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Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD
Sunday 9 August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Patrick's Cathedral 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
- ◆ 6.00pm - Youth led Mass (3rd Sunday)

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

- ◆ 6.15am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 6.30am Mass
- ◆ 11.15am Exposition
- ◆ 11.15am Reconciliation (till 12.20pm)
(Monday – Friday)
Rosary after Angelus at midday
- ◆ 12.30pm Mass

SATURDAY

- ◆ 7.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 8.00am Mass
- ◆ 9.30am Mass in ExtraOrdinary Form
- ◆ 8.30am Reconciliation (till 9am)
- ◆ 5.00pm Reconciliation (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8.00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

- ◆ Monday 6.30pm Legion of Mary
- ◆ Tuesday 9.30am Christian Meditation
- ◆ Wednesday 7.30pm RCIA
- ◆ Friday 1pm Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUPS

- ◆ Last Tuesday of the month – Novena to Mary Full of Grace 7.00pm
- ◆ 1st Friday Devotions 6.30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 9.30am-11.00am
Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

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Dear people of St Patrick's,

I am sure that our prayers are with all those in Melbourne and more broadly across the nation and indeed the world as we continue to live with the uncertainty around the pandemic and the risks associated with transmission of the virus.

The daily press conference by the Premier and the release of the 24 hour statistics has almost become compulsory viewing.

That said, I am particularly grateful to the faithful parishioners who continue to support the parish in so many ways during these times of restrictions. The Cathedral staff have been most proactive in ensuring at all times that the directives of the Public Health authorities have been adhered to in terms of a COVID-19 safety plan, and also in providing a safe environment for people to come to Mass.

To those who assist at the liturgies, our marshals, the acolytes, senior servers, altar servers, readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion; and in particular the choir, cantors and organists our grateful thanks for ensuring that our liturgical celebrations as much as possible "look normal." Whilst we have been restricted back to 100 persons attending Mass at present, we long for the day when all restrictions will be lifted and we can return to our usual parish life.

During these past months I have wondered how clergy and congregations in the past have managed during the time of a pandemic. During the Spanish Influenza pandemic in 1920 Masses were in fact held outdoors from some of the photos that survive from the time. The previous pandemics were related to Cholera in the mid 19th century, and then of course the bubonic plague (Black Death) that ravaged Europe in the Middle Ages, and then a second wave in Asia in the 19th century. What is clear is that even in the most adverse of circumstances people kept the faith alive even though their participation in the normal activities of a parish were obviously impeded.

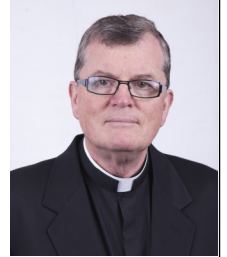
The fact is historically there have been pandemics throughout the history of the world. It is that since the Spanish Influenza pandemic we have not been subject to a serious public health crisis. Whilst in recent years we saw the emergence of SAARS in 2002 and MERS in 2012 they were contained relatively quickly. Perhaps this pandemic is a reminder to us all that we are not invincible creatures and are subject to forces beyond our control.

Our Catholic faith then sustains us in both good times and bad, and our reliance on the sacraments of the Church become even more acute during such times. Whilst we cannot gather in the way we normally do and whilst many parish activities are either restricted or suspended, we are still all linked through out common baptism and our membership of the Body of Christ. We need to remember that even in isolation in our homes we are not alone.

Let us pray that those who are caring for COVID patients and those searching for a vaccine would be sustained in their endeavours and that we in the midst of "this valley of tears" may continue to support them through our prayers and adhering to the public health directives.

With my prayers for the parish community,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams
Dean



Clarification

"The letter from Fr Bossini dated June 19th 2020 and published in the St Patrick's Bulletin on Sunday 21 June contained comments about the leadership of the Diocese and Mr Greg Whitby's treatment of Fr Warren Edwards. The comments about the leadership of the Diocese were not a reference to Mr Whitby, and were directed solely at the Diocesan leadership and not at Mr Whitby."

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays. Check for exceptions. Family members and guests must be present at least 15 minutes before the usual time of 12.45pm.

Download form from website.
Preparation is essential and may be completed prior to the birth of the child.

Weddings are by appointment only.
Contact the Parish Secretary.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation - please contact the Sacramental Coordinator.

