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

6 December 2020 - Second 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 Marietta on email mguillema@bigpond.com

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Dear People of St Patrick's,

As we begin the Second Week of Advent our Gospel presents us with a character all too familiar to us, John the Baptist. Growing up I frequently questioned the importance of this man. When one reads parts of the Old Testament one hears of the many great holy men and women in history. They are exalted for their courage, their zeal, but most importantly their faith. I was always impressed with Moses who, despite the constant infidelities of the Israelites, continues to exhibit faithfulness to God in his unyielding efforts to bring God's chosen people to the promised land. Yet he is not in the same 'level' per se with John the Baptist.

We hear in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus proclaim, 'Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist.' What is it that makes this man so great? John's greatness is defined in his littleness. How so? John, being born of Zechariah and Elizabeth, is from the priestly caste. He could have asserted himself as another religious leader if he wanted to. However, in John the Baptist we see one who embodies his vocation, the voice crying out in the wilderness, through his littleness. John states 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals.' What does this imply? John's humility aids his mission as he directs those who come his way towards Christ. As such, he is the model for all vocations.

Vocation is God's call to holiness in a specific way of life. However, all vocations share in the same mission; bringing others to know, love and serve the Lord. As we approach Christmas may we follow the great example of John the Baptist. May we follow the path of humility so that our mission may truly flourish.

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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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

December

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

Good News from the Cloister Café

We are open for business today, Sunday December 6 after 9:30 and 11am Masses.

Morning Tea will be set up in the big hall. Be prepared that our usual procedure might now differ from before, due to COVID-19 regulations. Hospitality team members are looking forward to serving parishioners and catching up after the pandemic forced the café's closure way back in March.



Christmas Mass Timetable

Thursday 24 Dec: Mass of the NATIVITY (Christmas Vigil)

6.00pm (Family Mass)

9.00pm

Midnight Mass

(Solemn Pontifical Mass with Cathedral Choir - Carols service with readings start at 11.30pm).

Friday 25 Dec: Mass of the NATIVITY (Christmas Day)

8.00am

9.30am

11.00am - Solemn Pontifical Mass with Cathedral Choir

6.00pm.

Weekday Masses after Christmas

Monday 28 December - Friday 15 January (weekdays) ✦

8.00am Mass only. No reconciliation



Please Pray For...

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

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

Rec Dec: Jeanette Rogers, Cesar Deverossr, Sebastian Lobo, Brian O'Brien (*Terry O'Brien's brother*), Noel Arranz, Praxedes Limbaga

Deceased: H & M Doueihy, C&F Kozal, M&H Basha, John Zaouk

Anniversary: Geraldine Roy, Palccsina Empucito, Michael Mao, Maria Anh, Paul Phuoc, Alicia Jobey, Felix Lawrence

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.

Advent Reflection - small groups

If you would still like to join, we have vacancies in the Wednesday group (10am start). Call Pat to register or just turn up. 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 December 4 6.30pm-7.30pm
(earlier start due to Adoration)

December 11 and 18, 7pm-8pm

All sessions will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Become a Catechist - 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 Special Religious Educator?

Following on from last week's talks after Mass, if you would like 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



Share God's Word

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.



Cathedral Offerings



Recently I foreshadowed a change to the collections here at the Cathedral. The 1st and 2nd collections are now a combined collection which will be taken up 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.

I also 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.

Bishop's Christmas

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



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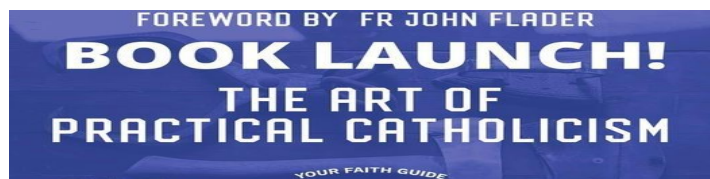
Book Launch - The Art of Practical Catholicism

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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