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27 December 2021 - The Holy Family

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)

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 Old Rite
- ◆ 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

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"They assumed he was with the caravan..."

THE WORD "CARAVAN" took on a sinister tone during the presidency of Donald Trump with his insistence that "migrant caravans" were making their way to the southern border of the United States.

Many of those on the right wing used the fear generated for political point-scoring. It was claimed that a vast number of those in the caravans were drug dealers, violent gang members and other undesirable people.

We have a rather different caravan before us in the Gospel this weekend. This caravan is making its way back from Jerusalem after visiting there for the Passover. Jesus was a part of this caravan or, should I say, he was when it was making its way to Jerusalem....

His parents are shocked to find that he is not travelling in the caravan back from Jerusalem. To modern western ears, this sounds shocking. How could two parents, with only the one child, not keep an eye on him? We need to understand that family structures were different in the time and culture in which Jesus lived. Extended families tended to look after each other's members, including children, in a way which seems foreign to smaller, modern western families. Joseph and Mary undoubtedly had every confidence that their son was being cared for by someone else in the caravan. Like any parents, once they found out this was not so, they went searching for him.

They find Jesus back in Jerusalem and he delivers them a cryptic message: "Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" Jesus has clearly reached the age, twelve, where he knows something of his mission and has an intimate relationship with God, calling him "my Father", but he is not yet ready to undertake his mission. It is his family life, lived with his mother and father, that will provide Jesus with much of what he needs to enable him some eighteen years later to be effective in his mission of reconciling people with God, including the strength to undergo his Passion and death.

The family referred to as the "domestic church", takes on many different forms today but this does not mean that it is any less capable of forming young missionaries like the Holy Family of Nazareth. Nor does it have any less responsibility in this regard. Let us give thanks for this holy institution, promote it and pray that all who make up a Christian family may do their part to foster in all members values that accord with those of Jesus, unlike the attitudes and perspectives that have surrounded the twenty-first century caravan referenced at the beginning of this column.

Wishing you blessed and better year in 2022!

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.

HIRING of ROOMS

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

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

New Year Mass Schedule

27 December - 01 January*

Mass each day at 8:00am only

Weekend 01/02 January

Usual Vigil and Sunday Mass times

03 January – 08 January*

Mass each day at 8:00am only

Weekend 08/09 January

Usual Vigil and Sunday Mass times

10 January – 15 January*

Mass each day at 8:00am only

***Please note that for security purposes the cathedral precinct will be locked from 10:00am on weekdays.**

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

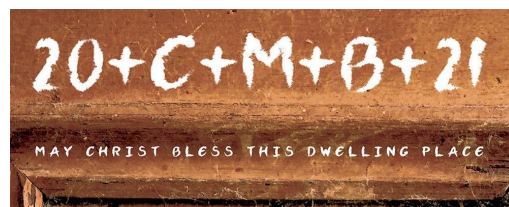
Marking Homes with Blessed Chalk for the New Year

The ancient custom of marking the door of the home with blessed chalk is a way of incorporating the liturgical feast of the Epiphany as a domestic ritual into the prayer life of the family. Chalk is first blessed in the parish church at Masses for Epiphany and then people are invited to take some home and to mark the lintel of their front door as follows:

20+C+M+B+22

The letters C, M and B stand for the traditional names for the Three Wise Men who come seeking Jesus: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters also represent the words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (*May Christ Bless this House*).

If anyone is interested in this, please let Fr Robert know.



Text taken from the Ordo 2022

St Pat's Matters

Issue 109 is now out! Of course, Christmassy content is a feature, but It's also jam-packed with parish-related happenings. Pick up your free copy this weekend to enjoy at home!



Cloister Café closure dates

After a successful opening last weekend, please note that all going well, the café is closing over the holiday time but, all going well, will reopen on **06 February 2022**. Thank you for your support during the times we have been open throughout this difficult year.



Lotsa Thanks!

- ♦ to all the people who bought goods at the POP-UP STALL last Sunday;
- ♦ to the people who did not buy, instead giving a cash donation towards the fundraiser;
- ♦ to Felicia Figueredo for making craft items to sell on the stall and
- ♦ to Claire Pospischil for contributing her home made jams to sell for this good cause.

Amount raised: \$508.40

Also sincere thanks

- ♦ to the parishioners who brought along goodies for the final morning tea in the Cloister Café;
- ♦ to the parishioners who in true community spirit came for a cuppa and a chat and finally
- ♦ thanks to Hospitality team members, from a grateful co-ordinator, for volunteering for the last open café for 2021.