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Hours: Tues - Fri 10.00am-3.00pm
Sun - 9.00am-1.00pm

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Sacraments of Initiation - Preparation for Eucharist 2020

The calendar of sessions of preparation is as follows:

Practice Sat 8th August - 2.30pm & 4pm - Parent and Child Session

First Eucharist Sun 9th August - 1pm & 3.30pm

For any other information regarding the Sacramental Program please contact

Meg Gale: sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

St Vincent de Paul

Vinnies is proud to announce the launch of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo>

This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools July 2020 Newsletter:**

<https://bit.ly/VinniesMetroSchoolsNewsletter2020Term3>



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Next Level One training for new Catechists will be held at:-

St Monica's Parish Hall, North Parramatta – Mondays – 9.30am - 2.30pm

August 31

September 7, 14, 21

October 12, 19 & 26 and Nov 23



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - 8 August

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow.

Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life.

God will reward you as only He can.

Author St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 August

As The Assumption falls on a Saturday, Mass will be celebrated Friday, 14 August at 7.30pm and Saturday 8.00am



Please Pray For...

Sick: Josephine Francis, Mana Tet Jalal, Doris Laguda, Beverly Horne, Peter Horne, Danny Dingle, Sharon Web (*Patti M's daughter*), Michael Gittany.

Rec Dec: Koopelian & Samuel families, Cyril D'souza, Fr Bernadino Bucci, Arlene Rentuza, Vittoria Teuma (Pauline Pace's mother), Louise Nikolakopoulos

Deceased: Kevin Taylor, Wrek & Taylor families, Dorothy Newman, Percy & Gertrude Henry, Hugino & Ermelinda D'Souza, John Stofimed, Kevin Taylor

Anniversary: Dulcy Fernando, Regina & Reynaldo Bautista, Frank Papagna, Fay Cox, Sophie Ellis, Emy & Fe Masawgkay, Alban Fonseca, Jaime Simon, Victorina Dela Pena

Special Intentions: Benefactors (thanks), Rohan Rodricks, Warren Pimenta

Perpetuals: Bokeyar Family, David Family, Japour Family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Norm Hector, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood Family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Royan & Andrews families, Don Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy & Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen and Sally Boujandy, Jack Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Watson Lee, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam and McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester Family, Rogan Family, Adcock, McMillan families, Love family, Hooper family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

Supporting St Pat's - Planned Giving - Leaving Collection

If you wish to support St Pat's Parish, there will be an opportunity to donate at the end of Mass. Wardens will be placed at the entry/exit of the Cathedral (cloister side). If you would rather use the Tap 'n' Go simply tap your debit/credit card once to make a \$10 donation. If you would like to donate more, tap again. No receipts are given at this point.

Our sincere thanks for your continued support especially since the number of people in church has once again been limited. **May God bless you for your generosity.**

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020/2021

These are now available for pick up. They are located at Murphy House (St Patrick's Gift Shop). If you plan to pick up your envelopes outside of opening times, please contact the office and we will help you with other arrangements.

From the Diocese of Parramatta - IFM Offerings 2020 (Institute for Mission)

IFM is leading the way with seminars/workshops both physically and virtually. Topics and subjects include:-

- practical Leadership; theology of Ecology; life to the Full; the Faith Feed (25-39 year olds); and the Parish Feed - to name a few.

Visit us at www.ifm.org.au or 9296 6369 or facebook/ifmconnect. We would love to hear from you.

Message from Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service - Social Justice Statement 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

Download the Statement at <https://tinyurl.com/y3l89pyd>

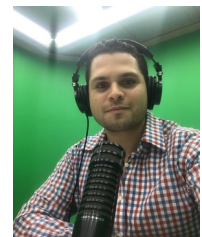
Our society tends to push away or draw away from those who confront us with our frailties and limitations. This is not the way of Jesus. Let us follow Him in drawing near to those who are experiencing mental ill health and acknowledge that they are members of the Body of Christ - 'they' are part of 'us'.

With every blessing, Most Rev. Terence J Brady DD



The Catholic Toolbox, Radio Show and Podcast

Time: Tuesdays 8pm-9pm
Network: 1701AM and cradio.org.au
Topic: Live Share Christ - Series 2 (Live Pure)



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