Catholic lay organisation that delivers
international development and formation
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