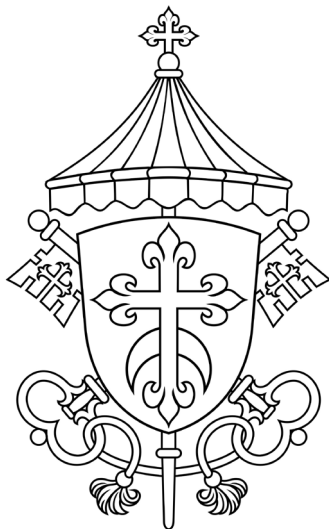


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass

First Sunday
of Advent

28 November 2021
10.30am

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.

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is the oldest musical institution in Australia. In 1818 a group of choristers was formed to sing Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament in the Dempsey household, the centre of Catholic worship in the penal colony. After the establishment of St Mary's Cathedral in 1833 the successors of these choristers formed the permanent Cathedral Choir. In faithfulness to the Benedictine English tradition from which the Cathedral's founders came, the Choir is formed of men and boys, preserving the historical character of Catholic liturgical and musical heritage. St Mary's is the only Catholic Cathedral in Australia to have an on-site Choir School where the twenty-four boy choristers are educated. The other parts of the Choir are provided by lay clerks who are professional singers. The Choir's primary function is to sing Vespers and Mass in the Cathedral which it does almost daily, but it has also undertaken several international tours, recordings and concert projects.

REGULAR CHORAL SERVICES

Sunday	1030	Solemn Mass <i>Full Choir</i>
	1700	Solemn Vespers and Benediction <i>Men's voices</i>
Monday	1700	Vespers <i>Men's voices</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Senior Choristers & Men</i>
Tuesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cantor</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Boys' voices</i>
Wednesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Junior Choristers & Scholars</i>
Thursday	1700	Vespers <i>Men's voices</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Men's voices</i>

Download the weekly Music List at <http://musiclists.cathedralchoir.sydney>

**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 and sing

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

cf. Psalm 24:1-4

AD te levavi animam meam: Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam: neque
Irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur.
V. Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me.

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.
V. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.*

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Archbishop says

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

R. **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

R. **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 Archbishop gives the absolution, saying

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

R. **Amen.**

The Choir sings the KYRIE

from Mass for four voices

William Byrd (c.1540–1623)

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

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

The Archbishop says the COLLECT

℟. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

**UNDER THE CURRENT NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
UNVACCINATED ADULTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SING
INDOORS.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:4-5,8-9,10,14



℟. **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. ℟.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. ℟.

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and law.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. ℟.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings the ALLELUIA

℣. *Psalm 84:8*

Alleluia.

℣. *Ostende nobis Domine misericordiam tuam: et salutare tuum da nobis.*

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

The Lord be with you.

℣. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

℣. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

℣. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

THE RITE OF INVESTITURE

The Knight Master of Ceremonies says

We shall now read the Decree with which His Most Reverend Eminence the Cardinal Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem has appointed the Knights who will receive their Investiture today.

The Decree is read by the Chancellor of the NSW Lieutenancy.

INVESTITURE OF KNIGHTS

Roland Dagher

Edwin Dyga

James McCulloch

Hugh McDermott MP

Guy Zangari MP

The Knights awaiting investiture may come to the altar.

The Knight Candidate, accompanied by his sponsor, comes to kneel before the Archbishop, who asks him

What do you request?

The Candidate replies

I desire to be invested a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.

The Archbishop says

As you know, in the past our ancestors answered the Pope's call and carrying the Cross and the Sword, travelled to free Our Lord's Holy Sepulchre. Becoming a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre meant: abandoning one's material wealth; one's home, country, and family; to profess Christ's faith by fighting, but also by expressing love for one's neighbour. Today too, becoming a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre means fighting for the Kingdom of Christ, and spreading the Church as well as working for charity with the same profound spirit of faith and love. Are you prepared to accept this ideal for your life?

The Candidate answers

I am ready.

The Archbishop says

While all men must follow their consciences to make the effort to be fair and honest, all the more reason that a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre should make every possible effort not to profane his name, but instead pride himself for being a soldier of Christ. Are you prepared to never be ashamed of being Christian and to behave everywhere and always so as to honour Christ and his Church?

The Candidate answers

I am ready.

The Archbishop says

Are you ready to promise with your words and your heart that you will respect the Constitution of this Holy Order?

The Candidate answers

I declare and promise, with my words and my heart, to the Omnipotent God, to Jesus his Son, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, that I will respect all that is ordered like a real soldier of Christ.

The Archbishop says

Hence be a faithful and valorous soldier of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, strong and brave, to be one day admitted to his celestial court.

The Archbishop is handed the spurs, and then says

Receive these spurs that are the symbol of your Order for the honour and glory of the Holy Sepulchre.

The Archbishop is then handed the sword, which he holds horizontally, and says

Receive this sword that must remind you to defend Christ's Holy Church and the battle for guarding and protecting the Divine Redeemer's earthly land, and always remember that the Kingdom of God is not conquered with the sword, but with faith and charity.

The Candidate then places his hand on the sword.

Accompanied by his sponsor, the Candidate approaches the Archbishop who, holding the sword vertically, says

In virtue of my mandate I appoint and proclaim you a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Touching the shoulder of the Knight with the sword, he continues:

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

The Knight answers

Amen.

