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1 & 2 July - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
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From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,



One of the most captivating posters used for recruiting during the Second World War was the one which shows a very stern image of Uncle Sam pointing his finger at the viewer with the statement: 'I want you for the U.S. Army'. It was one of many posters that focused on the patriotic nature of people – challenging them to realise that when they joined the armed forces they were indeed doing something valuable not only for their own country but also for the free world. It was an effective marketing device as thousands of young Americans signed up for the army, air force and navy. These recruiting posters touched upon the patriotic hearts of the young men and women of America. Would these posters have been as successful in recruiting the young if they had shown images of dead or

wounded soldiers? Or scenes of the destruction and misery of war? Would the young Americans have so eagerly joined the armed forces if the posters had images of the wounded and disabled soldiers? I think that had these posters been more explicit in showing the horror of war, then maybe the numbers willing to join, as patriotic as they may have been, would have been slower in accepting the challenge.

This is what makes the Gospel passages that we have heard in the last two weeks so amazing. They come from Chapter 10 of Matthew's Gospel and in its forty-two verses outlines Jesus' teaching on being a missionary disciple. Even though Jesus states at the beginning of this chapter that the disciple is to be active in the very work of Jesus by having 'authority over unclean spirits with power to drive them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and illnesses' [10:1], there follows some rather harrowing additions. Jesus prepares his disciples for trouble. They are to be handed over to the authorities, brought before governors [vv. 17-20]. There will be betrayal among family members. They will be universally hated on account of Jesus' name [vv 21-23]. Jesus goes on to state that anyone who prefers mother, son or daughter to him is not worthy of him. Anyone who is not prepared to take up the cross and follow him is not worthy of him [vv 37-38]. In fact, Jesus states that the person who is willing to follow him will be prepared to lose their life in order to find it in Jesus [v.39]. As a recruiting technique, you would be right to state that it is not very appealing or encouraging. In fact, it would have the listener think twice about leaving the safety of home life in preference to following Jesus. His call seems to offer persecution, suffering, rejection, divisions and possibly death. This would not make for an attractive, tempting or alluring recruitment poster.

The basis of Jesus' call to discipleship is fourfold. It acknowledges the 'process of salvation'. There is a God whose love brought about the initiation of our salvific story; there is Jesus who brought into the world the very message of salvation by revealing the love and life of the Father; there is the human messenger – the prophet and disciple – who speaks and acts according to the message received from Jesus and there is the recipient of the message – the believer – who finds life through the words and actions of the disciple. This is the central message of the last two verses of today's Gospel [vv 40-42] where Jesus speaks of the welcome that the disciple receives.

The role of the disciple as well as being rewarding and satisfying can also be challenging and painful as the message that we carry can be counter cultural. Whatever the struggle, discouragement and hardship that faces the disciple, there is the reassurance that as they are called by Jesus, they will also be supported, encouraged, loved and renewed by Jesus. Here our liturgy today links in with last week's when we heard three times Jesus saying to his followers: 'Do not be afraid' [vv 26,28,31]. May we always turn to Jesus who gives rest to those who labour and are heavy burdened [cf Matthew 11: 28-30].

Fr Robert Bossini, Dean and Parish Priest

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL WEEKLY TIMETABLE

SUNDAY

♦ 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

7.30am Morning Prayer

♦ 8.00am Mass
 ♦ 9.30am Mass

♦ 11.00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir

♦ 6.00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6.30am Morning Prayer

♦ 6.45am Mass
 ♦ 11.15am Exposition

11.15am Sacrament of Penance (till 12.20pm)
 (Mon, Wed & Fri)
 Rosary after Angelus at midday

♦ 12.30pm Mass

♦ 5.15pm Evening Prayer of the Church

SATURDAY

♦ 7.30am Morning Prayer

♦ 8.00am Mass

♦ 9.30am Mass in ExtraOrdinary Form

Latin

♦ 8.30am Sacrament of Penance (till 9am)

♦ 5.00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8.00am (No Adoration or Confession)

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Cloister Function Room - For bookings call Parish Office on 8839 8400 or visit our website

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on Sundays. **Download baptism form** at www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Credo Ministries

Facebook: Credo Young Adults Email: credostpats@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul Society

Family Assistance - 1800 606 724



Legion of Mary - every Saturday at 9.45am at Murphy House.

Playgroup

Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

July

Sun 2 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Mon 3 St Thomas (Feast)
Sun 9 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Come watch the Light Show and be inspired with Hope. Light Show from 6pm to 10 pm weekdays and 7.05 pm to 11 pm weekends.



Walk through the Cathedral precinct and introduce your family and friends to the various exhibitions around the precinct.

Hall - History Exhibition and Exhibition of Shroud of Turin (replica) from 6pm

Chapel - Exhibition and Veneration of Relics of over 20 Saints

Saints including St Mary MacKillop & St Teresa of Calcutta, St Thomas Aquinas and St Augustine and relics of the Cross of our Lord and of Our Lady's Veil.

Cloister - Light installation and prayer board.

Flyers available from the Narthex.

