St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2026

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

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ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,

MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

A reading from the book of Proverbs
Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 127:1-5*

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ***R.***

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ***R.***

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. ***R.***

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not

belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 15:4, 5*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."'

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

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

I am pleased to say that we will soon have a seminarian on pastoral placement here in the cathedral parish. Mr Patrick Laurente, a student at our Archdiocesan Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush will be with us from next Sunday for about a year. Do please make Patrick feel welcome to our parish!

After three years as Assistant Priest here at the cathedral, Fr Roberto Keryakos has been appointed by the Archbishop as Administrator of the Erskineville Parish, commencing in January when the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, who have cared for Erskineville Parish since 1986, withdraw. Congratulations to Fr Roberto on this significant appointment, and to the people of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at Erskineville on their next shepherd!

Next Sunday 22nd November is the Feast of Christ the King. The annual “Walk With Christ” Eucharistic Procession through the streets of the city will be held in the afternoon and will conclude in the cathedral square. Gather for the start of the procession, which moves off at 2.30pm, in Martin Place. This event grows larger each year and is an exciting preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress which we will host in 2028!

For our Year of Saints at St Mary’s Cathedral :

Blessed Franciszka (Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd) Siedliska was born in Poland in 1875. Though Catholics her parents were not very religious, but young Franciszka was greatly inspired by the priest who prepared her for her First Holy Communion and resolved to offer herself wholeheartedly to God. As a young adult she wished to become a nun but her parents were strongly opposed. After the death of her father in 1870 she resolved to pursue her vocation and felt called to found an order of sisters. She was granted an audience with Pope Pius IX in 1873 (incidentally just a few months after our own St Mary MacKillop met with him) and with the Pope’s blessing two years later there in Rome she founded her Congregation, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Theirs is a life of prayer and pastoral ministry to families. The Congregation grew, spreading from Italy to other parts of Europe, North and South America, and here in Australia. Franciszka died in 1902. Recognising her holy and virtuous life, she was Beatified by Pope St John Paul II in 1986.

With prayerful good wishes for the week ahead,

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

November 2026

			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*
18 *Wednesday* *Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul* **Today's 5.30pm Mass *(Red Wednesday)*** **7pm Organ Recital** **6:30pm RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	19 *Thursday* **6:30pm CITY COMPASS**	20 *Friday*	21 *Saturday* *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	22 *Sunday* **CHRIST THE KING** **Walk with Christ** **1pm Festival in Martin Place.** **2.30pm Procession begins from the Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St.** **2pm Sunday Public Tour**	23 *Monday* *St Clement I*	24 *Tuesday* *Sts Andrew Dung Lac & Companions*
25 *Wednesday* *St Catherine of Alexandria* **6:30pm RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	26 *Thursday* **6:30pm CITY COMPASS**	27 *Friday*	28 *Saturday*	29 *Sunday* **First Sunday of Advent** ***12pm Blessing of the Nativity Scene (Cathedral Forecourt)*** **2pm Sunday Public Tour**	30 *Monday* *St Andrew*	

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia and New Zealand:

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

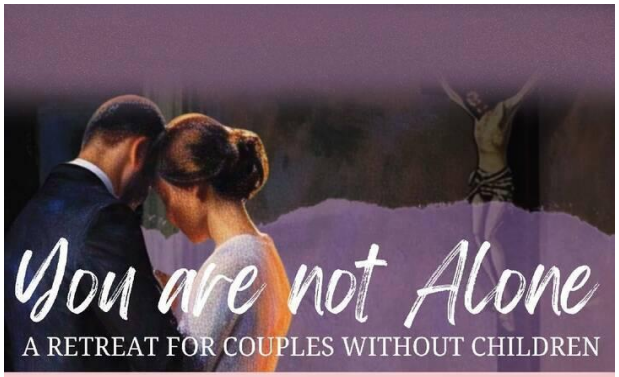
Red Wednesday is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red.

Please join us for Mass @ St Mary's Cathedral, SYDNEY Wednesday 18 November 5:30pm

You can also visit rednovember.org to learn more.







You are not Alone

A RETREAT FOR COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN

This retreat day is for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or still-birth, including those who are still hoping to conceive. Though you may experience pain, grief, and shame, with the support of others and the love of God, ***you are not alone***.



Saturday 21 November 2026
9am - 4pm
38 Renwick St Leichhardt

$40 per married couple

EMMANUEL COMMUNITY

Registration

LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

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

ADMISSION FREE · RETIRING COLLECTION

Little Sisters of the Poor
HOSPITALITY AT HEART

An *Advent* Retreat



Friday, 4th (6pm) to Sunday 6th (3pm), December, 2026

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"
JOHN 1:14

The Little Sisters of the Poor invite single, Catholic women aged 18–40 to an Advent Retreat guided by Fr. Duncan Wong, FSSP.

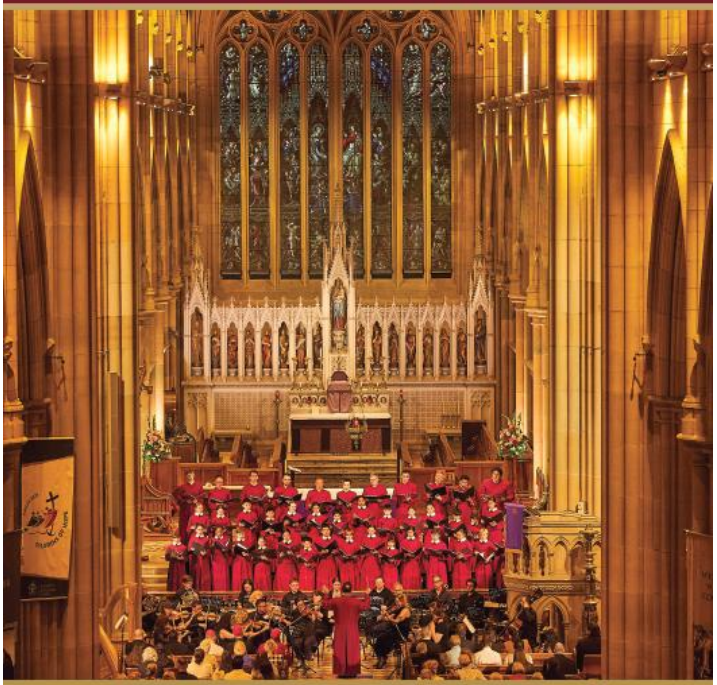
"Come away and rest a while" in the Lord while discovering the Mystery of Christmas!

To register or for more information please contact
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THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY PRESENTS

CAROLS AT THE CATHEDRAL 2026

Christmas music by Michael & Hieronymus Praetorius
St Mary's Cathedral Choir · The Cathedral Scholars · St Mary's Singers · Sinfonia Australis



Featuring *Magnificat quinti toni*, *Puer natus in Bethlehem* and *In dulci jubilo*,
with Scripture readings, a homily by the Archbishop of Sydney and congregational carols.

SCAN TO BOOK
stmarycathedral.org.au/Carols2026

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER
11AM & 7PM
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

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



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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.

No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.