



# St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

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

14 March 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

## MASS SCHEDULE

### 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)
- ◆ 7.15pm 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 1:00pm Cenacle Prayers

### MONTHLY PRAYER GROUPS

- ◆ Last Thursday of the month—Novena to Mary Full of Grace
- ◆ First 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](mailto:credo@stpatscathedral.com.au)

### Live Christ, Share Christ.

Monthly formation nights. Contact Michael or Marietta on email [mguillema@bigpond.com](mailto:mguillema@bigpond.com)

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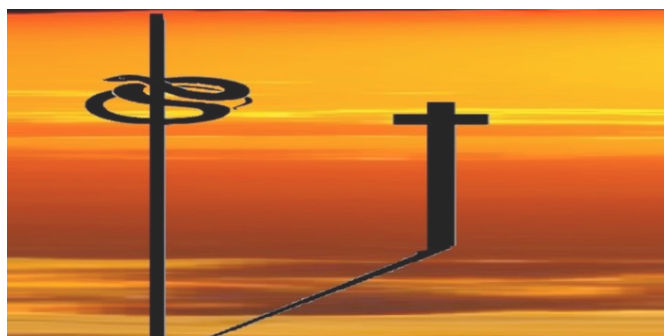
Last weekend the parish staff and some representatives went off for a day of reflection to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville. The day was aimed at taking time away from the usual workings of the Parish to focus on ourselves, our relationship with God, and how we may be of greater service to the Cathedral Parish. Two religious assisted with the spirituality part of the day: Fr Anthony Scerri and Sr Elizabeth Brennan. Whilst there were many great aspects discussed, one topic that really struck a chord with me was the idea of love expressed by the great Carmelite Saints: St. Therese of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Therese of Lisieux. To help navigate this behemoth of a subject we were blessed with the presence of Fr. Anthony, a Carmelite from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Wentworthville. Fr. Anthony informed us that his commitment to the Carmelites spans a mere 71 years which, in his words, gives him “a bit of knowledge into the spirituality of these Masters of Prayer.” Of course we couldn't cover every aspect of their works but Fr. Anthony captured their writings in one word: 'love'. “To love”, he said, “is a dangerous thing. It is dangerous as it demands so much from oneself as it must look outward. To say 'I love you' must never be superficial. It demands that we give of ourselves to the other for their highest good.”

My dear friends, our Gospel for this weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Laetare Sunday*), speaks of the incredible love the great saints lived out. I'm not referring to a sentimental love we see in the movies but something much greater; God's love for us. 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.' (Jn 3:16) Jesus' words highlights the extent of the Father's love for us; He gives that which is most precious to Him in order to bring us, His people, to the perfect love of the Trinity. He gave up his life so that we may have eternal life.

As we approach Holy Week may we be inspired by the Holy Spirit to love like the Father. May we, in the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, 'will the good of the other' and so directs our hearts towards Heaven.

With every blessing,

Fr Chris del Rosario



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Fr Chris del Rosario

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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 fifteen minutes before the usual commencement time of 12:45pm.

**Weddings** are by appointment only.  
Contact the Parish Secretary.

### First Eucharist and Confirmation:

Please contact the Sacramental Coordinator.

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

## This Week at the Cathedral...

Sunday 14 March: Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21*

### Keeping in touch...

#### Twitter

We now have Twitter. If you are looking for a new avenue to keep in touch, search for St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Fr Robert is an avid user and posts regularly.



**Skoolbag** - receive the bulletin by email or download the app to get notifications as they occur. If you would simply like 'us' to add you to the mailing list, send in an email with a request. Too easy!

### Novena to Mary Full of Grace, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Last Tuesday of the month

Enquiries: Silvana Rechichi: 0478 510 324 or Marian Polizzi 9630 4019 or 0418 978730

### Christian Meditation, Tuesdays 9:30am - 10:30am

Enquiries: Pat on 8839 8412

### Mass in Arabic Sundays @ 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 bilingual 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.

### Novena and Prayers to St Joseph 11 March - 19 March (Feast Day)

From Thursday 11 March, a Novena to pray to St Joseph will take place in the cathedral after the rosary at approximately 12.20pm on weekdays. A booklet will be available for you to continue your devotion on the weekends. Please join us in celebrating this great Solemnity.



