St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN

ALL SAINTS

2026

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

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ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,

MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 23:1-6*

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. ***R.***

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. ***R.***

He shall receive blessings from the Lord?
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. ***R.***

SECOND READING *1 John 3:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of St John
We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN

Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

All Saints Day! Another name for it, using an older form of English, is “All Hallows.” (Here in the Archdiocese of Sydney, the parish at Five Dock is “All Hallows”, and the parish at Liverpool is “All Saints.”) This is a wonderful celebration for the whole Church. As the entry for this feast in the *Roman* Martyrology says:

The Solemnity of All Saints, who are with Christ in glory: in a single joyful celebration, Holy Church, while yet a pilgrim on earth, venerates the memory of those in whose company heaven exults, that she may be stirred by their example, rejoice in their intercession and triumph, and be crowned in the sight of the Divine Majesty for ages unending.

And then, All Saints is followed immediately by All Souls Day, November 2nd:

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed: Holy Mother Church, which has just celebrated with due praise all her children who are rejoicing in heaven, hastens to intercede with God for the souls of all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. She intercedes for all those from the foundation of the world whose faith is known to the Lord alone, that purged from taint of sin, and having entered the company of the citizens of heaven, they may be found worthy to rejoice in the vision of eternal beatitude.

On All Souls Day one may obtain a Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to a soul in Purgatory, by visiting a church and praying an Our Father and a Creed; and each day in the week of All Saints, 1-8 November, a Plenary Indulgence applicable to souls may be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead. The Cathedral Crypt is a cemetery, so you may visit it and pray there to obtain that indulgence. The grants of indulgences are, of course, subject to the usual conditions:

- **Be in a state of grace**; **Have complete detachment from all sin**, even venial sin; **Receive Confession** (ordinarily within about 20 days before or after. One confession can cover multiple indulgences*);* **Receive Holy Communion** for each indulgence; **Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father** (such as an *Our Father* and a *Hail Mary*).

We continue praying especially for the souls of the faithful departed throughout November.

And having mentioned All Saints Liverpool and All Hallows Five Dock, I should also say that the parish church at North Leichardt is dedicated to St Columba and the Holy Souls!

This coming week, as Christian people, we ought to have a heightened awareness of our duty of prayer for the living and the dead. It is a great work of faith, hope and love.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

