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17 January 2021 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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: Wednesdays9.30am-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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My dear friends,

Our Gospel for today brings to light the calling of the first disciples. Following the witness of John two of his disciples promptly follow after Christ, going so far as to stay with him for the rest of the day. The exchange between Jesus and the two disciples, I find, is rather interesting. Noticing He is being followed Jesus asks 'What do you want?' with which the two strangely respond 'where do you live?' A question with a question. What is it that these two truly want from Jesus to respond in such a way? Why do they not simply respond with the words of John the Baptist? 'We heard from John that you are the Lamb of God and therefore desire to follow you.' Why do they respond with a question?

John the Baptist, as shown in the earlier passage knows who Jesus is. He is the one with whom the scriptures foretold. He believes with absolute certainty that Jesus is the Christ. The two disciples on the other hand only know through the witness of John. This revelation hasn't yet seeped into their very being, however their response to Jesus illustrates their desire to know him for themselves; 'so they went and saw where he lived and stayed with him for the rest of that day.' What results from this? They, like John the Baptist, witness to the reality of Jesus and call Simon Peter to also follow.

Dear friends, this small yet significant exchange challenges us to be vehicles for others to encounter Christ. Is it my task to bring others to Jesus? Absolutely. However, we, like the two disciples, must first know who Jesus is. As we begin Ordinary Time may we follow their example; time spent with the Lord is time well spent. In doing so we are shaped to bear witness to the Christ who is our salvation.

With every blessing,

Fr. Chris
Assistant Priest

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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

January

Sun 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Next Week

We will be returning to our regular schedule with Mass at 6.30am and 12.30pm. Confessions continue Monday—Friday 11.15am - 12.20pm. When attending confession, please be mindful that the priest needs to finish by 12.20pm at the latest if he is celebrating the 12.30pm Mass.

Lenten Reflection Sessions February 19 - March 26

Lectio Divina (sacred reading) is a form of contemplative prayer in the monastic tradition, based on the meditative reading of Sacred Scripture. The devotion consists of various components (reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation), and is designed to make our hearts and minds receptive to God's voice through scripture, and in this way, to allow us to develop a more intimate relationship with the Lord.

Lectio Divina will be held each Friday in Lent from 7pm to 8pm in the chapel (except for March 5, 6.30pm).

Sacraments of Initiation - Preparation for Eucharist

Please note first session below. Comprehensive list available in coming weeks.

Remembering Baptism 1 **7.30pm Tuesday 16 Feb** **Parents**

Prayers for Margaret Smith

Margaret, a very active parishioner of St Pat's since 1986 has passed away this week after battling a long illness. Please keep Margaret and her family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Note: A link to view the funeral will be available from the parish office on Tuesday next week.

Please Pray For...

Sick: Paul Peters, Stanley, Michelle Makin, Anthony Grigson, Beverley Horne, Peter Horne, Leo Tito, John & Joan McDermott
Special Intentions: Alicia & Daniel Altmann, Noa G Sampe, Tania & Charbel Karam, Maria Baretto, Khush Jilla, Fatima Rodricks, Susan Evening, People of Lebanon
Rec Dec: Margaret Smith, June Barrett, Valerie Small, Therese Holdener, Nena Co Siu Tek Uy, Sr Helen Cooke, Jeanette Rogers
Deceased: Romeo Pamute, Virginia Sim, Marie Saldanha, H & M Doueihi, C&F Kozal, M&H Basha, John Zaouk
Anniversary: Maximina Manlangit, Geraldine Roy, Palccsina Empucito, Michael Mao, Maria Anh, Paul Phuoc, Alicia Jobey,
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 & June 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.

Helping YOU to Stay in Touch

Ways to access the Bulletin and Liturgy Guide.

Bulletin: This is available on St Patrick's website:
https://stpatscathedral.com.au/#latestnews
And the Cathedral App (instructions below).

Go to **skoolbag.com.au**
Click on either

Available on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

And follow instructions for installation.

Liturgy Guide: Also available on Cathedral App and now using the QR code (displayed in Cathedral). At the moment this code changes weekly so scan the code weekly.

As you can see, we are looking for the best ways to reach out to our parishioners and visitors to stay in touch.
Always feel free to contact the office if you have any issues.

Cathedral Precinct Security

Restrooms - Opening times

Restrooms in the Cathedral precinct will be closed daily, on weekdays, from 2.30pm. Special arrangements will be made when the Cathedral precinct is used for evening Masses and other events.
Should you need to use the restrooms after 2pm, please see the Cathedral Office.

Car Park- Closing times

Cathedral carpark will be closed daily at the following times:

- The boom gate is programmed to close everyday from 9pm**.** No vehicular entry to the Cathedral carpark will be possible after 9pm.
- Gate to the carpark will close at 11.59 pm therefore there will be no vehicular exit after this time.

Please note these closing times when planning to use the Cathedral carpark.
So, to summarise:-

⇒ **Boom gate closed everyday from 9pm;**
⇒ **Victoria Rd gate closed at 11.59pm (no vehicular exit after this time; and**
⇒ **Restrooms closed from 2.30pm on weekdays.**

Cathedral Offerings

Weekly Offering

The First and Second 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.
Fr Peter Williams, Dean.

News from the Cloister Café

Welcome to a new year. It was hoped we would be operating as normal by now, but alas we won't be operating in the near future. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will be up and running. Keep praying.

Red Mass

The inaugural Red Mass will again be celebrated this year.
This Mass will be held to give thanks for the work of those who serve the law, and it is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith.
This invitation is extended to all parishioners and hope you are able to join us.
This Mass will be held on:

Thursday, February 4
7.00pm
at **St Patrick's Cathedral.**

After the Mass, we welcome you to join us in the Cloister Function Room for light refreshments. **RSVP is essential** to adhere to 100 cap in Cathedral and to aid in our preparation for catering, we ask that you please confirm your attendance by emailing:-
events@stpatscathedral.com.au or by phone to 8839 8411 by Monday **February 1**, 2021.

A bit of background...
St Thomas More is the patron saint of statesmen and politicians, lawyers, large families, and those who have difficult marriages.
For more information go to:
http://www.stms.org.au/life-of-stm

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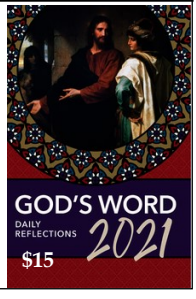
Feel free to come in and have a browse. We stock Religious goods, Ethical products, Sacramental gifts and many more items to celebrate a time in your life or someone special. The Gift Shop is open to a maximum of three customers at a time.

OPEN:
Tuesday to Friday 10am – 3pm & Sunday 9am –1pm.

CLOSED:
Mondays and Saturdays.



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