Easing of restrictions

You will be aware that there has been an easing of restrictions over the past couple of weeks, beginning on 15 December. Whilst it is no longer mandatory to wear a mask in church or observe social distancing, we ask that you still continue to check in with your phone or sign in via the book. If you are a more vulnerable person or feel apprehensive about not wearing a mask, you are encouraged to do so. In a large building like the cathedral, of course, it is not usually difficult to maintain social distancing should you wish to do so. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter, especially in light of the latest developments with regard to the Omicron variant and the havoc it appears to be wreaking in various places. Let's keep one another safe!

Volunteers - Thank you!

A big thank you to all our volunteers across so many ministries throughout this difficult year. The generosity with which you gifted your time and talent has been greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, due to the extraordinary circumstances of the past few months, it hasn't been viable to hold the usual thank-you celebration but rest assured of the gratitude due to all those who have volunteered in some capacity over the past twelve months.



Gratitude

The clergy at St Patrick's Cathedral would like to thank also all those who have passed on their kind Christmas and New Year wishes, along with cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness has been much appreciated and we trust that you too, along with your family and loved ones, will have an equally blessed Christmas season and New Year. Thank you again.

Annual Legal Red Mass: 3 February 2022

The Annual Red Mass, which gives thanks for the work of those who serve the law, will be held on Thursday 03 February here at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7:00pm, followed by a light supper. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by emailing mili@stpatscathedral.com.au or by phone to (02) 8839 8400.

World Day of the Sick Mass 2022: 11 February 2022

The Annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be celebrated by Vicar General Fr Peter Williams and clergy of the Diocese on 11 February 2022 at 11:00am at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. The Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated and will include the Rite of Anointing of the Sick and prayer of blessing for all carers. Refreshments will be available after Mass. For catering purposes, please RSVP to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3456.



Return of Sunday obligation

Related to the above notice, as has been mentioned at Mass over the past couple of weekends, Bishop Vincent has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation, effective as of 15 December. Once again, however, those who are particularly vulnerable should continue to stay home and watch the livestreamed Masses until such time as they feel confident about returning to Mass.

*** REOPENS on 01 February 2022 ***

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We pray for our beloved dead....

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them...***

Recently Deceased: Vijaya Mohan Sawant, Rafael Pavlovec, Hilaria Estago, Martha Bondoc, Danilo Dingle, Taitusi Saudole, Vincenzo Sorgiovanni, Stephen Baxter, Henry Lewis, Josephine Fernandes, Manvail & Mary Fernandes, John Fernandes, Orlando Mascarenhas, Lourdes Javier

Deceased: Juan Montesco, Basilisa Mangalit, Marcela Montera, Michael Yacoub, Lucy D'Mello, YT Deanna Hsu, Lerma Soriano, Rodrigo Mallari, Charles Cushini, Victorio & Gertrudes family, Maximo Sr Caneda, Lobo D'Souza family, Joan Fonseca, Bill Fleming, Perla Yulo, Justin Palad

Anniversaries: Maximillian Mangalit, Philomena Chanel, Dulcesima Caneda, Michael Tran, Maria Nguyen, Maria Tran, Paul Bui, Pedro Sulem-Hauyon

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

*In
Loving
Memory*



We also pray for...



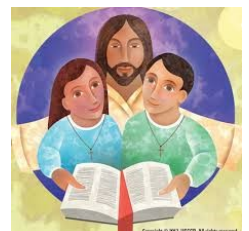
Sick: Sr Genny Walsh rsc, Flor Ocampo, Ezekiel Fernandes, John McDermott, Sebastian Bugo, Pedro Romulo, Marina Esguerra, Radhika Lal, Nisaka Goonawardana, Merle Furtado, George Malouf, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Rosie Rezek, G Noonan, J Stapleton, Fayma, Ansbert & Maria Fernandez

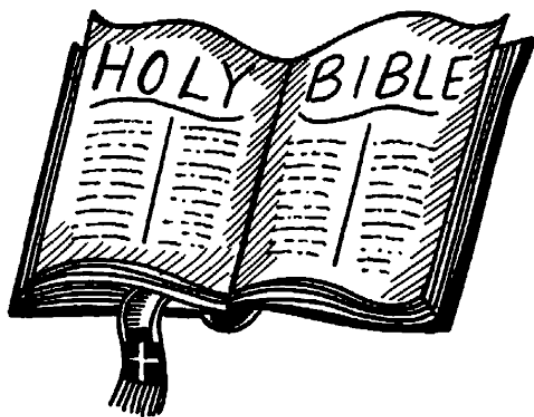
Special Intentions: Pedro & Sheila Romulo, Bradley & Stefani, Naleen, Merle Furtado, Tian, Naleen & Raveen, BVM thanks, Stacey Grant, Senjak (mult. Int), Flavia D'Souza, Tian Priyamanna, Sidney & Fatima Rodricks, Merle Furtado, Bernard Rodricks, Yi Jiek Wong, Sien Yu Phua, Sr Alice Cooke, Sr Helen Cooke, 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, Khush Jilla

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Catechists

“Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.”





