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

07 March 2021 - Third 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

Live Christ, Share Christ.

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A message from the new Dean and Administrator

That I am appointed to this cathedral with St Patrick as its patron is significant for me. Though, to the best of my knowledge, I have not a drop of Irish blood in me (to my detriment, of course!), St Patrick has played a significant role in my faith journey. Back in 1997, I was baptised, confirmed, and received Eucharist for the first time in St Patrick's, Blacktown, and not long after that started formation for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd at Homebush which was, of course, the seminary built on the historic foundation of St Patrick's Seminary, Manly after its closure. In June 2005, at the end of my formation, I was ordained priest here at St Patrick's Cathedral. During my time in England over the past few years, I served at St Patrick's Church, Langley Moor in County Durham, and now I find myself once more in the hands of the great St Patrick here amongst you. For someone whose ancestry is primarily English and German, it seems St Patrick has an inexplicable interest in me!

We may not encounter St Patrick in the Gospel this weekend, but we certainly have no doubts about who occupies centre stage: Jesus. In this very familiar incident of the cleansing of the Temple, Jesus essentially tells us that the new Temple will be his Body, the Church. Worship can take place anywhere, but it will always be amongst the faithful, a body united in its love for God and one another.



Does this mean that the buildings in which we gather, such as this beautiful cathedral, are irrelevant? By no means. We must be vigilant however, that our emphasis is not solely on the beauty of the building or the liturgy, but the beauty of our actions which follow as we leave this place of worship. Lent helps us focus on how well, or otherwise, we are doing in this regard and I would like to think that together we will continue to work towards ensuring that our faith bears fruit for our community and beyond.

I want to thank the Cathedral staff and those parishioners I have met over the past couple of weeks who have welcomed me here to St Patrick's so warmly. I want to acknowledge too, the hard work and skilled leadership of Fr Peter Williams VG who took on the role of Dean and Administrator over the past eight months until my recent arrival. Thank you also to Fr Chris, Fr Chadi and Deacon Rod, as well as the dedicated parish team during this time, marked undoubtedly by some anxiety at the prospect of a new arrival.

Let us remember this weekend too, Bishop Bede Heather whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here on Thursday. As the foundation bishop of Parramatta Diocese, his vision and leadership has given us all the legacy we enjoy today in this vibrant diocese and beautiful building. May the Lord welcome him into eternal life.

I look forward to serving you and journeying alongside you so that we can continue to build God's kingdom on the foundations laid by so many people of faith here at St Patrick's over the past couple of hundred years in Australia's "Cradle of Catholicism".

St Patrick, pray for us.

Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,

Fr Robert Riedling

STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

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Deacon

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Youth Coordinator
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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.

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

This Week at the Cathedral

March

Sun 7 Third Sunday of Lent
Readings: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
Sun 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Keeping in touch...



Twitter

Now we 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.

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 - 9.30am - 10.30am

Tuesdays . Enquiries: Pat 8839 8412

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 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.



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Please Pray For...

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

Special Intentions: 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: Emeritus 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: Lucielle Cornelio, Houda Chenade, Karam Karam, Lucy D'Mello, Fatima Bayne, Luc Touche, Marie Josec, Juliet Mata Tonaka, Fonseca family, Romeo Pamute, Virginia Sim

Anniversary: Leonor Quinalayd, Juan Montesco, Bernard Rodricks, Gracie Rodricks, Judy Gallagher, Maximina Manlangit, Geraldine Roy,

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 ARE 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 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 1 2021.

The calendar of sessions of preparation is as follows:

Remembering Baptism 2: Saturday 6th March 2021, 4:30 pm - Parent and Children Session

Remembering Baptism 3: Saturday 20th March 2021, 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

Home Visits

Fr Chadi is available for home visits during Lent and will continue afterwards. His availability is Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Please ring the office to make an appointment.

LENT 2021

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

◇ **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.

CLOISTER CAFÉ now in operation

Come for a cuppa and a chat after 9:30 or 11am Mass.

If you have previously indicated you would like to help with hospitality, here is your opportunity. One Sunday per month?

Call Marian Polizzi on 9630 4019 if you can help. Thank you.

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

Lots of interest in Teen Credo which has started.

Along with formation, Teen Credo participate in First Friday Devotions.

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

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal 13 - 14 March

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. **Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.**



Third Sunday of Lent 7 March 2021

Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

CONFESSIONS - Weekdays - Monday to Friday

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



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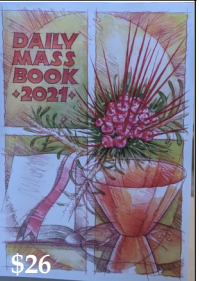
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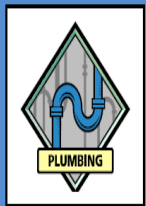
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