

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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30 January 2022 - Fourth Sunday (Year C)

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 12:00 noon ♦ 12:30pm Mass SATURDAY

SATURDAT

- ◆ 7:30am Morning Prayer
- ♦ 8:00am Mass
- 8:30am Sacrament of Penance (till 9:00am)
- ♦ 9:30am Mass (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 Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

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The Call to Holiness

SAINTS ARE TRULY remarkable people. We love and revere saints as we recognise the victory they have achieved in this life - they have overcome, with the grace of God, the trials of this



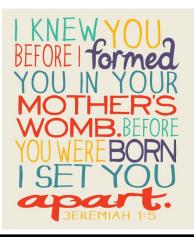
world and now enjoy the presence of God in heaven. As incredible as these men and women are, a confronting question follows when remembering their lives: Can I be a saint like them? The short answer is yes. Lumen Gentium, the great document of the Second Vatican Council on the Church, states 'that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity.' We are all called to be holy. Yet doubts seemingly arise when confronted with that notion. 'Is this the life for me?' 'I don't pray as much as they do.' 'I can't preach/talk like that.' Where do we go from here?

Our first reading, from the prophet Jeremiah is, I believe, a great start. We hear the incredible words from the Lord: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you prophet of the nations.' Jeremiah, whom we know little about, is called and chosen by God. Unfortunately, we don't hear Jeremiah's response in our reading today. In verse six, Jeremiah responds: 'Ah, Lord; look, I do not know how to speak: I am a child!' Jeremiah, like so many of us, recognises God's call to sanctity and his own limitations. How can you send me with my shortcomings? Yet it is in our inadequacy that God provides. God puts the words in Jeremiah's mouth such that God speaks through his prophet.

Dear friends, when faced with God's call to holiness we mustn't shudder. Yes, holiness may seem somewhat unattainable, but it

is God who grants us the grace to move forward. Just like Jeremiah we too must cooperate with God's graces so that we progress in our spiritual journey. May we never lose faith and hope in the God who constantly journeys with us.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Fr Chris



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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. At least six months' notice is necessary. Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412

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

Sacraments of Initiation

Reconciliation and Eucharist 2022

The next process of the Sacraments for children already baptised will commence with an Introductory Session at 7:30pm on Tuesday 01 February.

Registrations for the upcoming sacramental program are now open and the enrolment form can be found on the Parish website <u>www.stpatscathedral.com.au</u> Go to Sacraments/Holy Communion and click on "Holy Communion Registration". To be eligible for preparation children should be 7 years or older. If you are interested in registering a child ,or for any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for children already baptised, please contact Meg Gale: <u>sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au</u>

Further to the above, please note the dates for sessions of preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation are as follows. All sessions are a **maximum** of 1½ hours.

Introductory Session: Tuesday 01 February, 7:30 pm -Parent Session

Enrolment Mass: Sunday 06 February within the 9:30am Mass

Sacrament of Penance 1: Tuesday 15 February, 7:30 pm - Parent Session

Sacrament of Penance 2: Saturday 26 February, 4:30 pm - Parent and Children Session

Sacrament of Penance 3: Saturday 12 March, 4:30 pm -Parent and Children Session

Reception of the Sacrament of Penance: Tuesday 15 March, 7:00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral

A New Arrival for our Parish!

You will remember that Deacon Rod Pirotta left the parish late last year after he was appointed to the parish of South Mount Druitt. Since then we have had no resident deacon but that situation will soon be rectified. I am delighted to announce that St Patrick's Cathedral will soon have a newly ordained deacon, **Rev Mr Matthew Dimian**, in residence here. Matthew will be ordained at **Holy Family Luddenham** on **Saturday**, **05 February at 6:00pm** and will take up his appointment here on **Monday 07 February.** He has already taken up residence with the clergy here and you will probably see him around at Masses over the weekend. I know you will make him welcome and pray for him as he journeys towards priesthood. *Fr Robert*

Face Masks

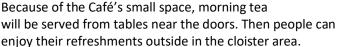
A polite reminder that face masks are obligatory during Mass at this time, at least until the end of February. Unless you have a medical exemption, **you are legally obliged to wear a face mask.** Don't put others' health at risk, nor our ability to remain open, by not doing the right thing. No one enjoys wearing a mask but it is a small sacrifice to make! Thank you.

