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14 February 2021 - Sixth 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)
- 7.00pm - Mass in Arabic

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

- 6.10am Morning Prayer
- 6.30am Mass
- 11.15am Exposition
- 11.15am Sacrament of Penance (till 12.20pm)
- 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

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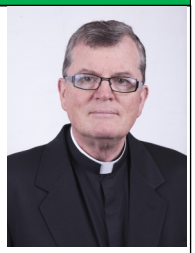

Dear People of St Patrick's Parish,

It seems as if Lent has crept up on us again this year as it quite often does. It only feels like we were packing up our Christmas decorations a few weeks ago. Before the revision of the Liturgical Calendar in 1969 there were three Sundays preceding Ash Wednesday that acted as a sort of "liturgical lighthouse" to let us know that Lent was close. They had rather exotic Latin titles: Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima – they in fact reference the number of days before Easter; seventy, sixty and fifty. The liturgical colour changed from green to violet in anticipation. The day before Lent is known as Shrove Tuesday. Traditionally it was often a day when the faithful would avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for the Lenten Fast, and also the day on which you used up all your meat and dairy products before the Fast began. Thus, we have the custom of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. In many Latin language based cultures it is also referred to as *Mardi Gras* – "fat Tuesday" and carnivals were associated with the last of the festivities before the solemn Lenten season. Many of these customs have either vanished or faded or have been appropriated and reinterpreted, but originally they were heavily Christian in both content and meaning.

When we began Lent last year it was on the cusp of the pandemic. There were early worrying signs beginning to emerge from overseas, and by the third week of Lent we entered the shutdown that took us to the other side of Easter. This year, as we begin Lent 2021 we will witness the rollout of the vaccine in Australia. The words for the formula at the imposition of the Ashes (which this year will be sprinkled on the head of each person rather than imposed on the forehead) are words which we only too readily understand in the shadow of the pandemic and the havoc it has visited on many countries: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Our lives are short in terms of the history of humankind and as the Psalmist reminds us:

> *The days of our life are seventy years,*
> *or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;*
> *even then their span is only toil and trouble;*
> *they are soon gone, and we fly away. (Ps 90:10)*

But this should never give rise to a sense of hopelessness or indeed pessimism. As people of faith and believers in Christ who through death conquered death for those bound to him, it is a reminder that we are afforded a rich opportunity to "retune" our spiritual lives by the age-old disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As always I commend to you the annual Project Compassion appeal which is one very constructive way we can contribute to the mission of the Church by supporting projects overseas that will improve the quality of lives of others. I also encourage you to spend more time in prayer. That might take the form of private prayer at home, or visits to the Cathedral, or even being part of a Lenten Study group. Fasting of course is and should be more than the denial of food and drink. There are many things we can apply the discipline of fasting to eg: cutting back on social media posts, reading instead of watching the plethora of streaming services we have at our fingertips. I am sure you can think of some as well. Whatever we choose to undertake this Lent may it be a time of rich spiritual blessing for all of us so that Easter will be even more joyous – a good and Holy Lent to everyone.

With my prayers,

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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This Week at the Cathedral

February

Sun 14	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed 17	Ash Wednesday
Sun 21	First Sunday of Lent

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Holy Mass and the Imposition of Ashes at the Cathedral will be:

- 6.30am (Said Mass)
- 12.30pm - Mass (with cantor)
- 7.30pm – Solemn Pontifical Mass with Cathedral Choir.

Celebrating 100 Years of Legion of Mary - Sat 20.2.21 - 11am

In celebration of 100yrs of the Legion of Mary, the Legion of Mary Blacktown Comitium will be welcoming the centenary statue of Our Lady to our council area on Saturday 20th February. The statue has been commissioned by Sydney Senatus Legion of Mary to visit all the Legion groups of NSW as part of our centenary celebrations.
St Pat's has the honour of welcoming Our Lady's statue at Mass on Saturday 20 February at 11am. You are all welcome to attend.
Once the Mass has finished the pilgrim statue of Our Lady will depart from the Cathedral to begin its visitation of Prospect Curia's Praesidia. Prospect Curia is a Legion of Mary council attached to the Blacktown Comitium.

Check out new things happening at St Pat's

Mass in Arabic Sunday 7.15pm

Fr Chadi will celebrate Mass in Arabic every Sunday in the Cathedral at 7.15pm, after the 6pm evening Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend especially those who speak and understand Arabic.

Confession - in other Languages

Fr Chadi is happy to put his bi lingual gifts to good use. Confession is now also available in Arabic and Italian. Look out for Fr Chadi's sign. He will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays and occasionally on Saturday. He will have a sign to indicate when he is hearing confession.

