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Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD

22 November 2020 - Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

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
Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact Fr Chris or find information on
Facebook: credo.stpats
Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au

Live Christ, Share Christ.

Monthly formation nights. Contact Michael or
Marietta on email mguillema@bigpond.com

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Website: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Dear People of St Patrick's,

As we come to the end of the liturgical year with this celebration I want to express once again my appreciation to all of you for what has been a very difficult and challenging year. The pandemic significantly disrupted the worshipping and community life of the Parish, and then the departure of the previous Dean caused many people dismay and raised many questions. Since I returned to the parish in the middle of the year I have endeavoured to address those matters with both the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee and that process reached its culmination in the Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners which was convened last Sunday after the Solemn Mass. Once again, I thank those who attended, and those who submitted questions. Once again I reaffirm what I categorically stated at that meeting that neither the previous Dean, nor the then Financial Administrator have been cited in any correspondence or reports as having engaged in any malfeasance in respect to the financial operations of the parish. That such rumours and innuendo were circulating (mainly through unauthorised social media platforms) is a matter of deep regret and has caused much hurt to many people. As next week we begin a new Liturgical Year let us all look forward with hope to 2021 and a resumption and strengthening of our life as a Parish community focused on the mission of the Gospel. To that end I received an email from Fr Robert Riedling who as you know will become the new Dean and Administrator of the Cathedral Parish when he returns from the UK. Because of the pandemic and the unavailability of flights to Australia Fr Robert does not expect to return to Australia now until early in the New Year. He is looking forward to his new role and sends his greetings from Durham in the north of England where winter is already a present reality for him.

On a more practical note I need to address the question of giving. Traditionally most Catholic parishes have had two collections during Mass on a Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. The first collection is labelled 'pastoral revenue' and the money collected is used to support the priests of the parish and their upkeep. The second collection is referred to as 'the church account.' The money collected here (either through planned giving and envelopes or direct debit and some loose collection) is used to support the operational expenses of the parish. During the time of the pandemic many people have continued to support the parish and the clergy whilst often facing uncertainty about their own personal finances. We are very grateful for such generosity in uncertain times. At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Board of Management (ie: the clergy members of the fund who are supported by the first collection) a motion was moved to investigate having only one collection at Mass which would incorporate the first and second collections. This would mean that a percentage of monies collected would be apportioned to the support of the clergy and the balance would be used for the operations of the parish. After discussions with other clergy and also the Parish Manager I have decided given the current situation with the pandemic that beginning the 1st Sunday of Advent we will only have one collection at Mass during the time of the Offertory. Therefore, I am asking parishioners that you consider your giving on the basis that in future there will be only one collection. If you are using envelopes you might want to increase the amount to reflect what you would normally place in the first collection. If you currently have a direct debit facility with your bank you might consider altering the amount to include what you would normally give in the first collection. There are many people who now prefer the option of "cashless" transactions; parishioners and visitors will be aware that we now have a number of *tap 'n' go* points in the Cathedral with various amounts designated at each point, and placing a cash offering on a plate or in a



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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.

Weddings are by appointment only.
Contact the Parish Secretary.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation:
Please contact the Sacramental Coordinator.
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Have any of your contact details changed?

Don't forget to let us know so we can keep in touch. Ph: 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Please Pray For...

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

Special Intentions: Tania & Charbel Karam, Maria Baretto, Khush Jilla, Fatima Rodricks, Susan Evening, People of Lebanon

C A L E N D A R

donation box is still another option. It will take some getting used to after so many years of having the other procedure in place. In the bulletin next week I will provide further details about this change of practice. Finally, thank you for your commitment to the parish and our life together as a community of Faith.

With my prayers,
Fr Peter G. Williams
Dean

November

Sun 22 Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE
Readings: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Formation

Advent is a wonderful time to spend in prayer and reflection on Christ's miraculous entry into our world. We are very blessed to be able to offer you the following opportunities. We do hope you can join us.

