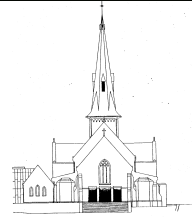


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Sunday, 21 Jan 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends,

We begin today the continual reading of the **Gospel of Mark (Year 'B')**. In today's Gospel we hear of Jesus' message, mission and calling of his first disciples **[Mark 1:14-20]**.

His message is brief but in-depth. Jesus uses three words and expressions to emphasise his message and mission: **announcing the Good News (the Kingdom of God), repent and believe**. Jesus' **proclamation of the Kingdom** is indeed good news, as it marks the beginning of the destruction of Satan's hold over humanity.

In Mark's first chapter, which describes the events in the first day of Jesus' ministry, we see how he will bring about Satan's fall – by confronting the very suffering which is part of the human story: curing those possessed, marginalised and sick and welcoming them into God's Kingdom. Jesus then challenges his listeners to **repent** and **believe** in the good news he has just proclaimed. Repent here means more than just feeling sorry for our sins. It indicates a complete turnaround of our lives towards God – a changing of our priorities to that of God's. We have a hint of this in the first reading today **[Jonah 3:1-5.10]** where we see all the citizens of Nineveh – from the greatest to the least – turning from their sins through ritual fasting. So our repentance needs to be sustained through our belief and faith in Jesus as the Son of God.

Having made his proclamation, Jesus then goes about selecting his first disciples **[v. 16-20]**. In this process we need to take into consideration **who he chose, when he chose them** and the **effects on those chosen**. Jesus goes about selecting very ordinary people to follow him. Here we see two sets of brothers being chosen: Simon and Andrew and James and John. He calls them while they are about their ordinary everyday tasks – fishing and mending nets. They may have seen and heard of Jesus prior to this day, but that does not deter from the complete change that captures their response to Jesus' call: **'Follow me'**. In responding to Jesus we see that they are commissioned to carry out a particular task: to be



fishers of people.

As we reflect on the calling of these first disciples we can appreciate that the process of their calling: **hearing** the voice of Jesus, **leaving** their past lives behind and **following** in the footsteps of Jesus, forms the basis of every Christian's spiritual life. This process of **calling, leaving and following** needs to be repeated in our lives continually. Last week we read the story of the call of Samuel **[1 Samuel 3:3-10.19]**. It tells of how God calls Samuel three times, and that it is only through the ministry of his mentor, Eli, that he eventually realises that it is God calling. Jesus' call to us came through our Baptism, when we were initiated into a life of conversion, repentance and grace. This call challenges us to leave familiar territory – our 'nets' – just as Andrew, Simon Peter, John and James do in the Gospel reading for today. Our 'nets' comprise of everything that keeps us from honestly and faithfully following in God's ways. – all that negatively affects our relationship with God. Our detachment from these 'nets' allows us the freedom to answer Jesus' call to continual conversion and to preach the elements of the Kingdom.

Jesus continually calls us: to repentance and to belief – to a deeper and more intimate relationship with him. In listening to his call we are urged to leave our sinful past behind – to let go of whatever keeps us from living the life of the Kingdom. It is only after we have let go of our desire for sin – our 'nets' – that we can faithfully and fully walk in the ways of Jesus – the values of the Kingdom: truth, hope, love, peace and integrity.

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)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8.00am (No Adoration or Confession)

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

Playgroup
 Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup



Christian Meditation
 Tuesdays - 9.30am-10.30am - Murphy House

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

January

- Sun 21** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10: 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
- Fri 26** Australia Day - Mass of day (PH holiday timetable applies).
- Sun 28** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NON LITURGICAL CALENDAR

January

- Tues 23** RCIA - 7.00pm - Murphy House
- Wed 24** Volunteers' Meeting - 7.00pm - Cathedral Hall
- Thur 25** Novena to Mary Full of Grace - 7.00pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Sat 27** Legion of Mary - 9.45am - 10.45am - Murphy House
 Baptism Preparation Seminar - 4.00pm-5.00pm - Cathedral Hall
 Deadline for St Pat's Matters
- Tues 30** Christian Meditation - 9.30am - 10.30am - Murphy House

Note:

Mass on Australia Day will be at 8am only. No confession or Eucharistic Adoration.

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 14.

The ashes that we use on Ash Wednesday are usually obtained by burning palms kept aside from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

If you have blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday and would like to donate it to the Cathedral for this year's ashes, please leave in the basket provided in the narthex. We would prefer if these were brought in before February 5.



Pedestrian Access and Carpark Boom Gate

Injuries caused to people walking under the exit arm of the boom gate in the Cathedral carpark have been a common occurrence in the last few weeks. To ensure your safety and the safety of drivers and pedestrians using the Cathedral car park, we ask you to consider the following:

- There is a pedestrian gate on Victoria Rd that is open everyday for pedestrians to enter the Cathedral precinct from Victoria Road.
- Do not walk through the boom gate to access your car in the Cathedral car park or overflow car park. Use pedestrian gate on Victoria Road.
- The boom gate is for vehicle only access to and from the car park.
- Although the entry arm of the boom gate is open on weekends, the exit arm will only open when detecting that a vehicle is about to exit the carpark. The gate may move anytime without prior warning.