St Patrick's Gift Shop

The gift shop is currently closed but will open again to its regular hours this Tuesday 01 February. We will however, be opening the shop this **Sunday 30 January.** The usual Sunday hours of 9:00am - 1:00pm will be observed.

Cloister Café

We will reopen for business on **Sunday 06 February,** after 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. However, be prepared that the usual procedure will still be affected due to COVID-19 regulations.



Acting Director of Music

Our Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick, is currently on extended leave. In his absence, **Mr Eric Grella** has been appointed Acting Director of Music for the Cathedral.

Blessing of Candles

As usual, we will bless candles at both Masses on the Feast of Candlemas, **Wednesday 02 February**, so please bring along any candles you wish to have blessed to either Mass that day.

Congratulations!

To **Fr Peter Williams** who was named a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in this year's Australia Day Honours list, for significant service to the Catholic Church in Australia and to tertiary education. Well done, Fr Peter!

Annual Red Mass for the Legal Fraternity: 03 February

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@ctnatecathedral.com an a



attendance by emailing <u>mili@stpatscathedral.com.au</u> or phone 8839 8400.

Seeking Submissions for St Pat's Matters

One good way for parishioners to begin 2022 is by making a resolution to submit an article for issue 110 of our magazine. All contributions are gratefully accepted. For those unsure of what to write about here are some subjects for consideration.

- First COVID-19, now Omicron: share your comments and concerns and how your faith helps you cope.
- Why you love being a St Pat's Parishioner.
- Families matter! How does the faith shape your family's daily life?
- Are you involved in a parish ministry? Sharing how and why you came to serve God and the community in that capacity.
- Always keen to receive stories from anyone who has converted to the Catholic Faith.
- Articles and archival photos relating to the longstanding history of our remarkable parish — its priests, people and events.
- Or a subject of your choice.

Email to balmap5@bigpond.com or leave it at the parish office marked *"For St Pat's Matters".*

World Day of the Sick Mass 2022: CANCELLED

The Annual World Day of the Sick Mass, due to 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 **has been cancelled.**



Counters Needed

We are in need of a few people to volunteer to assist with counting our collections on Monday morning, after the 6:30am Mass. We are hoping to form a new team so that counters will count only every third week. Please contact Fr Robert or the Parish Office if you can help or would like more information.

National Church Life Survey

Each census year, the National Church Life Survey is conducted in Australia across all Christian churches to ascertain changes in practice and so on. Postponed from last year, we hope to do ours shortly, on a voluntary basis. More information next week.



*** REOPENS on 01 February 2022 ***

OPEN: Tuesday - Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm & Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm **CLOSED:** Mondays and Saturdays

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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: Chris Kemp, Gloria Fisher, Sammy Falzon, Jaye, Robert Dearie, Elita De Leon, Luisito Bautista, Socorro Angeles, Vijaya Mohan Sawant,

Deceased: Y T Hsu, Deanna Hsu, Patrick Burke, Renee Cortera, Josie Mauricio, Josie Mauricio, Florentino Antonio, Marie Alger, Vilna Celesnio, Juan Montesco, Basilisa Mangalit, Marcela Montera, Michael Yacoub

Anniversaries: Watson Lee, Mariyakutty Thayyik, Agapito Antonio, Jean Ladrids, Judy Gallagher, Filomena Borrelli, Antonio Borrelli, Jaime Fajardo, Maximillian Mangalit, Philomena Chanel, Dulcesima Caneda

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



We also pray for...

Sick: Lynette de Kauwe, Jela Senjak, Nicole Slatter, Liz Koh, Francisca Olay, Sr Genny Walsh rsc, Flor Ocampo, Ezekiel Fernandes, John McDermott, Sebastian Bugo, Pedro Romulo, Marina Esguerra, Radhika Lal, Nisaka Goonawardana, Merle Furtado



Special Intentions: Genevieve Lee, Bernard Kirkpatrick, Jacob Gonzales, Pedro & Sheila Romulo, Bradley & Stefani, 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, Fatima, Sidney, Rohan, Khush Jilla

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For true human fraternity

"We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."