This Sunday's Readings

The Holy Family

1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28; 1 John 3:1-2,21-24;

Luke 2:41-52

Next Sunday's Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Saint of the Week

29th December - St Thomas Becket (1118 - 1170), Bishop, Martyr

Thomas was born in London in 1118 and became a close friend of King Henry II. He was only a deacon when he was appointed Chancellor of England. When he was ordained as Archbishop of Canterbury, he underwent an abrupt conversion of life and began to defend the Church's rights against the king. He had to take refuge in a French monastery for six years, and when he returned to his diocese four knights, inspired by careless words from the king, assassinated him in his cathedral on 29 December 1170. He was immediately acknowledged as a martyr and the king later did penances and endowed his shrine. He is remembered for his courage in defence of the rights of the Church.



(Information taken from *Universalis*)

"Quote of the Week"

"How gladly would I become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I could make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the higher wisdom of divine truths."



Pope St Paul VI

(1897-1978)

Pope: 1963-1978

From an address given at Nazareth (1964)

NEWS FROM...ROME



"Dear Brothers and Sisters:we reflect on the events surrounding the birth of our Saviour, which was marked, above all, by simplicity and humility. This was the path, in God's loving plan, taken by Mary and Joseph, who obediently travelled to the simple town of Bethlehem, and humbly accepted laying the newborn Christ in a manger (cf Lk 2:1-7).

The lowly shepherds were the first to witness the Incarnate Son of God. The Magi too, while not materially poor, humbled themselves before the Infant King, who reveals God's love for the people of every nation. All men and women are called to worship the newborn Christ, who especially identified himself with the poor. Saint Paul VI taught that the poor are in a certain sense the sacrament of Christ. While we are called to love and assist them in works of charity, it is the poor who help us, by pointing us to the surest path to the Kingdom of God: that of humility (cf. *Homily*, 1 May 1969). This Christmas, by humbly recognizing the unconditional love that God revealed to us in the Word made flesh, may we experience the healing, joy and peace brought by the Child Jesus."



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family, the Body of Christ, these children who have been recently baptised...



Luka Joseph Mustapic

Please uphold these children and their families in prayer.

WEDDINGS

Let us pray for those who are preparing for marriage, will shortly be married or have just married...



Alyssa Onorato & Max Vernon

Rebecca Dadich & Andrew Ferrarelli

Vanessa Sleiman & Patrick Polito

Amanda Bentley & Melroy Rodrigues

DID YOU KNOW...

...that our Gospel passage this weekend contains the only mention of Jesus as a boy?

Jesus is, of course, present in all four Gospels as a man during his years of ministry. Luke, and to a lesser extent Matthew, also give us some detail about the infancy of Jesus. It is only in this weekend's Gospel (Luke 2:41-52) that we hear anything of Jesus as a boy in the canonical scriptures, limited to this one event in Jerusalem.






Today we celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

What do you do on Christmas? Is it a big celebration? Do you think about whose birthday it is? Jesus gave Himself to us because He loved us. What can you do to show your family that you love them?

The Holy Family Puzzle

Every year Jesus and His _____¹²_____ (NTSPRAE) went to Jerusalem for the _____²_____ (SVOPSARE) festival. When _____¹⁰_____ (SUJES) was twelve, they went to the _____³_____ (LFSETVIA) as usual, but Jesus stayed in the _____⁵_____ (MPELET) afterwards. _____⁶_____ (RMYA) and Joseph thought He was with their relatives in the caravan, but when they couldn't _____¹_____ (DNIF) Him they went back and _____⁷_____ (CHDEASRE) for Him. On the _____⁸_____ (HDRIT) day they found him. When they asked Jesus why He had done this, He replied, "Did you not _____⁹_____ (WNKO) that I must be in my _____¹_____ _____² _____³ _____⁴ _____⁵ _____⁶ _____⁷ _____⁸ _____⁹ _____¹⁰ _____¹¹ _____¹²?"

Then he went home with them to _____⁴_____ (ZRNATHEA) and was obedient to them, and grew up in _____¹¹_____ (DSIWMO) and age and grace.



*Christmas Day and
Feast of the Holy Family
December 25 & 26, 2021*



The Christmas Story



FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A MESSIAH WHO WOULD SAVE THEM FROM THEIR SINS. FINALLY HE CAME, A POOR BABY BORN ON A COLD NIGHT. SEE HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US, THAT HE WOULD COME TO US AS A TINY, INNOCENT BABY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!



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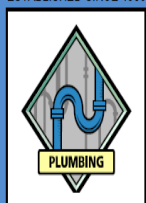
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