



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



TWENTY NINTH 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 45:1, 4-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10*

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Philippians 2:15-16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today, across our Archdiocese of Sydney, is **Life Marriage and Family Sunday**. This annual celebration is to acknowledge married couples by commemorating wedding anniversaries and especially by participating in the Eucharist. Each parish in the Archdiocese is encouraged to celebrate this in their Masses today so each couple's love serves as a witness for the members in their local community. This parish focus is a change from the past few years, where one big event for the whole Archdiocese was held here in the cathedral at the 10.30 Solemn Mass.

I am glad that now this lets us concentrate on acknowledging the many couples who have been married right here at St Mary's Cathedral and people of our own cathedral community who are celebrating special anniversaries. I extend a very warm welcome to all the married couples who have come especially today, and indeed to all the married couples present this weekend!

For our special Year of Saints at St Mary's Cathedral, today I want to mention the Patron Saint of our parish on Norfolk Island, St Philip Howard, who is commemorated on October 19th. He was Canonised in 1970 as one of the group of Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. Philip Howard was the Earl of Arundel, the son of the Duke of Norfolk, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England. He fell from favour with Queen Elizabeth when he embraced the Catholic faith, and attempted to leave England, but he was arrested. Philip was charged with treason - among other things he was accused of praying for the success of the Spanish Armada - condemned to death and thrown into prison in the Tower of London. He was not to see his wife and children ever again. Elizabeth never signed his death-warrant and he remained locked up in the Tower for ten years and then, worn down by privations, he died of dysentery in 1595, aged 38. In his imprisonment he was wonderfully devoted to prayer and penance. If you visit the Tower, you can still see the words in Latin scratched by St Philip Howard into the stone wall of his cell: ***Quanto plus afflictiones pro Christo in hoc saeculo, tanto plus gloriae cum Christo in futuro.*** ("The more affliction for Christ in this life, the more glory with Christ in the life to come."). If you visit Norfolk Island, be sure to go to our Catholic parish church, St Philip Howard's.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

October – November 2026

		17 Saturday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	18 Sunday WORLD MISSION DAY 10.30am Mass (<i>St Mary's Cathedral Life Marriage and Family Sunday Concelebration</i>) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	19 Monday <i>St Philip Howard</i>	20 Tuesday
21 Wednesday 7pm Organ Recital  6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	22 Thursday <i>St John Paul II</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	23 Friday <i>St John of Capistrano</i> 5.30pm Mass (<i>Memorial Mass Concelebration for the Hungarian Community</i>)	24 Saturday	25 Sunday 10.30am Mass (<i>Adult Confirmation</i>) 2pm Sunday Public Tour 3pm Final Mass for the St Carlo Acutis Relic Tour	26 Monday
27 Tuesday	28 Wednesday <i>Sts Simon & Jude</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	29 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	30 Friday	31 Saturday	1 Sunday ALL SAINTS 2pm Sunday Public Tour
2 Monday ALL SOULS' DAY	3 Tuesday <i>St Martin de Porres</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

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



THE ST. CARLO ACUTIS MAJOR PILGRIM RELIC MISSION
Sydney

Scan here for details

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'
Premières 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

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Didaskō Faith Formation: The Eucharist and Morality

Join Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby OFM Conv as he explores how our sharing in the Eucharistic mystery becomes the source for a life lived in imitation of and communion with Christ. Since Christ has promised that 'He who eats me will live because of me' (Jn 6:57), "the mystery believed and celebrated contains an innate power making it the principle of new life within us and the form of our Christian existence" (Sacramentum Caritatis, n. 70).

Dates: Mondays 19, and 26 October 2026. **Time:** 7:30pm-8:45pm. **Mode:** Online via Zoom

Cost: \$35 per person (+booking fees) or \$100 per parish group (+ booking fees)

More information: <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/>

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 use the plate as usual.



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.



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



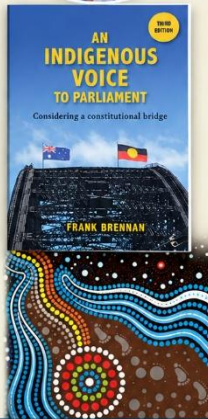
The Topic:
**The Australian Bishops
and the Voice Referendum –
3 years on**