Congratulations Fr Bob

on your

30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood 11 July 1987

For the sick: Radhika, Jude Muttiah, Army Sosa, Paul Fung, Jess Arranz, Hanna Doueihi, Bill Jeffery, Margaret & Lisa Farrelly, Breda Jackman, John Farrelly Special Intentions: Vincent, Mara Senjak, Henry Brown, Alex De Montas, Isabelle Louise Batley, Diane Ashton, Rev Nithiya Sagayaraj, Song Jia Lan, Xu Guo Dong, For those recently deceased: John Behan, Jeff Adams, Noel Barnes, N'Kou Marie Therese, N Saywessn Paul August Marie, Fr Maurice McNamara, Ni Jong Yu, Amada Dizow, Godofredo O. Peteza, Emery Burgess, Sang Hai Wong, Emery Burgess, Derek Beamish, Pet Banga Herrera, Neville Wilson, Norma Glanville Deceased: Maria Somy, Victorio Gavilla, Lucian Muttiah, Carolina, Andrea, Jolanda, Maximena Manlangit, Juan Montesco, Benjamina DeVera Geminiano, Victorio Gavilla, YT Hsu, Bernard Muggeridge, Sr Noni Ball, Sunandar Wrjaya, Nancy & Robsima, Karam Karam, James Vuong, Victorio Gavilla, Y.T. & Deanna Hsu Anniversary: Emil Augustyn Sobolewski, Deanna Hsu Juan, Paul & Antonette Elogious, Juliet Noronha, Barbera Kierdal, Gilert & Spencer, , Jean Davoren, Delfin Aaracin, Maria Anh, Thong, Claudette, Fovad, Kozal, Maria, Madeline, Basha, Emil, Augustyn Sobolevski, Samual Appathurai, Betty Royan, Annie Ellich, Mariyanayagm, Josephin, Edward, Morin, Norma Swain, Edridges Sequeira, Caridad Trias-Buenvenida, Andre Lito Cabrido, Marie Tuoi, Paul Phuoc, Philomena Martis, Anthony Martis Perpetuals: Joseph Malouf, Vimal & Kavitha, Van & Phong Tran, Kaddis family, Marcus Milly, Abel Moses, Anna & Frank Grainda, Norm Hector, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen and Sally Boujandy Jack Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Ian Sanders, Don Andrews, Bill & Alice Kendall , Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Sally & Frank Martlew, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Maurice DeNiese, Fr Bray, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Vincent Huang, Townsend, Walter Townsend, Watson Lee, Lucy D'Mello, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam and McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Royan & Andrews Families, Sally & Frank Martlew, Robert

Confession / Reconciliation

From **next week**, the timetable for Confessions will alter. Priests will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the week from 11.15am-12.20pm. This change has been necessary due to the unavailability of visiting priests. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Please refer to the front page for full timetable.

WANTED for the NEXT ST PAT'S MATTERS

- Tying in with Mother's Day celebrations: write a special tribute to your Mum.
- 2. Thoughts/reasons for taking part in the May 13th procession of Our Lady of Fatima from Our Lady of Lebanon to St Pat's.
- 3. If you took photos of the procession on May 13th send them to us for publication.
- **4.** Been to Fatima? Share the reasons why you went and how the experience affected you.
- 5. Anyone involved in ministry: let fellow parishioners in on how and why you became involved.
- 6. Recently, children in our parish made their First Holy Communion. We'd love parents and children to write about what this special sacramental means to them.
- 7. Long time parishioners: share your memories of 'Old St Pat's'. Email submissions to M Polizzi: balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office in an envelope marked "for St Pat's Matters".

Deadline: 14th July 2017.

Enquiries: Marian Polizzi Ph: 9630 4019 or 0418 978730

Planned Giving Envelopes

Envelopes are now available from the narthex (chapel entry).. May we take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports our parish in this way. All monies received from Planned Giving go directly to St Pat's to help with the day to day running costs of the parish, pastoral care, formation, youth and SREs to name a few.

If you require a receipt for end of financial year purposes, please send an email to enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or call the parish office.

Sacraments of Initiation: Preparation for Confirmation

Registration for Confirmation is now open for children 10 yrs or older who have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The online registration form can be found on the Cathedral website under the *Sacraments* tab in the section titled *Confirmation*. Alternately, please contact the sacramental coordinator Meg Gale at sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

Please note that the calendar of sessions of preparation are as follows:

Confirmation 1: Tuesday 18th July, 7.30pm - Parent session Confirmation 2: Tuesday 25th July, 7.30pm - Parent Session Confirmation 3: Saturday 5th August 4.30pm - Parent and Children Session

Confirmation 4: Saturday 19th August 4pm - Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation followed by 6pm Vigil Mass **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Friday 25th August 2017 at 7pm (Celebrant Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen).

CREDO MINISTRIES

Connecting with our Youth - credostpats@gmail.com

f	Junior Credo: EDGE	Yrs 4-6 Every Friday in school terms-5pm
f	Teen Credo	High School Students 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month - 4pm
f	Credo St Pats	18-35 Years of Age 1st Fri of the month - 6.30pm

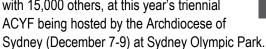
YOUTH LED Mass will be on Sunday July 9 at 6pm. Mass will followed by a youth concert in the Cloister to close of the Light Up St Pats event. All young people invited to join in the festivities with their family.

Special Religious Educators (SREs) - Catechists

Don't forget to give this ministry some thought. Catechists say it is the most rewarding ministry, delivering the 'Word' to children in our public schools..

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) Early Bird Registration

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008!
Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial



Here's how to register:

Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta Over 18 years of age – register as an individual

Visit <u>www.acyf.org.au</u> now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August.

For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, <u>icamden@parra.catholic.org.au</u> **Volunteers for ACYF**

ACYF is looking to engage around 600 volunteers will be needed for this festival, providing leadership to the young people through service and hospitality. Way Finders, Program & Stage Management Support, Ushers, Marshals, Welcomers & more. All volunteers must be 26 years of age or older (as at 1st December 2017) and must hold a valid Working With Children Check. For more information and volunteer registration please visit: http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers

Sea Sunday Appeal, 9 July 2017

This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. You can donate by posting a cheque to: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601 or via electronic banking to: BSB Number: 083-347; Account Number: 649 518 680, Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. Thank you for your prayers and support.



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