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24 October 2021 - Thirtieth Sunday (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 12:15pm)

♦ Rosary after Angelus at midday

♦ 12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

♦ 7:30am Morning Prayer

♦ 8:00am Mass

♦ 8:30am Sacrament of Penance (till 9:00am)

♦ 9:30am Mass in Extraordinary Form

♦ 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
- ♦ Tuesday 7:30pm RCIA
- ♦ Friday 1:00pm Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUPS

- ♦ Last Tuesday 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

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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I will comfort them as I lead them back...

THIS WEEKEND MARKS the first weekend of the reopening of our churches and other places of worship to congregations after an extended and unprecedented period of closure. The words of Jeremiah in our First Reading this weekend, a line of which is quoted above, are particularly moving in light of the extraordinary circumstances which have culminated in the reopening of churches and other places of worship over the past few days.



As I noted in the recently published Annual Report, this return to worship after a long hiatus gives us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of parish life and all it offers, including of course, the Eucharist. At this stage, Bishop Vincent has not lifted the suspension of the Sunday obligation, and so for those who are apprehensive about returning to Mass at this stage, there need be no anxiety on this matter.

But with regard to the idea of the "Sunday obligation", we might ask ourselves why we come to Mass each Sunday. Am I coming only out of the sense of fulfilling an obligation? If the Sunday obligation was never reinstated, would that affect my attendance? Would I only then come to Mass occasionally, perhaps even just on the "big occasions" like Christmas and Easter? Or would my pattern of attendance be unchanged? Is there a more profound reason why I come to Mass each Sunday that has nothing to do with the force of habit or a sense of guilt if I miss Mass?

On returning to Mass after a long absence, it is worthwhile asking what has been missed most about the Sunday celebration. The answer might be one thing or several things (and might not be explicitly "religious"): fellow worshippers, hospitality, music, the space, scripture, the Eucharist, prayerfulness, maybe even the opportunity to sanctify the week ahead. In reminding ourselves what we value about the Sunday Mass, we are reconnecting with that part of us that craves intimacy with God and God's people, something that may have been somewhat neglected over the past few months due to circumstances beyond our control. This is something that Bishop Vincent has highlighted in his pastoral letter which you received with this bulletin.

A few months ago, as churches in the United Kingdom reopened after an even longer period of closure, the Catholic periodical "The Tablet" (31 July) noted in its editorial that bishops might have concerns about people not returning to Mass and that they might be tempted to appeal to the Sunday obligation as a means of ensuring Catholics would return to Mass. It suggested that a better way would be to emphasise the Eucharist as a source of healing, unity, and nourishment, the true "source and summit of the Christian life" as emphasised in Church teaching. If people have the benefits of something pointed out to them, the "big stick" approach is redundant. And what is more beneficial than that which makes us more like Christ?

So, welcome back! The parish clergy and staff look forward to continuing to serve you as we reopen. There will be several opportunities to gather socially between now and Christmas, so please keep an eye and ear open for them so as to reconnect and strengthen the bonds that join us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead as we re-open!

Fr Robert

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Check for exceptions. Family members and guests are requested to be present at the Cathedral at least fifteen minutes before the usual commencement time of 12:30pm.

Weddings are by appointment only. Contact the Parish Secretary.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Sacramental Coordinator.

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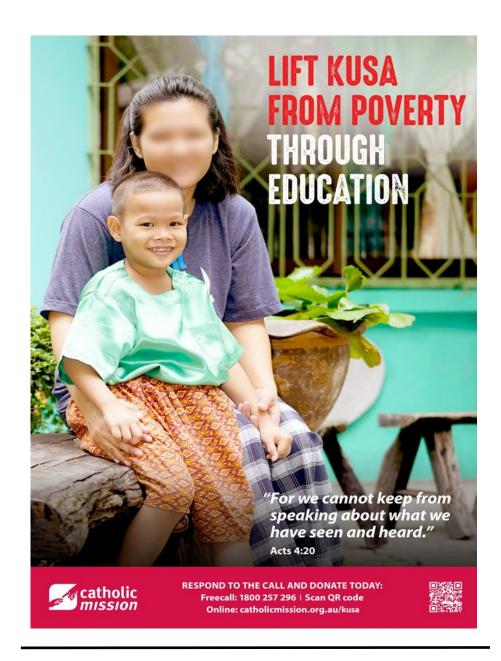
Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday.** Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission.

Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin. For further details, please contact Pat Preca by phone on 8839 8412 or email her at

secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Assistance in a Time of Need

Seeking assistance: St Vincent De Paul (Vinnies) is taking phone calls regarding assistance requests, the Harris Park Vinnies number is 8861 9757. The Harris Park Hub is closed until further notice due to the current lockdown. OzHarvest has a hamper hub in Granville, open Thursdays 11:00am – 2:00pm, located at 3-5 Bridge St, Granville. Karabi Community Services have a food bank running Mondays plus Wednesdays (1st/2nd/3rd each month). Karabi is on Darcy Rd, Wentworthville (corner Fyall Avenue), open 9:00am to 4:00pm week days. Their phone number is 9631 5428. Please ring prior to attending to confirm food bank opening hours.

Offering assistance: Karabi Community Services at Wentworthville are accepting donations of non-perishable food stuffs plus toiletries and sanitary items, please see above for phone and address details.

Please remember compliance with the NSW COVID public health orders when out in the community at this time.



Euthanasia Legislation

You may have heard that a vote on the euthanasia bill has been postponed till 2022 whilst the legislation goes before a committee. Nonetheless, please contact our State member, Dr Geoff Lee, at parramatta@parliament.nsw.gov.au or phone on 9891 4722 to make your opposition to this bill heard.

Calling for Livestream Volunteers

The Cathedral is seeking volunteers who are IT and social media savvy to assist, at least once a month, in livestreaming the 11:00am Solemn Mass on Sundays. Volunteers will undergo training for a few weeks before being rostered. If this sounds like something you could assist the Cathedral team with, please call the Cathedral Office on 8839 8411.

Young people of the Diocese: we're with you!

"I am with you always" – Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website <u>parracatholic.org/withyou</u> contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

St Pat's Matters—Submissions, please!

Dear Parishioners, even though you might still be reading issue 108, you are urged to consider what stories YOU could submit foe the next issue. It is hoped we can publish issue 109 in December, so think Christmasthemed articles, for a start. Watch out for more suggestions in next week's bulletin. Email your submissions to either Fr Robert or M Polizzi at balmap5@bigpond.com



Faiths 4 Climate Justice Global Day of Action

We now have a large banner on display on the Marist Place perimeter fence, urging the federal government to take swift and decisive action on the climate crisis. Please pray for action on this burning issue, especially in the lead-up to the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, just one week away. The Catholic Outlook recently published an article highlighting our banner which you may like to read on the web: catholicoutlook.org. See more on this issue on social media: #Faiths4Climate

All Saints and All Souls

Masses for **All Saints' Day** (Monday 01 November) will be celebrated at the usual weekday Mass times of **6:30am** and **12:30pm**. Masses for **All Souls' Day** (Tuesday 02 November) will be celebrated at **6:30am**, **12:30pm**, **6:00pm** (cemetery) and **7:30pm** (Solemn Mass with Bishop Vincent).

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the parish is scheduled to take place on **Sunday 14 November** after the **11:00am** Mass. The Annual General Report is now available on the parish website and hard copies will be available soon. This ought to give everyone who wishes to come to the AGM sufficient time to digest its contents.

Get vaccinated for the common good

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information available online at the following address:

https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus

Office for Safeguarding offering online training to keep our parishes safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or <a href="mailto:mailto

November Masses

As is customary in the Church, throughout the month of November, Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of deceased members of the parish, relatives and friends. You are able to ask for names to be included in the parish's Book of

to be included in the parish's Book of Remembrance which will be on display throughout November. Please drop an envelope onto the collection plate at Mass, into the parish office, or the postbox

outside, **clearly marked** with the name(s) of those you wish to be prayed for. The customary offering is \$20, but this is by no means obligatory.

Deacon Rod Pirotta - Farewell!

Our farewell for Deacon Rod will take place on **Sunday 14 November** following the Annual General Meeting which is itself to follow the 11:00am Solemn Mass. More details about the event over the next couple of weeks. A sad loss for us!





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We pray for our beloved dead....

