



St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

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Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD
24 January 2021 - Third 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: 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 mguillaume@bigpond.com

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Dear People of St Patrick's,

In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God when issuing an Apostolic Letter. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. In Australia as in many places around the world this day is celebrated today, the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Over the ten years when I was Executive Secretary of the Bishops' Commission for Liturgy and headed up the National Liturgical Office, I travelled widely around Australia visiting many Dioceses and conducting various workshops. Invariably I would begin each session by asking those attending what had been in their judgement the biggest gains of the liturgical reforms that took place as a result of the Second Vatican Council. In every instance those in attendance would nominate as one of the gains the opening up of the Word of God to Catholics.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council it was often (erroneously) believed that the Bible was for Protestants and the sacraments were for Catholics. Of course the Sacraments are sourced from Holy Scripture and in fact every sacrament celebrated contains within it the celebration of the Word of God.

In the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, we read the following at no 24. "Sacred Scripture is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy. For it is from Scripture that the readings are given and explained in the homily and that psalms are sung; the prayers, collects, and liturgical songs are scriptural in their inspiration; it is from Scriptures that actions and signs derive their meaning..."

The Liturgical documents also speak about the notion of "two tables" – the 'table of the Word' and the 'table of the Eucharist.' That is why the ambo in the Cathedral is so prominent and strictly speaking should only ever be used for the proclamation of the Word, the homily and for leading the intentions in the Prayer of the Faithful. Since the Council many Catholic men and women have delighted in the discovery of Sacred Scripture and Bible studies and other groups that focus on the Word of God have flourished and brought much solace and enrichment into the spiritual lives of many people. We have seen an increase in the number of people who have engaged in the revered Benedictine practice of *lexio divina* – sitting and meditating on a word or a phrase from Scripture in silence. Homilies are now recommended at every celebration of Mass, even on the weekdays so that the Faithful might have an opportunity to be nourished by the Word of God. I encourage those of you who access the Liturgy Guide each week to sit with those readings designated for a Sunday and use them in your own prayer and reflection. It is highly beneficial to come back to the preceding Sunday Gospel and sit with the passage again and again. Because as the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews says: "Indeed, the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Heb 4:12)

In the middle of February we will mark as usual the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday (Feb 17) so I urge you to engage in more serious study of the Bible during Lent of 2021. The Cathedral Parish will as is the custom be organising Lenten Study Groups which always as part of their content focus on the Sacred Scripture. This would provide another opportunity to share your own insights and reflections with others of our parish community.

With my prayers for this coming week,

Fr Peter Williams
Dean

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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 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Bellringers Wanted

Many of you would have seen the media coverage on the installation of the peal of eight bells that now hang in the tower alongside our St Patrick bell. The bells were pealed for the first time on Christmas Eve and since then a band of ringers has been coming in to ring before the 11am Solemn Mass on Sunday.

The NSW Bellringers Association has undertaken to train interested parishioners who might be interested in learning the ancient art of bellringing. If you watched Channel 9 news last Saturday night you would have picked up that it is not simply a matter of pulling on a rope. Bellringing is open to either men or women above the age of sixteen. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Fr Chris on liturgy@stpatscathedral.com.au or leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office.



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

Please Pray For...

Sick: Paul Peters, Stanley, Michelle Makin, Anthony Grigson, Beverley Horne, Peter Horne, Leo Tito, John & Joan McDermott

Special Intentions: Vivian & Esme Dsouza, Alicia & Daniel Altmann, Noa G Sampe, Tania & Charbel Karam, Maria Baretto, Khush Jilla, Fatima Rodricks, Susan Evening, People of Lebanon

Rec Dec: Jesse Torres, Margaret Smith, June Barrett, Valerie Small, Therese Holdener, Nena Co Siu Tek Uy, Sr Helen Cooke

Deceased: Fatima Bayne, Luc Touche, Marie Josec, Juliet Mata Tonaka, Fonseca family, Romeo Pamute, Virginia Sim, Marie Saldanha

Anniversary: Bernard Rodricks, Gracie Rodricks, Judy Gallagher, Maximina Manlangit, Geraldine Roy, Palccsina Empucito, Michael Mao, Maria Anh, Paul Phuoc, Alicia Jobey,

Perpetuals: Norm Hector, Bokeyar Family, David Family, Japour Family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, 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, Mclnherney, 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



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.



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



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.

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.



St Thomas More

After the Mass, we welcome you to join us in the Cloister Function Room for light refreshments.

Note: **RSVP is essential as we are approaching the 100 cap in church.** 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>

Reminder of Cathedral Restrictions & Protocols during COVID-19.

1. Cathedral attendance at Mass currently capped at 100.
2. Wearing of mask is mandatory.
3. Sign in using QR code or sign on sheet and
4. Use hand sanitiser upon entry.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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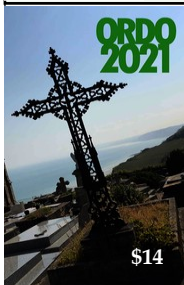
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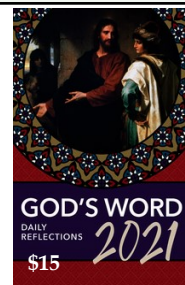
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