For the sick: Patricia Hartman, Annette Axiak, Paul Peters, Leslie Niblett, Mike Samson, Maria Jup, Patrick Soh, Fatima Jafri, Raouf Gerges, Pat, Amihan King Pableo, James Murphy, Slavko Markovic, Radhika, Jude Muttiah, Army Sosa, Paul Fung, Jess Arranz, Hanna Doueihy

Special Intentions: Ruzica Chimelewski, Anna Dadic, Mara, Nikola & Stephen Senjak, Fr George, Mr & Mrs Bartolomer, Clara Cabezas, Premi & Rixon, Nicole Rita Slatter- Thanksgiving, Sylvester's family-Thanksgiving, Hugo Bolst

Recently Deceased: Barry Wilde, Lolita Farmer, Allan Tumabini, William Hector, Frances Lewis, Houda Chehadie (former SRE teacher and parishioner)

Deceased: YT & Deanna Hsu, Anthony, Patrick, Madeline and Raymond Lee, Violet, William, Angela, Sophie, Therese, Theodore, Thomas Zachary Thorne

Anniversaries: Watson Lee, Judy Gallagher, Baby George,

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



St Patrick's day Business Breakfast 2017 (Photo by Jordan Grantham).

Events at St Patrick's 2018

Building on last year's success in regards to events that connect our Cathedral parish with the wider Parramatta community, we would like to host the following non-liturgical events to promote our parish and our faith beyond the Cathedral precinct this year.

This week, Fr Bob appointed Olivia Lee as Event Coordinator of the Cathedral parish. The position mainly involves coordinating various events agreed upon by the Dean of the Cathedral and liaising with various stakeholders including volunteers to ensure the smooth running of these events.

Olivia is currently a full time employee of the Australian Catholic University. Her parish ministry includes former leader of the Credo Youth Ministry and was chair of the Parish Pastoral Council until her resignation in December 2017.

The Cathedral event calendar for 2018 is as follows:

March 16	St Patrick's Business Breakfast
March 17	St Patrick's Day Parish gathering
May (date TBC)	Women's Spirituality Evening
July 6 –15	Light Up St Pats (in conjunction with the Parramatta Council Winterlight Festival)
September 15	Spring Fair
October (date TBC)	Women's Spirituality Evening
December 1	Parish Christmas celebration

If you can assist our event coordinator in any way this year please contact the Parish Office (8839 8400) or email events@stpatscathedral.com.au

St Patrick's Day

Our first event - St Patrick's Day - is just around the corner, so please give our request some thought. If you are able to help out with the planning and running of any event, please come along and register your name and interest at the planning meeting scheduled for:

Wednesday 24 January - 7pm - Cathedral Hall.

If you are not able to come to the meeting but would like to be involved please contact the Parish Office.

Concerts in the Cathedral 2018

The next two concerts in Cathedral in 2018

- **3pm Sunday, February 25**

Sydney Philharmonia: Voyage of Voices —VOX and E Studio Youth Choir

- **3pm Saturday ,March 10**




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Connecting with our Youth - credostpats@gmail.com

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	Teen Credo	High School Students 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4.00pm-6.00pm
	Credo St Pats	18-35 Years of Age 1st Fri of the month - 6.30pm

Novena to Mary Full of Grace

Please join us for our first gathering for 2018.



Date: Thursday, 25th January
Venue: Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Time: 7.00pm - 8.00pm



We will meditate upon and pray the **MYSTERIES of PEACE**, as well as singing hymns with time for reflection and contemplation.

Enquiries:

Silvana 0478 510 324 or Marian 9630 4019 / 0418 78730

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:

PREPARATION FOR EUCHARIST 2018

Preparation sessions for Eucharist for children 7 years or older who completed Reconciliation in 2017 will continue in Term 1 2018.

The calendar of sessions of preparation is as follows:

Remembering Baptism 1: Tuesday 6th February 2018, 7:30 pm - Parent Session

Remembering Baptism 2: Tuesday 20th February 2018, 7:30 pm - Parent Session

Remembering Baptism 3: Saturday 3rd March 2018, 4:30 pm - Parent and Children Session

Remembering Baptism 4: Saturday 10th March 2018, 4 pm - Parent and Children Session

Please keep in mind that all sessions are mandatory.

For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for children already baptised please contact Meg Gale: sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

St Pat's Matters

The next issue of St Pat's Matters is in the pipeline.

If you are submitting an article time is running out. If you are still deliberating - it's not too late. People love reading stories - so please share yours.

Email: balmapp5@bigpond.com or leave at the Cathedral Office marked "for St Pat's Matters".

DEADLINE 27 JANUARY

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2018

Short courses begin next month and require enrolment. Forms are available from the narthex and the office.

Course locations are Blacktown and Penrith.



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