### Please Pray For...

**Sick:** Danny Dingle, Kuth La Rosa, David J Herbert, Joan McDermott, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Stanley, Michelle Makin, Anthony Grigson, Beverley & Peter Horne

**Special Intentions:** Paul E, Rohan Rodricks, Claudio & Charlotte Pinto, Perla Yulo, Romulo Fam, Arnie, Theresa Chua, 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:** Mitchell Gale, Bishop Bede Heather, Sally Netto, Ikola van Weringin, Betty D'Mello, Jesse Torres, Margaret Smith, June Barrett, Valerie Small, Therese Holdener, Nena Co Siu Tek Uy

**Deceased:** Fr Mike, Sr Pauline Smith, Diana Rodricks, Albert, Lucielle Cornelio, Houda Chenade, Karam Karam, Lucy D'Mello

**Anniversary:** Youssef Rahil-Evlen George, Rosaria D'Costa, Leonor Quinalayd, Juan Montesco, Bernard Rodricks, Gracie Rodricks

**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.*



## St Patrick's Day & Welcome to Fr Robert 21 March

### DUST OFF YOUR COVID COATS - WE'RE HAVING A PARTY.

This year, St Patrick's Day celebrations will be held on Sunday **21 March** after the 11:00am Mass. We will also

incorporate a special welcome to Fr Robert Riedling, our new Dean and Administrator. Entertainment will include water slide, rides (cup & saucer) obstacle course, jumping castle and lots of games. A barbecue will also be on the boil.

**MARK THE CALENDAR.** Please come prepared to join in this LONG OVERDUE and wonderful celebration.

Free of charge but donation points will be around if you care to subsidise the parish. Thank you!

### Preparation for First Eucharist 2021

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

The final session of for Remembering Baptism is:

**Saturday 20 March 2021, 4:30 pm** - Parent and Children Session For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for children already Baptised please contact Meg Gale:

[sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au)

### LENT 2021

◇ Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent at 6:00pm

◇ Weekly Lenten Reflections:

- Lectio Divina 7:00pm Fridays, Feb 19 - Mar 26  
Lectio Divina will be held each Friday in Lent from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the chapel.
- Small Group Lenten Reflection 9.30am Tuesdays in Lent.

### Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal: This weekend

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. **Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help**

**CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan.**

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). **Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.**



### Youth Groups

Credo Youth groups kicked off with a great turnout a couple of weeks ago. If you wish to join other young people in the parish for fun activities while growing in faith, please contact Genevieve at [credo@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:credo@stpatscathedral.com.au).

Young adults scheduled to begin on Friday 26 March. Then, on a monthly basis. **COME AND MEET 'LIKE-MINDED' PEOPLE.**

Flyers for Credo meeting times are available at the back of the chapel or in the narthex.

### City of Parramatta Catenian Circle 333

#### 21st Anniversary Dinner Meeting

To be held in Southern Cross Hall at St Joseph's Centre, 33 Barina Downs Road Baulkham Hills, on **Thursday 25th of March 2021.**

- 6:15pm for 7:00pm
- Dress code: Smart casual
- Ladies' Night
- Guest speakers Danny & Laila Abdallah talking about their family tragedy and journey of forgiveness
- Cost \$50 per person including finger food on arrival and a two course dinner, drinks and a small donation to the *I Forgive Foundation*
- No free list for first time prospective members - their second visit will be complimentary.

Any interested St Patrick's Cathedral Parishioners can contact me so they can be registered for their attendance on the night.

**RSVP Date Thursday 18 March 2021.**

Michael Lilley, President Ph. 0415 335 368.

### Monthly Bereavement Support Gathering

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services run a Monthly Bereavement Support Gathering for anyone whose spouse or partner has died. If you feel alone in your grief and would like to be part of a group where you can share your experience of loss in a safe and supportive environment, you are welcome. Gatherings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:00am - 12:00noon.

**Next Gathering:** Thursday 18 March. **Venue:** CatholicCare

Parramatta **Cost:** \$5.00.

Please call Rita Chater on 8843 2500 or email

[soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au) for more

information or to register.



**CONFESSIONS** - Weekdays: Monday to Friday

11:15am - 12:20pm (*Tuesdays & Thursdays are an optimum time to visit at the moment*).



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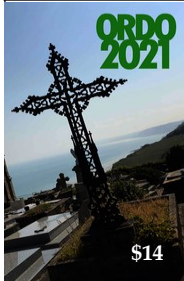
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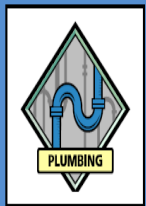
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