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

29 November 2020 - First Sunday of Advent - Year B

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](https://www.facebook.com/credo.stpats)
Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au

Live Christ, Share Christ.

Monthly formation nights. Contact Michael or
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Dear People of St Patrick's,

Happy New Year to all of you.

As we begin the new liturgical year we move into the very exciting season of Advent. Advent, as evident in today's readings, is a time of preparation; an extended vigil as we await the birth of the Saviour. As joyful and exciting as this season is, we always seem to be unprepared. I'm not speaking here of holiday plans or family gatherings, I am speaking of one's spiritual preparation for the Birth of the Lord.

Why are we somewhat unprepared? Unfortunately our consumerist culture prioritises materialism over true riches; our focus shifts to preparing for the great Christmas feast, exchanging of gifts and our holiday getaway. How do we move away from this? Our readings for this week emphasise the urgency of the matter. *Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come... Stay awake.* Our Lord asks each of us to remain vigilant for his eventual coming. This does not entail a hoarding of riches but a heart filled with faith, hope and love.

Christ desires to be born within each one of us so as to make a home within our hearts. How then do we prepare? My dear friends, I urge you, just as you make ready your Christmas celebrations, make ready your heart through a purposeful and consistent prayer life, and a good confession. These simple yet loving acts of charity are reminders of God's love for us; a love that moved Him to take on our humanity. As we begin the season of Advent may we be prepared adequately for Our Lord's Birth and be reminded of His incredible love for us.

With my prayers,

Fr Chris del Rosario

Christmas Masses

This year attendance at all Christmas Masses in the Cathedral and Chapel spaces will be on a first come first serve basis. Provision will be made for the elderly and members of our community with mobility issues.. Extra seating will be available in the cloister area.



Social Distancing Ushers are required for all Christmas Masses to ensure a safe environment . If you can assist the Cathedral staff in ushering at the Mass you intend to attend for Christmas, please give your details to the parish office.



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Youth Coordinator

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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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WEEKLY CALENDAR

November

Sun 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (violet)
Readings: Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Mon 30 Feast—St Andrew, apostle (red)

December

Thur 4 Memorial—St Francis Xavier, priest (white)

Sun 6 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (violet)
Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Bishop's Christmas Appeal this weekend

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

A second collection will be taken up this weekend for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal.

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.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal:
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Cloister Café

Yes. We are opening for a few weeks before the year's end.

Next Sunday, 6 December, we will be opening the Cloister Café for Morning Tea after the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses. We very much look forward to catching up with parishioners after the long hiatus caused by COVID-19.



Cathedral Offerings

Last week in the bulletin I foreshadowed a change to the collections here at the Cathedral. From this weekend both the 1st and 2nd collections will become one collection which will be taken during the time of the Offertory and the Preparation of the Gifts. At present, because of COVID we are not having a formal procession of the gifts, but this will be the time when that collection will normally occur.



Last week I requested that parishioners include in the collection that amount which they would have placed in the 1st collection which supports the clergy with the amount that they give to support the operations of the Parish. Once again can I express my appreciation to you for your financial support of the Cathedral Parish and the clergy.

Fr Peter Williams, Dean.

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: Paul Peters, 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

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.

This 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 sectary@stpatscathedral.com.au or the parish Coordinator: ph 0414783710 or pamelab@bigpond.net.au

Sacraments of Initiation Update

The children enrolled in the current Sacraments of Initiation program in preparation for First Eucharist 2021 will complete their Term 4 formation for Reconciliation with the Reception of the Sacrament of Penance on **Tuesday 1st December at 7pm** in St Patrick's Cathedral.

Prayer Cards for Parishioners

From this weekend, prayer cards for children enrolled in the sacramental program will be available in a basket in the Chapel narthex. We invite you to please take a prayer card and pray for a child as they prepare for the sacrament of First Eucharist next year. We thank you for your ongoing prayers and support as the children continue to grow and develop in the knowledge of our faith and the sacraments.



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.



Advent Formation

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

Timetable as follows:

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

All sessions will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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.

Book Launch - The Art of Practical Catholicism

Foreword by Fr John Fladder

When: Friday 18 December at 7pm

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Function Room

Entry is Free **please contact** George Manassa for more information



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