Home Visits

Fr Chadi has made himself available for home visits during Lent and will continue afterwards. His availability is Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 6pm - 8pm.
He can bless items or just have a friendly chat. Please ring the office to make an appointment.

Please Pray For...

Sick: Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Stanley, Michelle Makin, Anthony Grigson, Beverley Horne, Peter Horne, Leo Tito
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: Betty D'Mello, Jesse Torres, Margaret Smith, June Barrett, Valerie Small, Therese Holdener, Nena Co Siu Tek Uy
Deceased: Salma & Norman Sukkar, George & Kasiveh Zardi, Matjaz & Martin Pecek, Lucy D'Mello, Fatima Bayne, Luc Touche, Marie Josec, Juliet Mata Tonaka, Fonseca family, Romeo Pamute, Virginia Sim
Anniversary: Michael Yacoub, Ray Wehbe, Bernard Rodricks, Gracie Rodricks, Judy Gallagher**,** Maximina Manlangit
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, 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.

Preparation for First Eucharist 2021

Preparation sessions for Eucharist for children 7 years or older who completed Reconciliation in 2020 will continue in Term 1 2021.

The calendar of sessions of preparation is as follows:
Remembering Baptism 2: Sat 6th March. 4:30 pm - Parent and Children Session
Remembering Baptism 3: Sat 20th March, 4:30 pm - Parent and Children Session
Please keep in mind that all sessions are mandatory.

For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for Children already Baptised please contact Meg Gale: sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

Pastoral Care Required

We have two parishioners requiring transport. One to come to Mass on Sundays, preferable 8am or 9.30am (lives very locally), and a lady requiring transport to Westmead hospital on 26 March & 9 April. Even if you are only available for one of the days that would be helpful. Please contact Pat, Mili or Donna in the office for more information. Thank you.

Bellringers Wanted

The NSW Bellringers Association has undertaken to train parishioners who might be interested in learning the ancient art of bellringing. If you are over 16 years and 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.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

St Pat's Matters issue 105 is out this weekend.
Two choices: read the 'e' version online or you can pick up a printed copy at the Cathedral.
No hints as to what the issue's contents are. To sate your curiosity you will have to browse its pages to find out what's featured.
One hard copy per family, please.
As always, our appreciation to those who, submitted articles for publication, when asked.

CONFESSIONS - Weekdays - Monday to Friday 11.15am - 12.20pm *(Tuesdays & Thursdays are an optimum time to visit at the moment).*

LENT 2021

- From Ash Wednesday, Ordinary Time is interrupted until after the Easter Time;
- In Lent, the Alleluia is ***omitted*** at Mass and at the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts; and
- Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (May 30).

◊ **Ash Wednesday February 17**

◊ **Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent at 6pm**

Leaders required on the following dates to lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday in Lent:

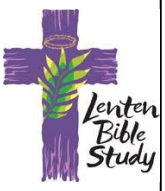
February 26

March 12, 19 & 26

Please let the Cathedral Office know if you can assist.

Family groups with teenagers or upper primary kids are especially welcomed to give kids practice for reading in church.

◊ **Weekly Lenten Reflections:**



- Lectio Divina -7pm Fri, Feb 19 - Mar 26

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

- Small Group Lenten Reflection 9.30am Tuesdays in Lent.

Lenten Reflection based on the Wollongong Diocese's *Comfort Lenten Program.* This booklet will also be available to take for individual reflections if preferred. Otherwise, come and meet new people by sharing the gospel in Lent. Let the parish office know if you are interested.

Altar Servers

If you are interested in serving God at church, Fr Chris is organising our next intake of Altar Servers. Training will be held here at the Cathedral. Only requirement is that you have completed your First Holy Communion.
Please email Fr Chris at frchris@stpatscathedral.com.au to add your name to the list. If you have a friend or friends who may also be interested, please let them know.

Formation Workshop for Readers 2pm Feb 27

This workshop is for all those who read at Mass in the Cathedral. Our last formation was two years ago so we are due for a refresher. The workshop is a short formation course focussing on the practicalities of Reading at Mass with guest presenter Br Michael Dredge cfc. RSVP to Pat or Donna in the office.

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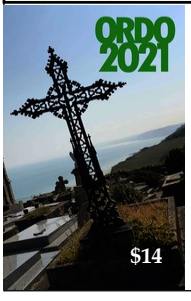

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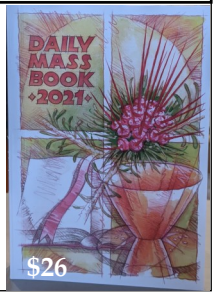
Mondays and Saturdays.



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