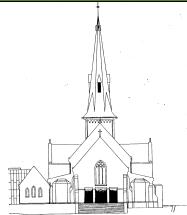


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November 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends,

We see Jesus continuing his criticism of the religious leaders of his day. In today's Gospel (**Matthew 23:1-12**) we need to move beyond the historical setting of Jesus' proclamations, as they are also levelled at us, as well as the religious leaders of Jesus' time. This is because in these words, Jesus is saying something fundamental and important about Christian leadership.



Jesus takes the Scribes and Pharisees to task because they have made their religious service of the people something that promotes, not the values they preach, but their own status among people. It is almost as if Jesus is pointing out that these leaders are doing only half of their task, for Jesus does not criticise them for **WHAT THEY SAY**, but for **WHAT THEY DO**. Jesus puts it rather solidly and bluntly when he warns the people about their leaders: **'You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practice what they preach'** [23:1-2]. Jesus was stating that as religious leaders they are saying one thing and doing another – there was no consistency between word and action. Not only this, but they were trying to win the favour of others while not assisting people in the living out of the religious values. The problem, Jesus states, is that the Scribes and Pharisees were more interested in the external trimmings of their vocation, rather than allowing their lives and actions to also proclaim their message. **[23:6-7]**. Their lives are so radically different from that of Jesus, whose words and actions were one: what Jesus proclaimed, he lived by. He also demanded the same of his followers.

This same criticism comes through our first reading [**Malachi 1:14-2:2.8-10**], where the prophet Malachi takes to task the leaders of the people. Their corrupt lives have led to the inevitable straying of the people from the elements of God's law and ways: **"You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi."** **[2:8]**. The solution to remedy this situation,

according to Malachi begins with a sincerity that comes from the heart and is seen in a behaviour that reinforces the message: **'The priest's lips ought to safeguard knowledge; his mouth is where the law should be sought, since he is the Lord's messenger'** [*Malachi 2:6*].

What does this say about Christian leadership today? In taking Jesus as the true model of Christian leadership a few things come to mind. The Christian leader needs to be at the service of the community to which he/she has been called. This service constitutes a way of nurturing the lives and talents of the people. It consists in practicing what one preaches. It does not consist of primarily winning the admiration of others in the ministry of service. If accolades come, then they are to be directed to the One who calls and sustains the Christian leader - God. All that is done is done for the greater glory of God and God's Kingdom, to paraphrase St Ignatius Loyola.

This type of leadership is all encompassing of the Christian life and vocation, and not solely limited to pastoral leadership at the level of the Parish. It essentially involves all people who minister to others: teachers, catechists, parents and the like. Our preaching and teaching has to be strengthened by the way in which we live out the principles we preach in word. In praying this Gospel passage throughout the week I can ask myself: in what ways do I exercise Christian leadership in my family, workplace or community? In what ways do I serve others? How responsive am I to the needs of others? Do I simply 'serve' others so that I can be praised for my work and efforts, or do I carry out my ministry and vocation so that God may receive the glory? Christian leadership is a matter of not only knowing the message, but being able and ready to live the message in our lives. We become ineffective leaders if we say one thing and do the opposite. The merging of word and action in the life of Jesus ensures the greatness of his being the perfect model for Christian leadership. May we be prepared to follow in like manner

Fr Bob Bossini,
Dean & 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)

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

Playgroup

Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

November

Sun 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

NON LITURGICAL CALENDAR

November

Mon 6

St Pat's Quarter Meeting - 7pm - Cathedral Parish Hall

Sat 11

Girls' Night Out - 7.00pm - Cathedral Parish Hall

Diary Claimer

Sat 2 December Christmas Carols in the Forecourt

St Pat's Quarter Meeting - Monday 6 November - 7pm



On Friday August 18th, 2017, a project known as St Patrick's Quarter (SPQ) was announced by the Diocese of Parramatta in conjunction with Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP). For details see: <http://stpatricksquarter.org>

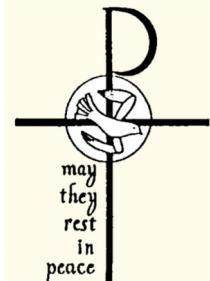
The project would require demolition of the Presbytery & Hall to permit vehicular entry to SPQ from Marist Place. As a result we stand to lose our parking spaces, community gathering space (hall), parish office and priests' residence.