Recently Deceased: Henry Lewis, Josephine Fernandes, Manvail & Mary Fernandes, John Fernandes, Orlando Mascarenhas, Lourdes Javier, Edward Olivera, Kathleen McFadden, Mariana Sleiman Harb

Deceased: Maximo Sr Caneda, Lobo D'Souza family, Joan Fonseca, Bill Fleming, Perla Yulo, Justin Palad

Anniversaries: Michael Tran, Maria Nguyen, Maria Tran, Paul Bui, Pedro Sulem-Hauyon, Librado Javier

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, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock and McMillan families, Love 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...



We also pray for...



Sick: Merle Furtado, Baby Fernandes, George Malouf, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Rosie Rezek, G Noonan, J Stapleton, Fayma, Fr Kevin Walsh, Ansbert & Maria Fernandez, Lorelei & Gary Sellado

Special Intentions: All Saints, Sidney & Fatima Rodricks, Merle Furtado, Bernard Rodricks, Patrick Newman, Yi Jiek Wong, Sien Yu Phua, Sr Alice Cooke, Sr Helen Cooke, Thomas Mooney, Dulcesima Empuerto, Sien H Phua, Teodulo Sarreal, Juan Cabezas, Jee C Phua, Anne Togado, Josie Dadic, Ajay & Jennifer Furtado, Bernard & Gracie Rodricks, Bernard & Alban Fonseca, David J Sampey, Fatima, Sidney, Rohan, Den Senjak, Francis Rocha, Anthony Brocone, Chad Booc, Nell Gomes, Emerlinda Sarreal, Khush Jilla

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

Missionary Disciples

"We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel."





This Sunday's Readings Thirtieth Sunday

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Next Sunday's Readings Thirty-first Sunday

Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

Saint of the Week

24th October - St Antony Mary Claret (1807 - 1870)

Antony was born at Sallent in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. After becoming a priest he spent several years preaching to the people throughout Catalonia and also in the Canary Islands. Returning to Spain, he

established a missionary order, and founded a great religious library and publishing house in Barcelona which published millions of cheap copies of ancient and modern Catholic works. In 1851 the Pope appointed him Bishop of Santiago de Cuba. The diocese was in a terrible state and everything needed reform and renewal. He reorganised the seminary, enforced clerical discipline, and regularised thousands of marriages. He built a hospital and many schools. This was not done without opposition and he was the subject of fifteen assassination attempts.

Recalled to Spain in 1857 by Queen Isabella II to act as her confessor, he did further great work for the Church. His health began to fail, and he died at the Cistercian abbey at Fontfroide.

(Information taken from <u>Universalis</u>)



"Quote of the Week"

"Why does the Lord advise us to pray, when he knows what is needful for us before we ask it of him? This can puzzle us, if we do not understand that our Lord and God does not want our wishes to be made known to himself, since he cannot be ignorant of them; but he wants our desire to be exercised in prayer, thus enabling us to grasp what he is preparing to give. That is something very great indeed; but we are small and limited vessels for the receiving of it So we are told:

'Widen your hearts; bear not the yoke with unbelievers.'"

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) Bishop and Theologian From *Letter to Proba*



NEWS FROM ROME

The beginning of Pope Francis' message to the Fourth World Meeting of Popular Movements: 'This is what I like to call you: social poets. You are social poets, because you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion. Poetry means creativity, and you create

hope. With your hands you know how to shape the dignity of each person, of families and of society as a whole, with land, housing, work, care, and community. Thank you, because your dedication speaks with an authority that can refute the silent and often polite denials to which you have been subjected, or to which so many of our brothers and sisters are subjected. But, thinking of you, I am convinced that your dedication is above all a proclamation of hope. Seeing you reminds me that we are not condemned to repeat or to build a future based on exclusion and inequality, rejection or indifference; where the culture of privilege is an invisible and insurmountable power; and where being exploited and abused are common methods of survival. No! You know how to proclaim this very well. Thank you.'

Getting to know...

The Edgar Family

Robert and I (Joanne) first attended Mass at St Pat's in 1983, a few weeks after our wedding.

Our three children, Elizabeth, Patrick and Max were baptised here also. We had the great sadness of burying Elizabeth in 1986 and Patrick in 1988 from the Cathedral. Max is now 31 and with his beautiful partner Kaylene, are about to have their first child and our first grandchild.



