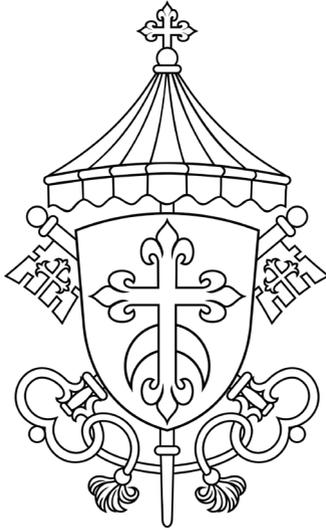


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Votive Mass for Persecuted Christians

Wednesday 25 November
5.30pm

WELCOME

to St Mary's Cathedral which stands in the centre of Sydney as a Christian statement of grace and beauty. Generations of artists have bequeathed to it their magnificent gifts in stone and glass, designing a unique space of solace and prayer within this vibrant city. This Cathedral represents the spiritual origins of the Catholic Church in Australia. It is one of Sydney's most treasured historic buildings and one of the finest examples of English-style gothic churches in the world. William Wilkinson Wardell, the 19th century architect, dreamed of a gothic structure shaped from the local yellow-block sandstone on which this city is built. The building was finally completed 100 years after the architect's death. The Cathedral is dedicated to Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, Help of Christians.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

At this time the sung responses are made by the Choir on behalf of all.

RED WEDNESDAY 2020

Red Wednesday is a day to gather to draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs. Cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Catholic charity dedicated to the support of suffering and persecuted Christians. In Australia, Red Wednesday will take place on the 25 November however some places will host Red Wednesday events throughout the week.

It is clear that the persecution of Christians is worse today than at any time in history. In terms of the number of people involved, the gravity of the acts committed, and their impact, not only are Christians more persecuted than any other faith group, but ever-increasing numbers are experiencing the worst forms of persecution.

The purpose of Red Wednesday is to join together and raise a strong voice in support of the persecuted who are unable to speak freely, and who look to us - their brothers and sisters in Christ - to speak on their behalf.

<https://aidtochurch.org>

**TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY,
PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

ORDER OF MASS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

Psalm 73:20,19, 22, 23, 1

RESPICE, Domine, in testamentum tuum, et animas pauperum tuorum ne derelinquas in finem: exsurge Domine, et iudica causam tuam: et ne obliviscaris voces quaerentium te. ☩ Ut quid Deus repulisti in finem: iratus est furor tuus super oves pascuae tuae?

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you. ☩ Why, O God, have you cast us off for ever? Why blaze with anger at the sheep of your pasture?

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Celebrant says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

☩ **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After a brief silence all say

I CONFESS to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast thrice, saying

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The Celebrant gives the absolution, saying

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

☩ **Amen.**

The Choir sings the KYRIE
from Mass for three voices

William Byrd (c.1540–1623)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant says the COLLECT

℟: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Apocalypse 15:1-4

The Choir sings the ALLELUIA

℣. *Psalm 58:2*

Alleluia.

℣ Eripe me de inimicis meis, Deus meus: et ab insurgentibus in me libera me.

Rescue me, God, from my foes; protect me from those who attack me.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:12-19

HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Choir sings the OFFERTORY MOTET

Giammatteo Asola (1532–1609)

AD te Domine levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam:
neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te exspectant, non
confundentur.

*To you, my God, I have lifted my soul. In you I trust, I shall not be put to shame. Let not
my enemies mock me, for no one who waits for you will be put to shame.*

The Celebrant says

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God, the almighty Father.

℟: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Celebrant says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

℟: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

℣: The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

℣: Lift up your hearts.

℟: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

℣: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟: **It is right and just.**

THE PREFACE

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The Choir sings the SANCTUS

from Mass XVI

Plainchant

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

∩ The mystery of faith.

⌘ **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer:

∩ Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

⌘ **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

℟: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

℟: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

The Choir sings the AGNUS DEI

from Mass XVI

Plainchant

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant shows the host to the congregation, saying

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

℟: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion.
The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.*

The Choir sings the COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Matthew 5:8-10

BEATI mundo corde, quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt: beati pacifici, quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur: beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter iustitiam, quoniam ipsorum est regnum cælorum.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God; blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God; blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

During Holy Communion the Choir sings the AGNUS DEI

from Mass for three voices

William Byrd

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The Celebrant says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

℟: **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**