Live Christ Share Christ will continue their Advent Reflection Sessions - Lectio Divina for 2020.

Timetable as follows:

Friday, November 27	7pm-8pm
Friday December 4	6.30pm-7.30pm (earlier start due to Adoration)
Friday December 11	7pm-8pm
Friday December 18	7pm-8pm

All sessions will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

*"Christmas
isn't just a temporal celebration or
the memory of a beautiful
(event), Christmas is more ...
Christmas is an
encounter!"*

- Pope Francis

Parish Advent Reflection - small groups

Thank you to those who have responded. Dates for sessions are:
Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd December, 10.00am in the Cathedral Office.
Please arrive 10 minutes earlier to get settled.
Resources will be provided.

Good Works Bubbling in the Background

Vinnies are very fortunate to have a dedicated support team at St Pat's. Ian Goldthorpe has been instrumental in raising over \$700 last financial year for St Vincent de Paul collecting cans. If you think you can contribute to this great ministry, leave your name with the office and we will pass your name on to Ian. Also, Marilyn and Graham Cook coordinate donated items from St Pat's Primary and turn them into hampers for people in need. They do this year in and year out. Great work people. We will try to get a few helpers for next year. If you can spare an hour or two, once a year, give Pat a call in the office. This sounds like an 'Airtasker' moment.

Become a Catechist - a SRE volunteer

Do you have a calling to spread the good news and joy of the Gospels to the children in the State Schools in 2021? What is a SRE?

SREs (Special Religious Educators) are volunteers who:

- teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend the local State Schools;
- have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people;
- have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people; and
- respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

Next weekend 28/29 November, 2020 there will be speakers at each Mass asking you to consider sharing the gift of your Catholic Faith with Catholic children in State Schools.

For more details about the ministry, how it works and how you could become involved call:

the Parish Office: ph 8839 8412 or

email secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au or the parish

Coordinator: ph 0414783710 or

email pamelab@bigpond.net.au

Odd Jobs - Airtasker has come to St Pat's

(with a difference)

This is a particularly busy time of the year and leading up to Christmas there are lots of little 'odd jobs' that need tending to.

JOB: Christmas Decorations

If you can help, give Pat a call 8839 8412.

Book Launch - The Art of Practical Catholicism

Foreword by Fr John Fladdey

When: Friday 18 December

Time: 7pm

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Function Room

Entry: Free

Contact: George Manassa

Collections at St Pat's

See Fr Peter's talk on page one to learn more on how we will manage collections in the near future.

QR Code (electronic sign-in)

To assist with our COVID-19 Safety Plan and a move towards 'contactless donations', from this weekend, St Pat's QR code will be in operation. The QR code on the sign-on table is in lieu of signing in using pen and paper therefore further reducing the risk of contamination. Information collected is for St Pat's use only.

Change of Parish's Banking Details

We are grateful to all parishioners for your ongoing financial support to the parish during this time of COVID-19.

The parish has recently changed its banking details and the new details are as follows:

1. Name: St Patrick's Cathedral

2.BSB: 067 950

3.Account number: 000 7202

We apologise to those who usually donate via direct debit for any confusion caused.

Could you please use the above banking details for your next donation.

Donations can be also made by credit card via the Cathedral website <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/STPATRICKSPARISHPARRAMATTA>

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together.

Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships.

You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy.

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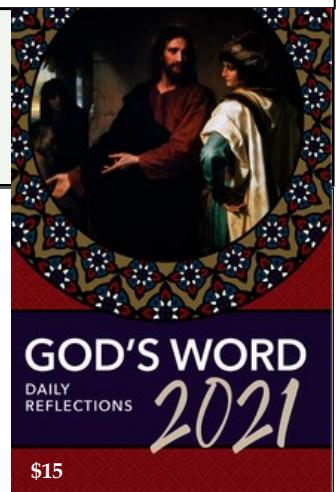
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