The parish community needs to be consulted on what the future of their parish will look like. A meeting will be held between the parish and representatives of the Diocese on **Monday, November 6**, to discuss the planned development for St Pat's Quarter and how it will affect St Patrick's Parish. The meeting on Monday will be your opportunity to voice any suggestions/concerns you may have with representatives from the Diocese.
Hope to see you there.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

During the month of November, we remember all our deceased loved ones. A Book of Remembrance is placed in the chapel with a list of the names of all those whom our parishioners wish to pray for. November Mass envelopes are available in the narthex. Please print the names **CLEARLY** as we like to print the names correctly in the Book of Remembrance. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plate or in the mail box at the presbytery. Individual intentions for the dead are not prayed for during November, rather all souls are prayed for at all masses. Special intentions for the living, however, can still be made.

Only the names of the recently deceased will be published in the bulletin during the month of November.



For the sick: Maria Jup, Kathleen Biondi (nee Barrett), Patrick Soh, Fatima Jafri, Raouf Gerges, Pat, Amihan King Pableo, James Murphy, Slavko Markovic, Radhika, Jude Muttiah, Army Sosa, Paul Fung, Jess Arranz, Hanna Douiehi

Special Intentions: Sien Jie Phua, Naleen, Raveen & Tina, Dylan, Vanessa, Dwayne and Kieve, Anna Dadic (Senjak), Joseph, Kim & Annie, Freda, Ain, Nikhil, Anamika, Paul Morian, Sarah Ackerman, Paul Peters, Carmela Then, Jeremy Kho, Xinyuan & Augela Huang, Arriola Fave, Linda Morgan, Karam Kara, Ross Lester, Gabrielle Clayton

Recently Deceased: Lorenzo Acuna, Mrs Sherman, Bernard McCormack, Madam Tam Man-Yin, Phyllis Tubman

Sacraments of Initiation: Reconciliation and Eucharist 2017-2018

Upcoming sessions of preparation:

Sacrament of Penance 2: Saturday 11th November, 4:30 pm -

Parent and Children Session

Sacrament of Penance 3: Saturday 25th November, 4 pm - Parent and Children Session

Reception of the Sacrament of Penance: Tuesday 28th November, 7:00pm

Jesuit Refugee Service Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) based in Arrupe House, right opposite the Cathedral carpark, is calling upon the generosity of our parish to contribute a gift to the individuals and families they work with.

As part of the Appeal, we are asking for donations of gift cards for adults and presents for children. The gifts will need to be collected by December 5 so that they can be distributed before Christmas. Gifts can be dropped off at the giving tree that is being beautifully set up in the Chapel for this purpose.

The appeal will be from November 4 to December 5 and presents for children and gift cards for adults would be most welcomed. The gifts don't need to be wrapped.

The mission of the Jesuit Refugee Service, is to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees and people in the process of seeking asylum.

If you would like more info, please contact Mili in the Cathedral Office. Let's spread a message of love and generosity this Christmas. To learn more about the Jesuit Refugee Service, visit their website: www.jrs.org.au

Anyone for Table Tennis

If you are free on a Thursday night and would like a game with Fr George in the parish hall, please turn up for a 7o'clock game.



2018 Columban Art Calendar - \$9.00

Pick up your calendar after most Masses. They will be on sale for two weeks and then they will be available from the parish office.

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GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday 11 November at 7.00pm.

A night of Fashion, Fun, Food and Friends. Ladies - put this night in your diary. Get together with a friend or friends and enjoy some 'ME' time.

Enjoy a mini manicure, facial peel or an express massage while you get your Christmas shopping in early.

Stalls include: candles, jewellery, children's clothing, children's activity packs and more.

Please email your attendance to secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au as refreshments will be catered for.

Proceeds go to St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta.

Carols in the Forecourt - December 2

We are looking for helpers to help us run the 2017 Cathedral Christmas Carols. Our first meeting will be in the hall on Sunday November 12 at 12.30pm. If you can't be at the meeting but could assist us in the following ways, a phone call to the parish office indicating your help, would be most welcomed.

If you are new to the parish this would be a great opportunity to become involved and meet other parishioners.

- Sound technician
- Photographer
- BBQ chefs and servers
- Musicians (choirs/bands/soloists etc)
- Christmas gifts stalls
- Santa's helpers
- Security



Proceeds from the BBQ will go towards the Jesuit Refugees Service Christmas Appeal.

Represent our Diocese: Share your Wisdom

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for greater participation of lay people through new advisory councils. Please consider nominating or encourage someone you know. Details, including the nomination kit, are available from parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils or by contacting Tanya on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close TODAY.



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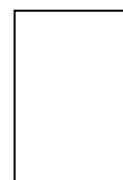
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