We have felt embraced by our parish community. Rob is always on for a chat and has been active over the years in many areas which include the Parish Council, choir, gas man, hospitality, and as chief feral cat catcher. I have been involved in the choir and hospitality and Spring Fairs to name

just a few areas of involvement.

Our Cathedral family is one of our lives' great blessings. Worshipping here with our friends in this community is an absolute joy!

BAPTISMS

At this time, we pray for all those families who are seeking to have their children baptised but cannot do so because of the current Covid restrictions.



Please uphold these children and their families in prayer.

WEDDINGS

Let us pray for those who are preparing for marriage...



Claire Martin & Jason Price

Alyssa Onorato & Max Vernon

Rebecca Dadich & Andrew Ferrarelli

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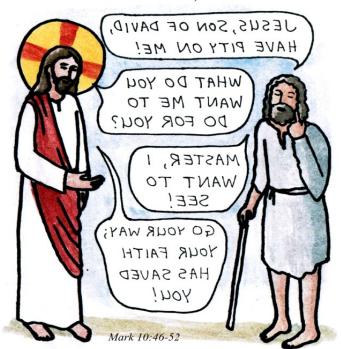
...that as Catholics we do not worship Mary and other saints?

Even Catholics sometimes get confused with this idea and find it difficult to respond to members of other churches who challenge them on this point. We worship only God, but we venerate and honour the saints because they are close to God and so are in a wonderful position to pray for us if we ask for their intercession. Worshipping and honouring are two distinct activities - let us not confuse them!



The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 24th, 2021



What did Jesus and the blind man say to each other in today's Gospel reading? Look in the mirror to find out!

Psalm 126 Word Puzzle

Fill in the missing letters. Then use the letters to fill in the blanks at the very end. The number at the end of each line tells you where the letter goes.

When the ord brought back (8)

the captives of Z on, (7)

we were like men __reaming. (11)

Then our mouth was illed with laughter, (6)

and our t_ngue with rejoicing. (17)

Then they said among the n tions, (3)

"The Lord as done (15)

g_eat things for them!" (4)
The Lord has done great __hings for us; (14)

we are g ad indeed. (9)

Restore our fortun s, O Lord, (5)

1 ke the torrents in the southern desert. (13)

Those that so in tears (12)

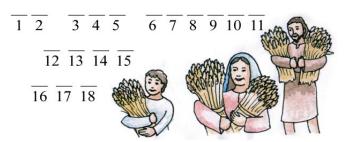
shall reap re oicing. (16)

Although they go forth __eeping, (1)

carrying the s_ed to be sown, (2)

They shall com_back rejoicing, (10)

carr ing their sheaves. (18)



Jesus Cures Our Blindness

In today's Gospel reading, a HELP ME! blind man called Bartimaeus called out to Jesus to cure him.

Sometimes we can be blind too. When we don't see the truth about God, or when we can't see our own faults I DON'T DO then we have a kind of blindness.

When we find that we can't see ourselves or God clearly, we should be like Bartimaeus and call out to Jesus to help us. If we believe in Him then we will get our sight back too.

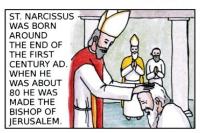
When Bartimaeus was cured of his blindness he started to follow Jesus right away. When we can see ourselves and God clearly then we will also want to follow Jesus.

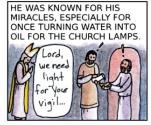
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Before you go to bed, ask God to help you remember your sins today and then tell Him you're sorry for them.

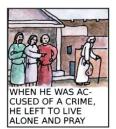
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Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem October 29















WAS SO OLD, ANOTHER BISHOP WAS SENT TO HELP HIM. SAINT NARCISSUS AFTER HIS PEOPLE UNTIL HE DIED AT

SAINT NARCISSUS SERVED GOD UNTIL HE WAS VERY OLD. HE DID NOT WAIT UNTIL HE WAS OLD TO START BEING HOLY, AND HE DID NOT STOP EVEN WHEN HE WAS OLD AND TIRED. THINK OF HOW MUCH GOOD WE CAN DO IF GOD GIVES US A LONG LIFE! WE CAN PRAY TO ST. NARCISSUS FOR PERSEVERANCE



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