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/>

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6-8 pm**

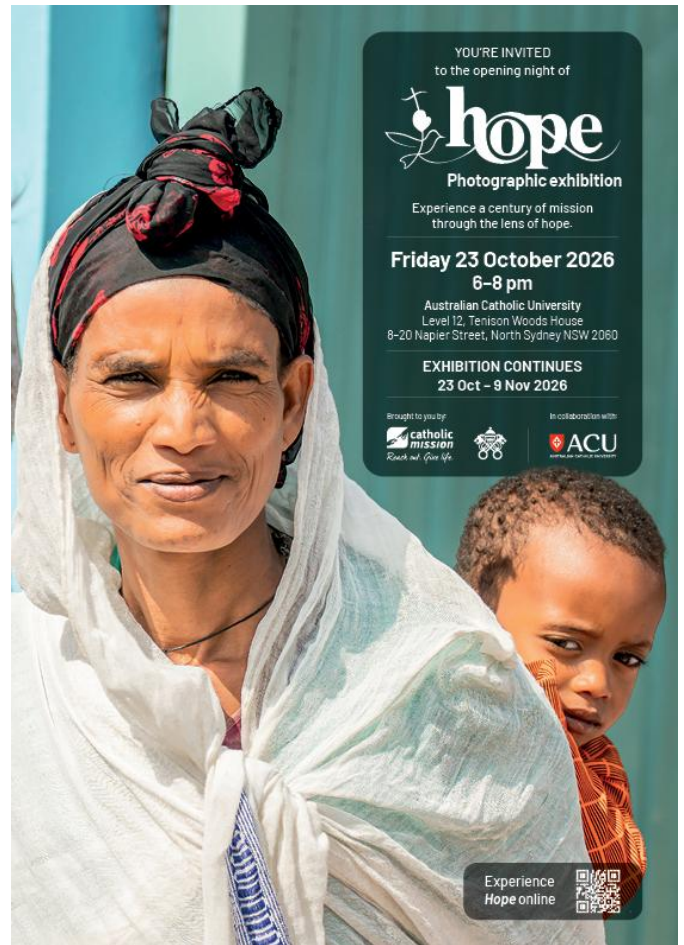
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Level 12, Tenison Woods House
8-20 Napier Street, North Sydney NSW 2060

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE JAPANESE MARTYRS

Kyoto to Nagasaki Pilgrimage

MONDAY 26 JULY -
WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2027

ESTIMATED \$7,600-\$8,100 PER PERSON



THE WAY OF THE SOUTH KOREAN MARTYRS

SUNDAY 25 JULY -
WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2027

ESTIMATED \$6,900-\$7,400 PER PERSON



WORLD YOUTH DAY DIRECT

SATURDAY 31 JULY -
MONDAY 9 AUGUST 2027

ESTIMATED \$5,100-\$5,600 PER PERSON



HANDS & HEARTS

Cambodia Mission

MONDAY 26 JULY -
WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2027

ESTIMATED \$6,500-\$7,000 PER PERSON



INCLUDED

- International airfares
- Airport transfers & retreat transfers
- Coach travel & English speaking guided tours and entry fees
- Multi-share accommodation in hotels in South Korea
- Most group meals together
- WYD Registration & Packs (inclusive of meal tickets and transport vouchers)
- Sydney to Seoul WYD27 Merchandise

EXCLUDED

- Travel insurance
- Passport & visa costs (if applicable)
- Post-WYD Retreat (optional for WYD direct)



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SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/WYD-SEOUL-2027
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IN PERSON with **BILL DONAGHY**

THEOLOGY of the BODY & ART

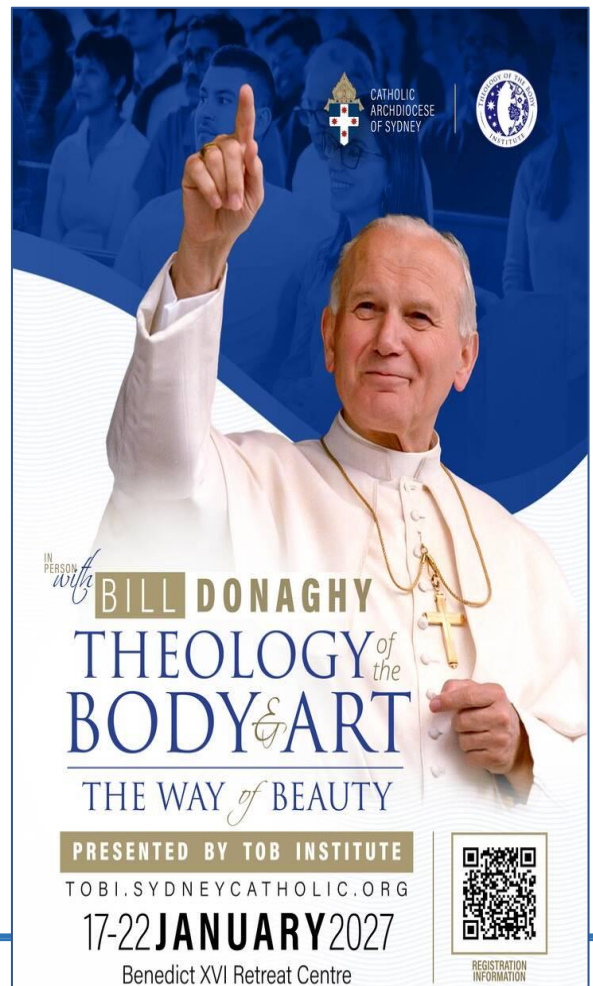
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