



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY EIGHTH 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 25:6-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22*

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with

me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

As you admire the stained glass windows of our cathedral, your thoughts may turn to the artists who created them in England in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. And for our **Year of Saints** at St Mary's Cathedral, my thoughts go to Blessed James Grissinger, a stained-glass artist and Dominical lay-brother. He was born at Ulm in Germany in 1407, and after spending some time as a soldier, he left for a pilgrimage to Rome to visit the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Passing through Bologna he stayed there for some time and used to go to the church there wherein St Dominic is buried. He decided to enter the Dominican Order, not as a priest but as a lay-brother to work humbly in support of the friars. He was somewhat of a mystic in his spiritual life, and he became very skilled in the painting of glass for church windows. Two windows made by Blessed James are still in existence in Bologna; one in the chapel of the Bentivoglio palace, the other in the huge Basilica of St. Petronius.

This weekend we have the annual **Catholic Mission Parish Appeal**. There are special envelopes in the seats, or you can kindly give online - see the notice in this bulletin.

Next Sunday at the 10.30am Mass we will welcome back many couples who have been married in St Mary's Cathedral, as part of Life, Marriage and Family Sunday which is celebrated across our Archdiocese.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

October 2026

			10 <i>Saturday</i>	11 <i>Sunday</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour 2.30pm Mass (<i>Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass</i>)	12 <i>Monday</i>	13 <i>Tuesday</i>
			 Catholic Mission Appeal 10 & 11 October 2026			
14 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>St Callistus I</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	15 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	16 <i>Friday</i> <i>St Margaret Mary Alocoque</i> 4.30pm to 7pm Cathedral College St Carlo Acutis Parish Program 4.30pm Reconciliation 4.30pm – 4.50pm Rosary 5pm Vespers 5.30pm Mass 6.15pm Presentation by Katie Hobbs 6.30pm – 7pm Veneration of the Relics of St Carlo of Acutis	17 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	18 <i>Sunday</i> WORLD MISSION DAY 10.30am Mass (<i>St Mary's Cathedral Life Marriage and Family Sunday Concelebration</i>) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	19 <i>Monday</i> <i>St Philip Howard</i>	20 <i>Tuesday</i>
21 <i>Wednesday</i> 7pm Organ Recital  6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	22 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St John Paul II</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	23 <i>Friday</i> <i>St John of Capistrano</i> 5.30pm Mass (<i>Memorial Mass Concelebration for the Hungarian Community</i>)	24 <i>Saturday</i>	25 <i>Sunday</i> 10.30am Mass (<i>Adult Confirmation</i>) 2pm Sunday Public Tour 3pm Final Mass for the St Carlo Acutis Relic Tour	26 <i>Monday</i>	27 <i>Tuesday</i>

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



**Mission Appeal
10 & 11 October 2026**



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.



POSITION VACANT Assistant Sacristan

We are seeking a full-time role of Assistant Sacristan at St Mary's Cathedral.

This role involves hands-on preparation for Masses and other liturgical celebrations, including the care of vestments, altar linens, sacred vessels, and liturgical books. The Assistant Sacristan also contributes to the daily presentation and upkeep of sacred spaces and assists with Cathedral and Cathedral House activities as required.

For a comprehensive role overview and/or to apply, please visit <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au>

Applications close 17 October 2026.

Didasko
FAITH FORMATION 2026

The Eucharist and Morality
Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby
OFM Conv
Mondays 12, 19 and 26 October

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



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguarding@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.

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.







THE ST. CARLO ACUTIS MAJOR PILGRIM RELIC MISSION

Sydney



Scan here for details


AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 — Preserving Our Catholic Heritage —

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the **crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill**

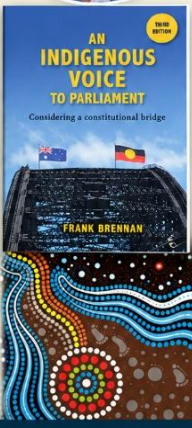

 at 2:00 PM on **Sunday 18 October 2026**


 The Topic: **The Australian Bishops and the Voice Referendum – 3 years on**


 Presenter: **Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO**


 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/>


ORGAN CONCERTS 2026
at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

WITH ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL ORGANISTS

Wed. 21st October, 7pm SIMON NIEMIŃSKI
'From Tea For Two to Symphony Six'
 Premieres of new organ arrangements of Shostakovich's *Festive Overture*, *Tahiti-Trot* and *6th Symphony*

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)*

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

ADMISSION FREE · RETIRING COLLECTION

YOU'RE INVITED
 to the opening night of

Photographic exhibition
 Experience a century of mission through the lens of hope.

Friday 23 October 2026
 6–8 pm
 Australian Catholic University
 Level 12, Tenison Woods House
 8–20 Napier Street, North Sydney NSW 2060

EXHIBITION CONTINUES
 23 Oct – 9 Nov 2026

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