This Sunday's Readings Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

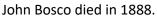
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Next Sunday's Readings Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Saint of the Week 31st January - St John Bosco (1815-1888), Priest

Born in Piedmont, Italy, of a peasant family in 1815, John was raised by his widowed mother. He became a priest and had particular concern for the young. He settled in Turin in which the industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for the young men who arrived there to find work. John Bosco established evening classes for these men as well as a boarding house for apprentices and then workshops for their training and education. Despite much opposition, much from within the Church, by 1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care.

To continue his work he founded a congregation which he named after St Francis de Sales, the Salesians, who exist to this day.





(Information taken from Universalis)

"Quote of the Week"

"The Christian thinks any good he does comes from the Christ-life inside him. He does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."

Clive Staples (C S) Lewis (1898-1963) Writer and Theologian *Mere Christianity* (1952)



NEWS FROM...ROME



'And now, with the Our Father, I ask you to pray for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day. Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome. We have spoken about the holocaust.

But consider that more than five million people were annihilated during the time of the last war. They are a suffering people; they have suffered starvation, they have suffered so much cruelty, and they deserve peace. May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests. Please: War never again!

'Let us make our prayer for peace in the words of the Our Father, for it is the prayer of sons and daughters to the one Father, the prayer that makes us brothers and sisters, the prayer of children who plead for reconciliation and concord.'

Visits to the Sick...

One of the many ministries we are called to is to visit the sick. This is an important ministry as it helps those who are unwell and unable to receive the sacraments in church to known that they are not forgotten by the parish or by God. If you know of someone who is unable to get to Mass, and would like a visit to receive the sacraments, or even just a chat, please let one of the clergy know or contact the parish office.

BAPTISMS

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



Maxwell Wallace Christian Miguel Gonzalez Jeremiah John Joseph

Please uphold these children and their families in prayer.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that Easter this year is celebrated considerably later than usual?

This year Easter Sunday falls on **17 April.** The latest possible date for Easter in the Catholic Church is 25 April, the earliest is 22 March. Easter is a lunar feast meaning Easter falls on the first Sunday following the full moon that follows the northern spring equinox (the paschal full moon). Because of the lateness of Easter, Ash Wednesday also falls later than usual this year, on **02 March.**



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 Luke Rinn & Katia Rossi



The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **January 30th, 2022**



Luke: 4.21-30 Jesus' neighbours got upset with Him when He said that they wouldn't appreciate a prophet from their own town. But when they tried to throw Him off a cliff, He walked right through the crowd and went away.

Can you find Jesus in this crowd?

Love: True or False?

Do you know what Saint Paul taught us about love? See if you know which are true and which are false, according to today's second reading ...

- 1. Love sometimes fails. True or false?
- 2. If I have faith enough to move mountains but don't have love I am nothing. True or false?
- 3. Love is patient and kind. True or false?
- 4. Love is jealous. True or false?
- 5. If I can prophesy and understand all mysteries but I don't have love then I'm still great. True or false?
- 6. When you love then you are mostly interested in taking care of yourself. True or false?
- 7. The three most important virtues are faith, hope and love, but love is the greatest. True or false?



1 Cor 1231 - 1313

Saint Paul **Teaches About Love**



In today's second reading St. Paul tells us what real love is like. It is patient, kind, and forgiving, and it rejoices in the truth. Love never fails! No matter how important you are, or talented, or smart, what really

makes you great is loving others.

Who do you love? Can you love someone who bothers you or doesn't like you? Love isn't just a nice feeling about somebody. It means deciding to want what is best for that person. You really



can love people that you don't get along with! It's a decision that you can make.



Who was the most loving person ever? Jesus! Think of how much He must have loved us to die on the cross for us even though we hurt Him by our sins! Every day tell Jesus that you love Him, and show it to Him by loving the people around you.

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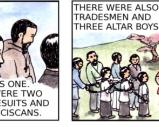
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Saint Paul Miki and Companions February 6













WHEN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES CAME TO JAPAN AGAIN IN THE 1800'S, AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT THERE WERE NO CHRISTIANS THERE, BUT THEN THEY FOUND THEM PRACTICING THEIR FAITH SECRETLY. OUR LORD USES THE SACRIFICE OF THE MARTYRS TO STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF OTHER CHRISTIANS



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