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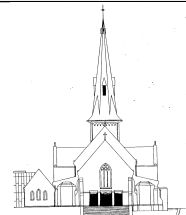
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2 & 3 September - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

From the Dean's Desk

Dear friends,

This week's Gospel [Matthew 16:21-27] is a continuation of last week's Gospel which saw Jesus eliciting a faith response from the Disciples regarding his identity. It was Peter who spoke for the group, when he proclaimed Jesus as **'the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'**

We encounter and experience a very different Peter today. Last week Peter was eager and full of faith in proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah. Today we see him standing as an obstacle to Jesus and his mission. Peter cannot accept the words of Jesus regarding his fate in Jerusalem: that he will suffer and die. Peter was comfortable to proclaim Jesus and the Son of the Living God, as we saw last week. Peter's understanding of Jesus' mission as the Son of the Living God is incomplete. He cannot accept Jesus' teaching and explanation of his mission as Messiah. Peter cannot believe that Jesus' mission will entail rejection, suffering and death. He cannot internalise the demands of the prediction that Jesus states will occur on their entering Jerusalem. In some way, this does not add up to the image of the Messiah that Peter had. This is why Peter rebukes Jesus. Jesus who last week announced Peter as the rock, the foundation of the Church, refers to him as Satan, as a stumbling block to his mission and purpose. Quite a different scenario.

This scene, although it concerns Jesus and Peter becomes a launching for Jesus' teaching on the elements of discipleship. After his put down of Peter, Jesus goes on to state that whoever wishes to be a follower of his has to **'renounce himself and take up their cross'** [Matthew 16: 24].

Saving one's life simply refers to someone who holds back on the total giving of themselves to the ways of

Jesus – a type of discipleship that is selective and half-hearted. In opposition to this, Jesus states that those who 'lose their life' for his sake will find it. Here Jesus refers to the total dedication of an individual to his cause and his mission. He refers to the fact that an individual recognises that in following the ways of the Gospel he may put himself at odds with the standards of the world.




How many times, like Peter does my image of Jesus not sit comfortably with me? Perhaps it is a time when my faith in Jesus as the Son of the Living God asks me to do something which I find difficult – give up a certain pattern of life; bring forgiveness to a relationship that I find difficult; reach out in love to a distant and demanding person. My adherence to these elements of life demand of me to take up my cross and lose my life in order to find it in Christ Jesus.

My faith in Jesus, then demands of me to act in a particular manner – in His manner. In proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God, I need to ask myself if I have the courage to live by my beliefs. We need to meditate and take seriously and honestly the words of Paul in his letter to the Romans: **'Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do'** [Romans 12:2]

Fr Bob Bossini
Dean & Parish Priest



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL WEEKLY TIMETABLE	LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
SUNDAY ♦ 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass ♦ 7.30am Morning Prayer ♦ 8.00am Mass ♦ 9.30am Mass ♦ 11.00am Solemn Mass <i>with Cathedral Choir</i> ♦ 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 <i>Latin</i> ♦ 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)	September Sun 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>(Solemnity)</i> Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 Fri 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>(Feast)</i> Sun 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>(Solemnity)</i>	
Download our App: SPCPP on Android or Apple Facebook - St Patrick's Cathedral Website: www.stpatscathedral.com.au Weddings by appointment only. Cloister Function Room - For bookings call Parish Office on 8839 8400 or visit our website	NON LITURGICAL CALENDAR September Sat 2 - Sun 3 Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy Tues 5 Christian Meditation - 9.30am - Murphy House Wed 6 Playgroup - 9.30am - Cathedral Hall Fri 8 Cenacle Prayer Group - 1.00pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel Sat 9 Legion of Mary - 9.45am - 11.00am - Murphy House Sat 23 Formation: Christian Life Seminar - 9am-5pm - Cathedral Hall Sun 24 Celebrating the Journey - During 11am Mass followed by refreshments.	
Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on Sundays. Download baptism form at www.stpatscathedral.com.au	Same-Sex Marriage Postal Plebiscite As you will be aware, the bill to enable a compulsory plebiscite on whether marriage should be redefined to allow same-sex marriages was again rejected by the Senate. The nation is now preparing for a non-compulsory postal vote - unless that course is blocked by the High Court. Ballot papers will be mailed out from 12 September and need to be returned by 7 November. The Coalition for Marriage has formally launched their campaign. Website www.coalitionformarriage.com.au is now live. This will be a place where people can register to volunteer, donate and to find out the latest information about the vote. I urge you to pray for the future of marriage in Australia and that the Holy Spirit will guide all Australians in the vote ahead.	
Credo Ministries Facebook: Credo Young Adults Email: credostpats@gmail.com	Vote No , to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. You can also find more information here: https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite	
St Vincent de Paul Society Family Assistance - 1800 606 724		
Legion of Mary - every Saturday at 9.45am at Murphy House.	<div> Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers. <i>May you be blessed with strength and courage to guide and lead your family to God in love.</i> Please take home a Prayer Card and pray for your Dad or someone who may be a father figure to you. </div>	
Playgroup Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup	For the sick: Mci Lan Pan, Mr Hanraham, Leo, Paul Peters, Amihan King Palceo, James Murphy, Slavko Markovic, Radhika, Jude Muttiah, Army Sosa, Paul Fung, Jess Arranz, Hanna Doueih, Margaret & Lisa Farrelly Special Intentions: Carmela Then, Jeremy Kho, Pong & Bang Belcher, Ronald Belcher, Raveen, Van & Annie, Anna Dacic (multiple offerings), Anthony Batley, Solomon & Rosemarie Romion, Guise & Maria, Lois & Cherene Casinado, Sebastiao Bugo, David Sarreal, Vincent, Mara Senjak, Henry Brown, Alex De Montas, Isabelle Louise Batley For those recently deceased: Trinidad E Peteza, Br Tom Normoyle, Ray Borg, Niko Bulai, Hannah Doueih, Labibe Kassoum, Fr Robert Kidd, Thomas Mooney, Rev Noel Sheth, Alfonso Quinones, John Behan, Jeff Adams, Noel Barnes, N'Kou Marie Therese, N Saywessn Paul August Marie, Fr Maurice McNamara, Ni Jong Yu, Amada Dizow Deceased: Felix Znidarsic, Amelia Zanier, Pelagia David, Norm Hector, Stephen, Mary & Janet Slatter, Anthony, Madeleine & Patrick Lee, Deanna, YT Hsu, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood Family, Victorio Gavilla, Maria Somy, Victorio Gavilla, Lucian Muttiah, Carolina, Andrea, Jolanda, Maximena Manlangit, Juan Montesco Anniversary: Lourdes Mary Joseph, Kevin Kirkpatrick, Clarence Newman, Pat Miller, Nolene Hughes, Shirley Tee Ten, Joseph Boulous, Emy Masangkay, Fe Masangkay, Paulina Vallejo, Max Swain, Valeriano Estacio Sr., Deanna Hsu, Emil Augustyn Sobolewski, Juan, Paul & Antonette Elogious, Juliet Noronha, Barbera Kierdal, Gilert & Spencer, , Perpetuals: Juliet Noronha, Norm Hector, Joseph Malouf, Vimal & Kavitha, Van & Phong Tran, Kaddis family, Marcus Milly, Abel Moses, Anna & Frank Grainda, 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, McInherry, White, McWilliam and McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Royan & Andrews Families, Sally & Frank Martlew, Robert Andrews, Sylvester Family, Rogan Family, Adcock, McMillan families, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, Sherwood Family, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's.	

Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy - This Weekend

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Priests being supported...

Bishop Bede Heather	Father Tim Hogan
Bishop Kevin Manning	Father Ed Kenny
Father Bob Anderson	Father Michael McGloin
Father Theo Arrivoli	Father Renato Paras
Father Eric Burton	Father Anthony Reynolds
Father Tim Crowley	Father Eugene Stockton
Father Peter Henry	Father Kevin Walsh
	Father Thomas

Parish Car Park

Update: As per our request last week, thank you for keeping the turning circle free of vehicles. It now seems that cars are now double parking. This practice is not legal. If we can all adhere to the rules of the road, this will keep everyone happy. Parking rangers have been notified. Cars double parking will receive notices if the practice continues.

Please use the overflow car park if you are running late for Mass as the parish car park will most likely be full and you will be guaranteed a 'legal' car park.
Thank you for your understanding.



Sacraments of Initiation Information Evening:

Reconciliation and First Communion

The next program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for children already Baptised will commence in School Term 4. There will be an **INFORMATION evening on Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm in the Cathedral hall** for parents who are interested in registering their child/ren for the upcoming program and would like to learn more about the process in St Patrick's Cathedral parish. Please note that children must be 7 years or older to be eligible for the program at this time. For more information regarding the upcoming program for Reconciliation and Eucharist or any other enquires about the Sacraments of Initiation at St Patrick's Cathedral, please contact Meg Gale - sacrament@stpatrcathedral.com.au

Annual General Meeting (last Sunday)




A huge thank you to all those who attended last Sunday. It was a great turnout and it was very encouraging to see the level of interest the parishioners here at St Patrick's have in their Parish.

Thank you to all the Ministry and Group leaders who have led the various pastoral initiatives of the Cathedral parish this year. Your leadership has been a blessing to all of us.

If you did not have the opportunity to attend the AGM, the annual report booklet is available from the Narthex. Please take one and read about our parish journey this year. You too can help us build our parish.

CREDO MINISTRIES

Connecting with our Youth - credostpats@gmail.com

 Junior Credo: EDGE	Yrs 4-6 Every Friday in school terms-5pm
 Teen Credo	High School Students 2nd & 4th Sun of the month - 7pm Youth led Mass 4th Sun of month
 Credo St Pats	18-35 Years of Age 1st Fri of the month - 6.30pm

Holy Hour for Vocations: 7 September

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations Thursday, 7th September 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406

Annual Diocesan CCD Mass: Friday 8 September

All catechists and family members are invited to the Annual CCD Mass, concelebrated by Bishop Vincent Long and priests of the Diocese at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills on September 8th at 11am. Papal Blessings and other Certificates will be presented after Mass. A light lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Please rsvp your parish coordinator or contact Maree Collis 9890 4731.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

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 ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

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 www.acyf.org.au for full details. All enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 8838 3428, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

For more information and volunteer registration please visit:
<http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>

Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta - Year 10 1970 and Year 12 1972 Reunion

When: 11:30am, Sunday, 24 September 2017,

Where: Lilys Restaurant, 5 Quinn Ave, Seven Hills

Cost: \$65 per head includes 3 course buffet lunch.

If you would like to attend please go to:-

<https://www.trybooking.com/300153>

RSVP: Thursday, 14 September Contact: Sharon McLean
sharonmclean45@hotmail.com or 0419402095.

St Patrick's Social Club ((20 Grosvenor St Sydney)

For any Single Seniors (including widows and widowers).

Meets 1.45pm 2nd Sunday of each month in the crypt of St Patrick's Catholic Church, (address above). Enquiries: 9953 4909 or 9888 1359 after 6.30pm.



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