

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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23 January 2022 - Third 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 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 **Facebook:** Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

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 $\pmb{Email:} credo@stpatscathedral.com.au$

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"...an ordered account for you, Theophilus..."

IN MOST PARTS OF THE WORLD, this Sunday, the Third in Ordinary Time, is celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God, something introduced only recently by Pope Francis. In Australia however, the Sunday of the Word of God is celebrated on the first Sunday in February, which falls on 06 February this year. The reason for this is that in



Australia the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time often coincides with the Australia Day long weekend, raising the possibility that people will be distracted from the specific focus of this Sunday.

And so we are, this weekend, called to focus on the story of Jesus at the very beginning of his ministry. It is a story which is familiar to us, a story with great drama as Jesus astounds those present in the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth. The startling words at the end of today's Gospel passage sum up Jesus' identity to the startled onlookers after he reads from the Prophet Isaiah: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' Of course, we are well aware of the reaction to these words – as Jesus says, no prophet is ever accepted in their own country.

Whilst it is natural for us to focus on this story in today's Gospel, we must not let that overshadow the fact it does not occupy all of the Gospel for our consideration this weekend. The first four verses of this weekend's Gospel are, in fact, the first four verses of Luke's Gospel. We then jump forward to the middle of chapter four where we find Jesus in Galilee, the point in the text where this happens being quite obvious!

What is of interest in the opening part of today's Gospel is the preamble, something very different to that found in Matthew, Mark or John. The author talks of writing "an ordered account" of the events surrounding Jesus and even addresses by name the one for whom they are written: Theophilus. Herein lies a mystery, for no details of this person are given, other than that they bear the title "Excellency". Was Theophilus a political leader? A religious leader? A member of the nobility? A relative of Luke, perhaps? We simply don't know and can only speculate on the matter. We ought to be grateful for this person's existence as they seem to have been influential on Luke and we are the beneficiaries of their curiosity about Jesus and his life.

There is one other possibility which we cannot overlook. "Theophilus" means "Lover of God". Whilst we cannot discount the possibility that Theophilus was an actual individual known to Luke, it is just possible that by addressing someone named "Lover of God", Luke was actually directly addressing all those reading or hearing his Gospel, from those living soon after it was written, to you and me nearly two thousand years later, through to those millions who will hear it long after we have left the earth.

So, let us be thankful for Theophilus as we read through Luke's Gospel throughout 2022. After all, are we not all lovers of God?

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

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. **At least six months' notice is necessary.** 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

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 www.stpatscathedral.com.au 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: sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

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. Those wishing to attend his ordination as deacon must RSVP early this week by emailing matthew.dimian@parracatholic.org. Matthew is moving into the presbytery later this week prior to his official date of appointment. 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. 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! Please ensure it is worn over both your nose and mouth. Thank you.

St Patrick's Gift Shop

Although the gift shop is currently closed for the holidays and not due to open again to its regular hours on Tuesday 01 February, we will be opening the shop on **Sunday 23 and 30** January. The usual Sunday hours of 9:00am - 1:00pm will be observed.

Return of the Sunday Obligation

Bishop Vincent has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation, effective as of 15 December. Once again, however, those who are unwell or particularly vulnerable should continue to stay home and watch the livestreamed Masses until such time as they feel confident about returning to Mass. There is no sin committed in missing Mass out of genuine concern for your health and that of others.

Cloister Café Closure Dates

After a successful opening just before Christmas, please note that the café is closed 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.



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@stpatscathedral.com.au or by phone to (02) 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: 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.



Material for distribution and display

Please note that any material intended for display or distribution on the premises, religious or otherwise, must first have the approval of the Dean. Unauthorised material will go straight to recycling, regardless of quantity. Thank you for your cooperation.

*** 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: Elita De Leon, Luisito Bautista, Socorro Angeles, Vijaya Mohan Sawant, Rafael Pavlovec, Hilaria Estago, Martha Bondoc, Danilo Dingle, Taitusi Saudole, Vincenzio Sorgiovanni, Stephen Baxter, Henry Lewis, Josephine Fernandes, Manvail & Mary Fernandes, John Fernandes

Deceased: Josie Mauricio, 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: Jaime Fajardo, 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



We also pray for...



Sick: Francisca Olay, 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 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."





Next Sunday's Readings Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-6,8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Next Sunday's Readings Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saint of the Week

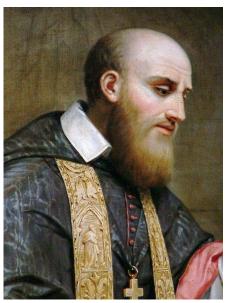
24th January - St Francis de Sales (1567-1622), Bishop, Doctor

Francis was born in 1567 in Savoy, France. He studied the law and was ordained a priest despite his father's opposition. His first mission was to convert those in his local area who had become Calvinists (Protestants). He was so successful in his preaching that after four years most had returned to Catholicism. He was then appointed Bishop of Geneva, a role he maintained for the rest of his life, reforming and reorganising the diocese and caring for his people through his preaching and spiritual guidance.

