

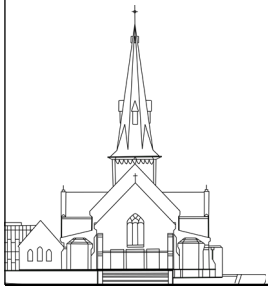
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11 October 2020 - TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME



## WEEKLY MASS 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

- ◆ 6.10am Morning Prayer
  - ◆ 6.30am Mass
  - ◆ 11.15am Exposition
  - ◆ 11.15am Sacrament of Penance (till 12.20pm)  
(Mon, Wed & Fri)
- Rosary after Angelus at midday

- ◆ 12.30pm Mass

### SATURDAY

- ◆ 7.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 8.00am Mass
- ◆ 9.30am Mass in Extraordinary Form
- ◆ 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)

### 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 Thursday of the month – Novena to Mary Full of Grace
- ◆ 1st Friday Devotions 6.30pm

### OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

**Playgroup:** Wednesdays 9.30am-11.00am  
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Dear friends of St Patrick's Parish,

**Pope Francis signed an encyclical FRATELLI TUTTI** (All Brothers) on Oct 3 in Assisi at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi on FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP. With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Reflections, impressions and reactions from around the world have been flooding in. Here is one such by Xavier le Normand.

### Five keys to understanding the encyclical

#### 1. A sombre observation

The new magisterial document from Pope Francis -- the encyclical Fratelli tutti -- opens with a rather bleak assessment of the current state of the world.

The pope makes no secret of this. The first chapter is titled "Dark Clouds over a Closed World" and the first section is called, "Shattered Dreams".

"Our own days, however, seem to be showing signs of a certain regression," the Pope warns. "Nowadays, what do certain words like democracy, freedom, justice or unity really mean? They have been bent and shaped to serve as tools for domination, as meaningless tags that can be used to justify any action," he notes.

Francis says today's world is experiencing a period of inward-looking and xenophobia. And he laments that the first victims of this are the poor.

#### 2. A cry of alarm against demagogic populism

"Closed populist groups distort the word 'people', since they are not talking about a true people," the Pope writes in the encyclical.

He then goes on to denounce the "unhealthy" and "irresponsible" populism of some political leaders. "At other times, they seek popularity by appealing to the basest and most selfish inclinations of certain sectors of the population," he states.

This does not mean that Francis, a follower of "the theology of the people", disqualifies the people, a word which appears 95 times in the new encyclical.

In number 182, he affirms that "each of us is fully a person when we are part of a people".

#### 3. Social friendship

According to its subtitle, Fratelli tutti is not only about fraternity, but also about "social friendship", a concept forged in the 2000s by the then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires (Argentina).

"A love capable of transcending borders is the basis of what in every city and country can be called 'social friendship'. Genuine social friendship within a society makes true universal openness possible," the Pope writes. He says this is the "social friendship" that allowed the Good Samaritan of the parable (Luke 10, 25-37) "to interrupt his journey, change his plans, and unexpectedly come to the aid of an injured person who needed his help".

#### 4. The inalienable dignity of each person

Francis explains that, to achieve "social friendship and universal fraternity", it is necessary to "call for an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere". Everyone "has the right to live with dignity" and "unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity", the Pope warns.

He then denounces those, including Christians, whose attitude is tantamount to considering some people -- beginning with migrants -- as being "less human".

The source of fraternity is the inalienable dignity that Christians believe comes from God. And it is based on this that the Pope once again affirms that the death penalty is "inadmissible" and strongly questions whether such a thing as a "just war" can ever exist.

#### 5. The art of peace

Pope Francis asserts that peace-building is an "art" that "involves us all". He says it is "a never-ending task". "Peace 'is not merely absence of war but a tireless commitment --

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### Sacraments

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

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especially on the part of those of us charged with greater responsibility – to recognize, protect and concretely restore the dignity, so often overlooked or ignored, of our brothers and sisters'," he writes.

The Pope says another condition for peace is forgiveness and he devotes some very beautiful lines to this concept. "Those who truly forgive do not forget. Instead, they choose not to yield to the same destructive force that caused them so much suffering," Francis writes. "Forgiveness is precisely what enables us to pursue justice without falling into a spiral of revenge or the injustice of forgetting," he says.

Christians are encouraged to read and be inspired to be the change in our world of today.

Fr. Clifford, msfs

## CALENDAR

### October

Sat 10 Sacrament of Marriage: - Roland Moubayed & Sophie Barakat  
Sun 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Readings:* Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14  
Baptisms: Alannah-Grace Collins , Adriano Ljajcaj & Dion Dedivanaj  
Thur 15 St Theresa of Jesus *Memorial*  
Sun 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21  
Baptisms: Mattias Buzo & Luka Kraljevic  
Fri 23 Formation - Unity in Christ - 7.30pm

### November

Sun 1 All Saints  
Mon 2 All Souls Day

### Sacraments of Initiation

#### Information Evening - Reconciliation and First Eucharist

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 13th October 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@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au)