NOVEMBER MASSES

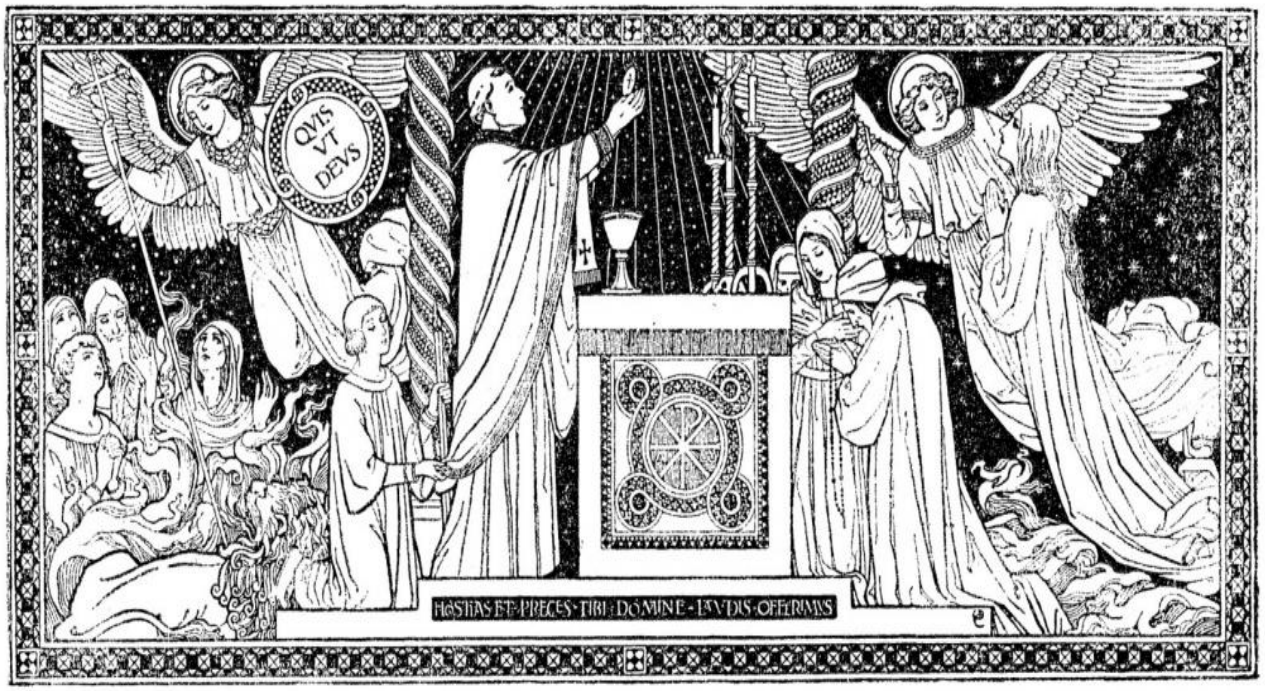
Dear Parishioners

Throughout November, Catholics pray especially for the souls of those have died, and it is customary to have Masses offered for the souls of our deceased relatives and friends. "November Mass" envelopes are available in the cathedral. You can write the names of those for whom you wish Mass to be celebrated on the envelope. Envelopes can be given at the Cathedral Office or left on the collection plate at Mass.

The NSW Bishops have set the offering to be made to the priest for November Masses at twenty dollars for each Mass.

The stipend is considered a gift to the priest who celebrates the Mass and a way for the donors to join themselves more closely to the holy sacrifice by making an offering from their own resources.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.



UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

October – November 2026

			31 *Saturday* CWF November Appeal 31st October & 1st November 2026	**1** *Sunday* **ALL SAINTS** **2pm Sunday Public Tour**	**2** *Monday* **ALL SOULS' DAY**	**3** *Tuesday* *St Martin de Porres*
4 *Wednesday* *St Charles Borromeo* **6:30pm RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	**5** *Thursday* **6:30pm CITY COMPASS**	**6** *Friday*	**7** *Saturday*	**8** *Sunday* ***PRISON SUNDAY*** **10.30am Mass** ***(Investiture of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem)*** **6pm Mass** ***(Candidacy for Seminary)*** **2pm Sunday Public Tour**	**9** *Monday* *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*	**10** *Tuesday* *St Leo the Great*
11 *Wednesday* *St Martin of Tours* **6:30pm RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	**12** *Thursday* *St Josaphat* **6:30pm CITY COMPASS**	**13** *Friday*	**14** *Saturday*	**15** *Sunday* ***WORLD DAY OF THE POOR*** **2pm Sunday Public Tour**	**16** *Monday* *St Margaret of Scotland*	**17** *Tuesday* *St Elizabeth of Hungary*

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 Charitable Works Fund Appeal

31 October & 1 November 2026

Your generous support today will help us continue the vital charitable works of the Catholic Church. Help advance our faith and care for those who need it most.

Give generously.
Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.

ORGAN CONCERTS 2026
at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

WITH ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL ORGANISTS

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 Evangelisation

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament draws us into the life of Jesus, enabling us to know God's will for us. It should lead us to be filled with compassion for those who suffer and to act to share in the compassion of Jesus for His people. Furthermore, Adoration helps us recognise that the greatest suffering is not knowing God's love, and this impels us to evangelise. Discover, in this course, how the Eucharist is the most powerful gift God gives us for the transformation of the world.

Dates: Mondays 9, 16, and 23 November 2026
Time: 7:30 - 8:45 PM
Mode: Online via Zoom
Cost: $35 per person (+booking fees) or $100 per parish group (+ booking fees)
More information:
https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/

No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

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.

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. 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.