Francis' key teaching, radical for its time, was that all people can attain a devout and spiritual life, regardless of one's social status. In his preaching against Calvinism he was driven by love rather than by a desire to win. He wrote *Introduction to the Devout Life*.

Francis died in 1622.

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



"Quote of the Week"

"Do not anticipate what will happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."

St Francis de Sales (1567-1622) Bishop & Doctor of the Church



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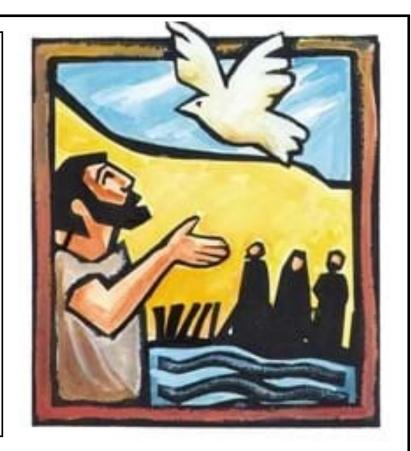
Dear Brothers and Sisters: "In our continuing catechesis on Saint Joseph, we now consider Joseph's life as a worker. The Gospels tell us that Joseph was employed as a carpenter of modest means, engaged in physically demanding work. Jesus himself would have learned much about

the dignity of labour from Saint Joseph. Work is in fact essential for our human development and for our growth in holiness. Indeed, work is not simply a matter of material benefit or mere profit, but a means of giving sense, worth and shape to our lives, and teaching us to spend ourselves generously for others. Today, we can think of all those workers in our world who struggle to make a living or raise a family, and who often encounter injustice, exploitation and the threat of unemployment. Let us pray, through the intercession of Saint Joseph the Worker, for the protection of the fundamental rights of all workers, for an increased awareness of the worth of human labour, and for an economic order that will promote the dignity and prosperity of all peoples."

Pray for PEACE...

As the New Year begins, let us pray that it will see God work in ways that will motivate those responsible for violent conflicts to open their hearts to possibilities for true and lasting peace. Peace is not the mere absence of war, good as that is, but true peace comes about through an attitude of tolerance, understanding and respect for the dignity of all.

May it start with us!



BAPTISMS

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



Christian Miguel Gonzalez
Jeremiah John Joseph

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
Luke Rinn & Katia Rossi

DID YOU KNOW...

...that the liturgical colour green used in Ordinary Time has significant meaning, just like red, violet and white?

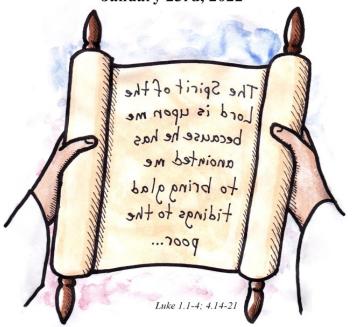
"The theological virtue of hope is symbolised by the colour green, just as the burning fire of love is symbolised by red. Green is the colour of growing things, and hope, like them, is always new and always fresh. Liturgically, green is the colour of Ordinary Time, the season in which we are being neither especially penitent (in violet) nor overwhelmingly joyful (in white)."



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

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23rd, 2022



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus stood in the synagogue and read from the book of the prophet Isaiah. What did it say?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

'ONE BODY' WORD-FIND





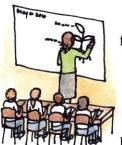


SAINT PAUL tells us that we have been BAPTIZED into the ONE body of CHRIST which is the CHURCH. There are MANY MEMBERS, but they all work TOGETHER and CARE for each other. But the parts of a BODY are not ALL the same as each other! An EYE is different from an ear, and a HAND is not the same as a FOOT. If all your body was an EAR, then how could you SMELL?

In the Church there are many different GIFTS. Some people are APOSTLES, some are PROPHETS, some are TEACHERS. Some people have the gift of HEALING. GOD has made all these different sorts of people to work together in the Church.

The Church is a Body

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.



Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?

Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and

priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?

> We are one body in Christ. Answer to Word-Find:

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Saint Angela Merici January 27















THE GROUP OF WOMEN THAT HAD JOINED ANGELA GREW AND SPREAD, EVENTUALLY BECOMING A RELIGIOUS ORDER CALLED THE URSULINES.

IN ANGELA'S TIME POOR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY GIRLS, COULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL AND THERE WERE NO WOMEN TEACHERS. IT TOOK A LONG TIME FOR PEOPLE TO ACCEPT WHAT ANGELA WAS DOING, BUT SHE NEVER QUIT. WHEN YOU HAVE A HARD TIME WITH SCHOOL YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT ANGELA FOR HELP!



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