



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY THIRD 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 *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 94:1-2, 6-9*

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 13:8-10*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 18:15-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN

Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

As “Fathers’ Day” occurs this weekend in Australia, I want to wish all the fathers who come to Mass here at St Mary’s Cathedral and at St Columbkille’s, Woolloomooloo, and St Philip Howard’s, Norfolk Island, a very blessed day!

Each year around Fathers’ Day we have a special collection for the Priests’ Retirement Foundation. The Foundation helps to ensure that the priests of our Archdiocese can receive the accommodation, health care, and support they need when they retire from parish life due to age or illness. Please consider giving to the Foundation, there are special envelopes available for the collection this weekend or you can give online to the Foundation at this address: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf/>

(Yes, obviously I have an interest in the appeal, as I will have to offer my resignation from parish ministry to the Archbishop when I turn 75! But that is years away...)

For our Year of Saints at the Cathedral, here’s a martyr saint with a Sydney connection, whom most of us have never heard of:

Blessed Giovanni Battista Mazzucconi was an Italian missionary priest who was martyred on Woodlark Island in Papua New Guinea in 1855. Here is part of his last letter:

“Tomorrow I will embark and Saturday, the day after tomorrow, I will already be on the high seas on my way to Woodlark. This year, when I was sailing to Sydney, on Wednesday of Holy Week, we were overtaken by a hurricane that ripped our sails and snapped our ropes and the top half of a mast. It then drove us hither and thither all over the sea without direction and with little hope, for four days, until the Easter sun shone again like some new thing above us, and we were truly like people raised from the dead.

Well, that God who saved me then will be with me again in this journey, and if I do not abandon him, He will be with me always, and while He is with me everything that can happen to me will always be a grace, a blessing for which I should thank Him. If in danger He wants to withdraw, or pretends to be asleep on the bow of the ship, like the Apostle, I will go to wake him and let him see my danger. And then if he does not want to listen, I will say: Lord, command me to come to you, and my soul will walk on the waters, it will go to his feet and be content forever.”

And, Tuesday this week is the Feast of Our Lady’s Birthday, so please, do something to please our Mother on her birthday!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

September 2026

		5 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</i>	6 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour  Father's Day Appeal 6 September 2026	7 <i>Monday</i>	8 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
9 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Peter Claver</i> 7pm (Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria – Mention My Name Service) 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	10 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm  CITY COMPASS	11 <i>Friday</i>	12 <i>Saturday</i> <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	13 <i>Sunday</i> SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2pm Sunday Public Tour 2.30pm Rosary followed by 3pm Mass (Feast of Our Lady of Victories Concelebration)	14 <i>Monday</i> <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	15 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
16 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>Sts Cornelius & Cyprian</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	17 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Hildegard of Bingen</i> 6:30pm  CITY COMPASS	18 <i>Friday</i>	19 <i>Saturday</i>	20 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	21 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Matthew</i>	22 <i>Tuesday</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



Donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day appeal

6 September 2026

**PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION**



The Priests' Retirement Foundation supports our sick or retired priests in many ways:

-  Accommodation and convalescent care for sick priests
-  Medical expenses
-  Transportation
-  Support with daily needs
-  Long-term sustainability as more priests enter retirement

3 ways to donate

-  Complete the parish envelope
-  Donate by phone 1800 753 959
-  Scan the QR code to go to our online donation page



www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-prf



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.**

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.

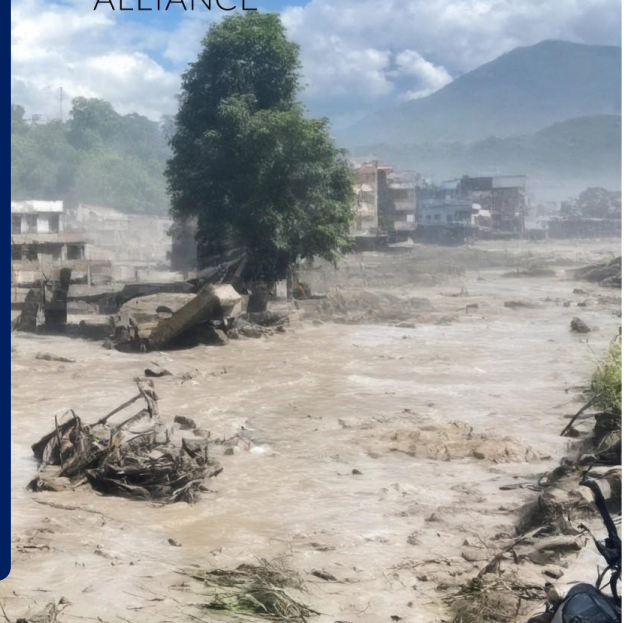
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Sydney to Seoul World Youth Day 2027 Launch

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.

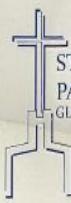
Australian Catholic Historical Society Talk

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 of the ACHS, as well as resources on church history and YouTube videos, are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>



ST. PADRE PIO
PARISH
GLENMORE PARK

Saint Padre Pio Feast Day

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

TRIDUUM

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**

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