



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY FIFTH 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 *Isaiah 55:6-9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING *Philippians 1:20-24, 27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Acts 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 20:1-16*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

It is a busy weekend, as usual, at St Mary's. On Saturday we have the "2026 Be Not Afraid: Men's Conference"; and on Sunday there will be the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's Cathedral. A warm welcome to everyone attending those events.

For our Year of Saints at St Mary's Cathedral, here are some who are commemorated this week in the *Martyrology*:

Blessed Colomba Matylda Gabriel was born in what is now Ukraine but was at that time (1858) under Polish rule, to a wealthy family. She became a teacher, first in public schools and then in ones run by the Benedictines. She embraced a religious vocation herself, making her profession as a Benedictine Nun in 1882. Her leadership qualities meant that she was chosen as Abbess of the nuns in Lviv. In 1900 she transferred from Lviv to Rome, and there she encountered the terrible circumstances faced by homeless young women and the very poor. Responding to the needs of the marginalised and vulnerable, she founded the Benedictine Sisters of Charity in 1908 to provide them support. Compassionate and selfless, Bl. Columba died in 1926. She was beatified in 1993.

St Constantius of Ancona was a layman who served as the sacristan of the cathedral in St Stephen's Cathedral in that Italian city, back in the 5th Century. People recognised his holiness and miraculous powers. It was recorded that once, when Constantius was doing his work as sacristan, up a ladder filling the oil lamps in the church, a rude and angry person came in to the cathedral and began to mock and insult him, calling him a liar and accusing him of pride. Constantius rushed down the ladder and embraced the man, thanking him for having seen him as he was and telling him so. St Gregory the Great, writing about this, commented that this gave conclusive proof that Constantius was as great in humility as he was in miracles.

At Gaza in Palestine, in about 362 during the reign of Emperor Julian the Apostate, three brothers, Saints Eusebius, Nestabus and Zeno, were attacked by a mob of pagans, and violently killed. A companion, Saint Nestor, was attacked at the same time and died of his wounds three days later. Gaza was known in this period as a stronghold of traditional pagan worship, and it reacted to Julian's brief pagan restoration with particular hostility toward its Christian minority.

May the saints continue to assist us with their prayers!

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

September – October 2026

		19 <i>Saturday</i> CAS Life, Marriage & Family Office (Annual Be Not Afraid Men's Conference)		20 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	21 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Matthew</i>	22 <i>Tuesday</i>
23 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	24 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	25 <i>Friday</i>	26 <i>Saturday</i>	27 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD REFUGEES & MIGRATION DAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour	28 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i>	29 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael</i>
30 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Jerome</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	1 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	2 <i>Friday</i> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	3 <i>Saturday</i>	4 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Mass (Tongan Catholic Community Australia - 50 Year Golden Jubilee Celebration) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	5 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i> Public Holiday Mass at 9am	6 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Bruno</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



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.

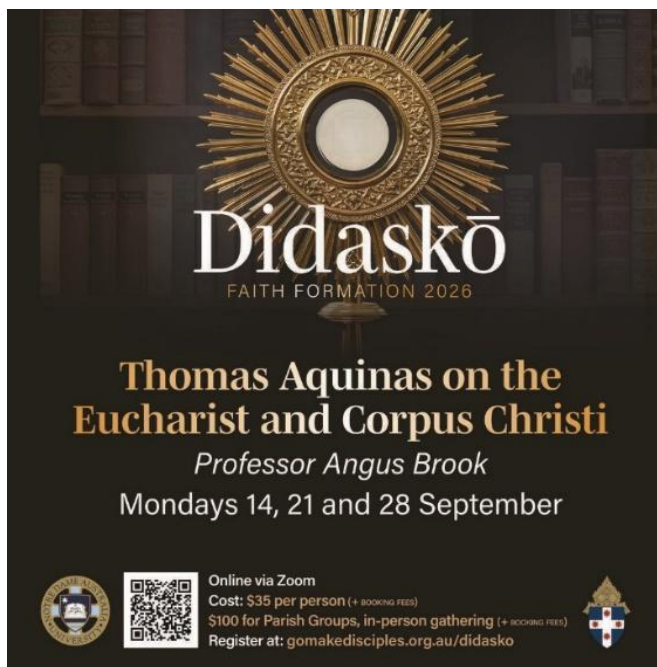
Australian Catholic Historical Society Talk

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 as well as resources on church history and YouTube videos are on the website

<https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>



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

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



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. 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.

ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES

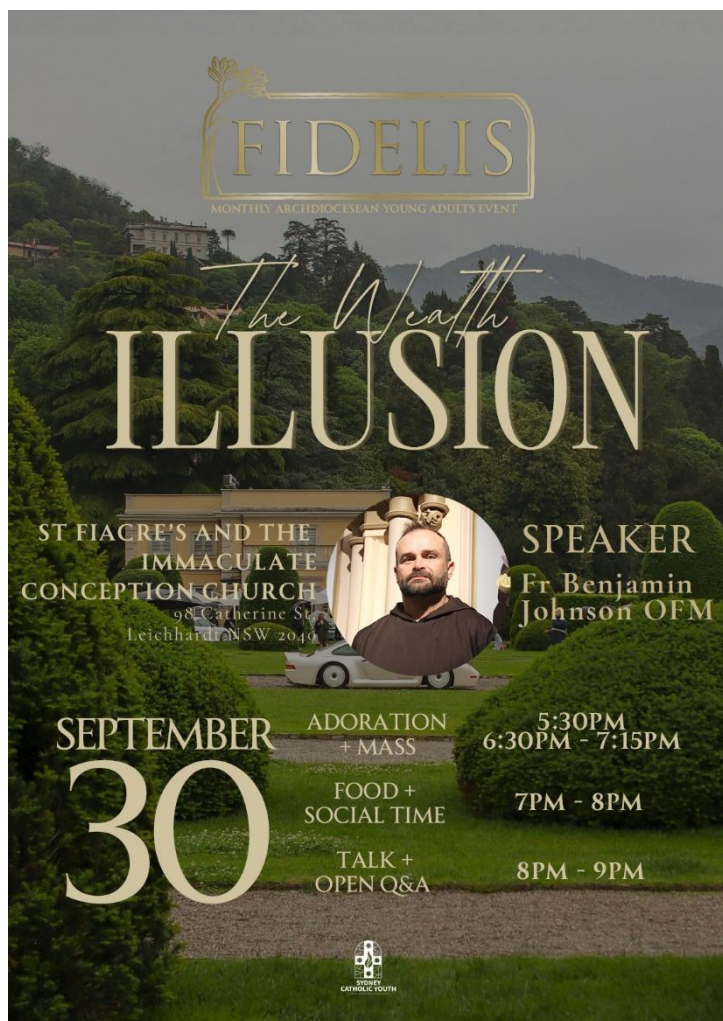
The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this Mass.



Please note: you can continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.



Courage Musical

A Story of Bravery, Destiny, and Courage under Fire.

Step into the world of a legend - the original knight in shining armour!

Watch as St George faces his greatest trial: a fearsome dragon, an Empire in peril, and the courage to stand firm when all hope seems lost.

Come and join us for an evening of romance, of adventure, of satire; as we discover the true story behind the legend of George and the Dragon.

Where: St Peter's Parish Surry Hills (1880 – Parish Hall) 235 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills

When:

Friday 9 October at 7:00PM
Saturday 10 October at 2:00PM and 7:00PM
Sunday 11 October at 2:00 PM

Booking via this link:

www.trybooking.com/DOUBL



WITH ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL ORGANISTS

Wed. 21st October, 7pm

SIMON NIEMIŃSKI

'From Tea For Two to Symphony Six'

Premières of new organ arrangements of
Shostakovich's *Festive Overture*, *Tahiti-Trot* and *Symphony No. 6*

Wed. 18th November, 7pm

DANIEL JUSTIN

'Echoes of the Masters'

Weaver *Passacaglia* on a theme by Dunstable

Karg-Elert *Partita in E major*

Tambling Flourish for the Flutes

Hendrie *Toccata and Fugue (Le Tombeau de Marcel Dupré)*

Concerts last 1 hour

Sunday 20th December
3.30pm

A concert for
Christmas

Olivier Messiaen's *La
Nativité du Seigneur*
played by Simon Niemiński

Preceding the Cathedral Carol Service at 4.30pm

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