The Archbishop then places the Order's decoration around the Knight's neck as he says

Receive the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that it may protect you, and hence repeat incessantly, 'We adore you, Christ, and we bless you, because with your Cross you redeemed the world.'

The Knight kisses the Archbishop's ring, then goes over to the Lieutenant, who robes the Knight and offers the sign of peace. The Knight returns to his seat with his sponsor.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

All bow during the following line:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Choir sings the OFFERTORY MOTET

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

AND the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:5

The Archbishop says

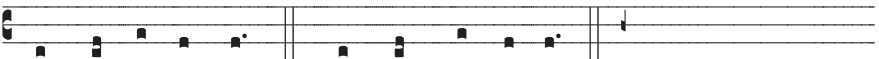
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

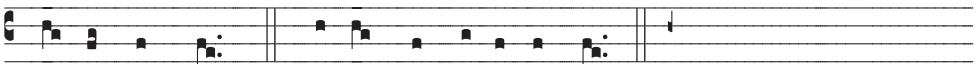
℟. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Archbishop says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

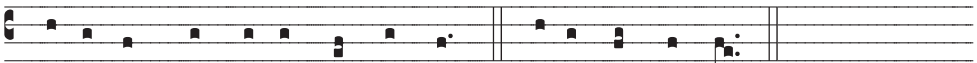
℟. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

T HE Lord be with you. ℟. **And with your spi-rit.**



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

S An- ctus, * San- ctus, San- ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá- ba-oth. Ple-ni

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

sunt cæ- li et ter- ra gló-ri- a tu- a. Ho- sán-na in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díc-

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed

tus qui ve-nit in nó-mine Dómi-ni. Ho- sán-na in excél- sis.

is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

When the Archbishop sings

The mystery of faith.

All sing

W E proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rection

until you come a-gain.

When the Archbishop sings

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.

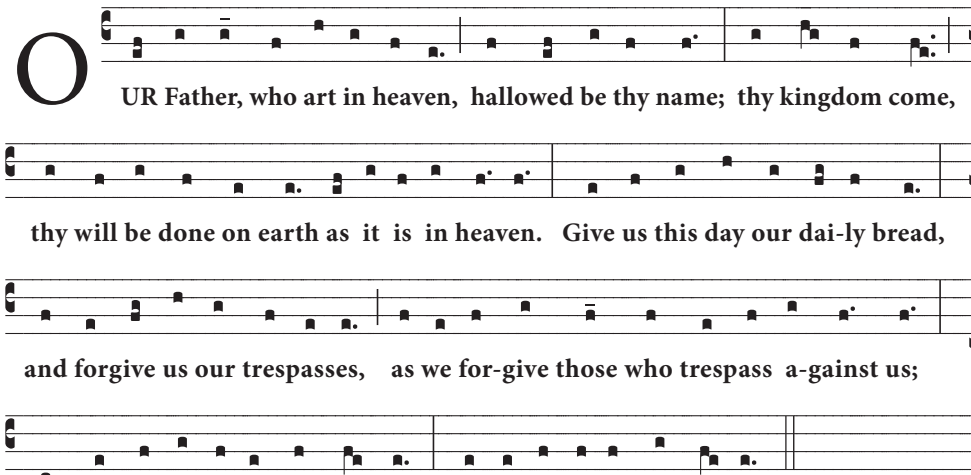
All respond

Requiem A-men.

COMMUNION RITE

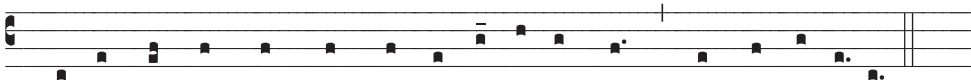
At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All sing



O UR 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 dai-ly bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;
and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

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 glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

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 for four voices

William Byrd (c.1540–1623)

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 Archbishop 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

Psalm 84:13

Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

The Choir sings the COMMUNION MOTET

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

WAKE, O wake! With tidings thrilling the watchmen all the air are filling, arise, Jerusalem, arise! Midnight strikes! No more delaying, ‘The hour has come!’ we hear them saying, ‘where are ye all, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes in sight, raise high your torches bright!’ Alleluia! The wedding song swells loud and strong: go forth and join the festal throng.

The Archbishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

℟. **Amen.**

THE KNIGHTS PRAYER

OLORD, in memory of the five wounds that we carry on our insignia we pray to you. Give us the strength to love all beings of the world that our Father has created; and, more so, our enemies. Free our souls and hearts from sin, from partiality, from egoism and from cowardice so that we can be worthy of your sacrifice of love. Let your Holy Spirit fall upon us all, the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre, so that it may render us as convinced and sincere ambassadors of Peace and Love among our brothers and sisters and, especially, among all those who do not believe in you. Give us Faith to face all the problems of everyday life and to deserve the day to approach your presence humbly but without fear..

℟. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing.

℟: **Amen.**

As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

℟: **Amen.**

So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty.

℟: **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

℟: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in E minor (The Great)

Nikolaus Bruhns (1665–1697)

LATER TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL

Solemn Vespers and Benediction *sung by the Lay Clerks
of St Mary's Cathedral Choir*

5.00pm



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