



*St Mary's Cathedral*  
SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2026

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING *Sirach 27:30 - 28:7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 102:1-4, 9-12*

**R.** The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

## **SECOND READING** *Romans 14:7-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

***Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.***

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 18:21-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## WORD FROM THE DEAN

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Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This weekend we especially welcome members of the Maltese community, who will celebrate their annual Mass and procession in honour of Our Lady of Victories on Sunday afternoon. Merħba!

It is “Safeguarding Sunday” – an annual event on the second Sunday in September.

Safeguarding is the practical action we take to help people be safe and to prevent harm. In parish life, this can be as practical as clear supervision, safe volunteer practices, respectful communication, accessible reporting information and knowing what to do when something does not feel right.

In our cathedral parish the Safeguarding Support Officer is Ms Helen Morassut, and if you would like to speak with Helen you are welcome to contact her through the Cathedral Office. Of course, if you wish you may also speak with myself or one of the other cathedral priests about safeguarding, and you can always find more information and procedures around safeguarding especially of children and vulnerable adults in the noticeboards in the cathedral.

For our year of Saints at the Cathedral:

St Notburga, born around the year 1265, was a cook in the household of Count Henry of Rattenburg. She used to give food to the poor. Her mistress Ottilia ordered her to give any left over food to the pigs. Notburga then began to save some of her own food, especially during the Friday fast, to distribute to the needy. Ottilia dismissed her from her job. She went to work for a peasant farmer in the Austrian Tyrol. Duke Henry had meanwhile suffered difficulties, which he ascribed to his dismissal of Notburga, so he rehired her. Shortly before her death in 1313, Notburga told him to place her corpse on a wagon drawn by two oxen and to bury her where the oxen stopped. The oxen drew the wagon to the church at St Rupert near Eden, where Notburga was buried. Pope Pius IX canonised her in 1862. She is patron saint of servants and peasants.

Have a blessed week,

Fr Don Richadson, Dean

# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## September 2026

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|                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>12</b><br><i>Saturday</i><br><i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> | <b>13</b><br><i>Sunday</i><br><b>SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY</b><br><br>2pm Sunday Public Tour<br><br>2.30pm Rosary followed by 3pm Mass<br><i>(Feast of Our Lady of Victories Concelebration)</i> | <b>14</b><br><i>Monday</i><br><i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>                                 | <b>15</b><br><i>Tuesday</i><br><i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>              |                                                                     |
| <b>16</b><br><i>Wednesday</i><br><i>Sts Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i><br><br><b>6:30pm RCIA</b><br><i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i> | <b>17</b><br><i>Thursday</i><br><i>St Hildegard of Bingen</i><br><br><b>6:30pm CITY COMPASS</b>  | <b>18</b><br><i>Friday</i>                                        | <b>19</b><br><i>Saturday</i>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>20</b><br><i>Sunday</i><br><br>2pm Sunday Public Tour                                              | <b>21</b><br><i>Monday</i><br><i>St Matthew</i>                        | <b>22</b><br><i>Tuesday</i>                                         |
| <b>23</b><br><i>Wednesday</i><br><i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i><br><br><b>6:30pm RCIA</b><br><i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>      | <b>24</b><br><i>Thursday</i><br><br><b>6:30pm CITY COMPASS</b>                                   | <b>25</b><br><i>Friday</i>                                        | <b>26</b><br><i>Saturday</i>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>27</b><br><i>Sunday</i><br><b>WORLD REFUGEES &amp; MIGRATION DAY</b><br><br>2pm Sunday Public Tour | <b>28</b><br><i>Monday</i><br><i>St Lawrence Ruiz &amp; Companions</i> | <b>29</b><br><i>Tuesday</i><br><i>Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael</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

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY – 13 SEPTEMBER 2026



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office

### 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.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE  
**BE NOT AFRAID**  
SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2026  
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

THE WORLD  
THE FLESH & THE DEVIL  
BATTLE & VICTORY

The 2026 Be Not Afraid Men's Conference aims to help men overcome sins and temptations arising from the world, the flesh, and the devil in light of Christ's victory over evil.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
ARCHBISHOP  
ANTHONY FISHER OP

BISHOP  
RICHARD UMBERS

FATHER  
RONNIE MAREE

REAL TALK  
PAUL NINNES

FATHER  
LEWI BARAKAT

MASTER OF CEREMONY  
FR BEN SALIBA

REGISTER  
[TRYBOOKING.COM/DNTQF](https://trybooking.com/DNTQF)

## Sydney to Seoul World Youth Day 2027 Launch

Join us for the Memorial of the Korean Martyrs for the Sydney to Seoul World Youth Day Launch!

**Date:** Sunday 20 September 2026  
**Time:** 12:00 PM Mass & Confession at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Church Hill.  
1:00 PM Launch at Jacksons on George, with Korean-themed food and festivities.

More information and costings to be announced at the Launch.

## Australian Catholic Historical Society Talk

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00 PM on Sunday 20 September.

**The Topic:** Pope Leo XIV Canon Law Thesis on Leadership in the Augustinian Order

**Presenter:** Daniel Canaris  
Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome, and there is no charge.

Details of the programme are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

ST. PADRE PIO  
PARISH  
GLENMORE PARK

# Saint Padre Pio Feast Day

**20 SEPTEMBER 2026**

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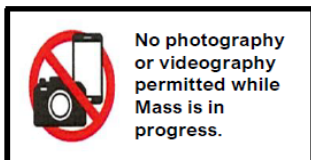
Thursday 17 September - 7:00pm  
Friday 18 September - 7:00pm  
Saturday 19 September - 5:30pm

**SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**

Procession followed by Mass,  
Veneration and blessing with  
St. Padre Pio's Relic &  
fellowship meal. - **10:00AM**

**Contact Details**  
(02) 4789 2232  
34 William Howell Drive,  
Glenmore Park 2745






## Didasko

FAITH FORMATION 2026

### Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and Corpus Christi

Professor Angus Brook  
Mondays 14, 21 and 28 September

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

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Mercy

Join us for 11 AM Mass at St. Joseph's  
Parish, followed by lunch at the convent.

**Date:** Thursday, 24 September 2026

**Time:** A special presentation and prayers at  
10:30 AM, Mass at 11 AM. Followed by  
lunch.

**Venue:** St Joseph's Parish, 2 Missenden  
Road, Camperdown NSW 2050

**RSVP** by 18 September by  
emailing [sydney@almamercy.org](mailto:sydney@almamercy.org)

## Nepal Floods Appeal

**Stand with communities affected by  
devastating flash floods.**

Your donation can help provide emergency shelter,  
food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection  
support.

**Donate now**

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