St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2026

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Wisdom 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 62:2-8*

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. ***R.***

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. ***R.***

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. ***R.***

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***R.***

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 24:42, 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

Today (Sunday) we welcome the knights and dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem for their annual Investiture of new members. This will take place at 10.30am led by Bishop Richard Umbers, and is followed immediately by the usual Solemn Mass. We are honoured to have His Eminence Mario Cardinal Grech visiting from Rome, and he will be the Principal Celebrant of the 10.30 Mass. Cardinal Grech is Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops.

For our year of Saints at St Mary's Cathedral, this week I would like to mention:

Blessed John Slade, who was born in Dorset in England and studied at Oxford. He did not accept King Henry VIII's supremacy in religious matters and as a Catholic he was expelled from his college at Oxford and prohibited from practising law. He worked as a school tutor, but was arrested as "a very dangerous Papist," sentenced to death for high treason, imprisoned at Winchester and executed by being hanged, drawn and quartered in 1583.

Blessed Terence Albert O'Brien OP was born in 1601 in Limerick, Ireland. He was a direct descendent of the 11th Century Irish High King, Brian Boru. At the age of 21 he entered the Dominican order and in due course was sent for further studies in Spain. Returning to Ireland after several years he became Provincial of all the Dominican friars in Ireland and was consecrated a bishop in 1647. The army of Oliver Cromwell, the Protestant 'Lord Protector' who had triumphed in the English Civil War and abolished the monarchy, came to Ireland and arrived in Limerick in 1651, besieging and eventually capturing the city. Cromwell's troops found Bishop O'Brien caring for wounded Irish soldiers in a hospital, as he had been throughout the siege, and arrested him. They offered to spare him if he would renounce his Catholic faith, which he refused to do, so he was condemned, and hanged to death. His body was then beheaded and the head put on a spike at the city gates. He was fifty years old.

These two *Beati* were steadfast in their faith in Christ and his holy Catholic Church, and testify to the freedom that comes from fidelity to the truth: for God is faithful. May their prayers help us in our moments of temptation!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

November 2026

			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*
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 Pit St.** **2pm Sunday Public Tour**	23 *Monday* *St Clement I*	24 *Tuesday* *Sts Andrew Dung Lac & Companions*

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.

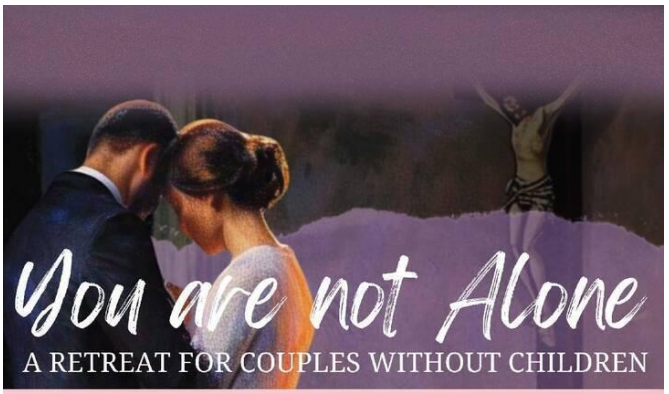
Red Wednesday is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red.

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

You can also visit rednovember.org to learn more.

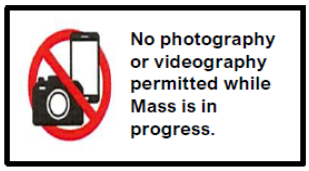






This retreat day is for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or still-birth, including those who are still hoping to conceive. Though you may experience pain, grief, and shame, with the support of others and the love of God, ***you are not alone.***







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

stmaryscathedral.org.au/Carols2026

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER

11AM & 7PM

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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.