*Please Pray For...*

**Sick:** Leo Tito, June Barrett, John & Joan McDermott, Elizabeth Clarke, Josephine Francis, Mana Tet Jalal, Doris Laguda, Beverly Horne, Peter Horne, Danny Dingle, Sharon Webb (Patti M's daughter)

**Rec Dec:** Jeanette Rogers, Cesar Deverossr, Sebastian Lobo, Brian O'Brien (*Terry O'Brien's brother*), Noel Arranz, Koopelian & Samuel families, Cyril D'souza, Fr Bernadino Bucci, Arlene Rentuza, Vittoria Teuma (Pauline Pace's mother), Louise Nikolakopoulos

**Deceased:** Jianreng Wang, Edgardo Perez, Rebecca Patacsil, Artemio Patacsil, Tirinidad Llandilo, Alex Garcia, Alex D'Costa, Luigi Shyti, Locke, Cocksedge, Scully & Tangye families, Fr Patrick Saldavla, Sr Domitilla, Nazar & Lewis Nissan, Sr P Linder, Sr C McIntosh

**Anniversary:** Michael Mao, Maria Anh, Paul Phuoc, Alicia Jobey, Felix Lawrence, Joaquim Ferreira, Conchita Aguilera, Francis Haldar, Thomas Davoren, Joseph Tinh Yu, Anges Nethercott, John Yulo, Norm Hector, Rod Leon, Augustine Thayyil, Maria Soi Thi Nguyen

**Special Intentions:** Khush Jilla, Fatima Rodricks, Susan Evening, People of Lebanon, Abdullah family, Mary Rose Tito, Franz Tito

**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.***

## Formation

**Topic:** Unity in Christ  
**Speaker:** John Missio  
**Date:** Friday 23 October  
**Time:** 7.30pm - 9.00pm  
**Venue:** Blessed Sacrament Chapel



## St Pat's Matters - seeks parishioners' submissions

COVID-19 might still affect all facets of parish life at St Pat's, nevertheless people can still contribute input for the magazine's upcoming issue.

### What to write about?

- ◆ Tell us your story: "Why I became Catholic?"
- ◆ That Virus: its negative and or positive impact on your faith, family and work life. Lessons learnt?
- ◆ Have you witnessed or personally experienced "Good Sam" acts during the pandemic?
- ◆ Seize the chance to share articles and archival photos relating to the history of our remarkable parish - its priests, people and events.
- ◆ Are you in Ministry? Share the story.

### REMEMBER: SHARING MATTERS

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"for St Pat's Matters"



## It's time to ask the Question/s

As Fr Peter has indicated in his bulletin note last week, the Cathedral leadership team is asking all parishioners to submit questions if they require further clarification on events that have evolved over the past few months to Mili by placing your questions in the cathedral donation box available at the narthex (entry to the Chapel) or in the cathedral or by emailing Mili on [mili@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:mili@stpatscathedral.com.au). The meeting date for the next parish meeting to discuss issues surrounding parish administration has yet to be confirmed, however ample notice will be given to give opportunity for most parishioners to attend. We look forward to hearing from you and addressing your concerns.

## November Mass Offerings

November is a special time to pray for the dead. Requested Masses for the Holy Souls will be celebrated throughout the Month of November by the priests. As customary Mass offerings for the dead are usually accepted leading up to All Souls Day (November 2) and throughout November. Envelopes are now available in the narthex for this purpose. All names must be clearly printed on your list so that they can be added to the remembrance book. When printing is not clear it is not always possible to copy them accurately. November Envelopes may be placed in the collection bowls or in the mail box outside the presbytery front door.

## Parish Advent Reflection

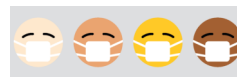
### Team Leaders Required

We are seeking five parishioners who would like to lead a group of ten in Advent Reflection. This year we will be guided by the 'Adore' Advent and Christmas Reflections prepared by the Diocese of Wollongong. In the day-to-day reality of our lives, especially during the busyness of end-of-year activities, it is easy for us to lose sight of what we are truly preparing for during Advent and celebrating at Christmas - the Incarnation. Inspired by the shepherds, Magi and our Blessed Mother, this year's reflection book, Adore, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet step out of our daily lives and refocus our attention on the Lord in adoration of what he has done for us through his Son. If you would like to lead or join a group please contact the parish office on 8839 8411 or 0418 698 544. Groups will be conducted via Zoom as well as face to face if COVID-19 regulations permits.

## Parishioner looking for a place to Rent

A long time parishioner of St Pat's is looking for a granny flat to rent in Parramatta or surrounding area. Please contact the parish office if you can be of assistance.

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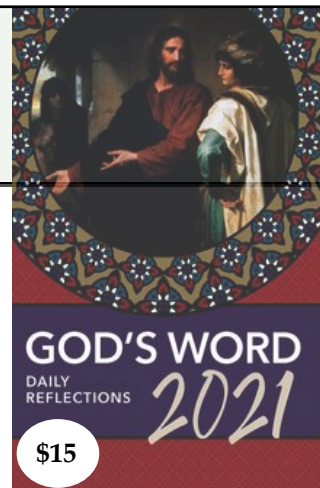
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