

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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06 February 2022 - Fifth 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

♦ 6:00pm Youth-led Mass (3rd Sunday)

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer

6:30am

♦ 11:15am Exposition

♦ 11:15am Sacrament of Penance (till 12:15pm)

♦ Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon

12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

♦ 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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Contact Fr Chris or find information on

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Live Christ, Share Christ.

Monthly formation nights. Contact Michael or Marietta on email: mguillema@bigpond.com

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Sunday of the Word of God

RECENTLY I NOTED in my column for the bulletin that in just about every other part of the world, the Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis in 2020, was celebrated two Sundays ago on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Australia, the Australian Bishops decided to postpone this day for two weeks because of the possibility



of Australia Day being a distraction. So, this weekend is our opportunity to focus on the Word of God, albeit with different scriptural texts than the norm.

And it appears that shift in date is very fortuitous because in this weekend's Gospel we encounter the crowd pressing around Jesus as he stands by the Lake of Gennesaret (also known more popularly as the Lake of Galilee). And what is the crowd doing? Listening to the word of God! We do not hear what their response was, but we can only hope that some lives were changed. Indeed, that is the purpose of God's word, something made clear by Pope Francis' homily on the Sunday of the Word of God, an excerpt from which I reproduce here:

"Sisters and brothers, the word of God changes us. Rigidity does not change us, it hides us; the word of God changes us. It penetrates our soul like a sword (cf. Heb 4:12). If, on the one hand it consoles us by showing us the face of God, on the other, it challenges and disturbs us, reminding us of our inconsistencies. It shakes us up. It does not bring us peace at the price of accepting a world rent by injustice and hunger. where the price is always paid by the weakest. They always end up paying. God's word challenges the self-justification that makes us blame everything that goes wrong on other persons and situations. How much pain do we feel in seeing our brothers and sisters dying at sea because no one will let them come ashore! And some people do this in God's name. The word of God invites us to come out into the open, not to hide behind the complexity of problems, behind the excuse that "nothing can be done about it" or "it's somebody else's problem", or "what can I do?", "leave them there". The word of God urges us to act, to combine worship of God and care for man. For sacred scripture has not been given to us for our entertainment, to coddle us with an angelic spirituality, but to make us go forth and encounter others, drawing near to their wounds. I spoke of rigidity, that modern pelagianism that is one of the temptations of the Church. And this other temptation, that of seeking an angelic spirituality, is to some extent the other temptation today: gnostic movements, a gnosticism, that proposes a word of God that puts you "in orbit" and does not make you touch reality. The Word that became flesh (cf. Jn 1:14) wishes to become flesh in us. His word does not remove us from life, but plunges us into life, into everyday life, into listening to the sufferings of others and the cry of the poor, into the violence and injustice that wound society and our world. It challenges us, as Christians, not to be indifferent, but active, creative Christians, prophetic Christians."

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 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

Please note the dates for sessions of preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation are as follows. All sessions are a **maximum** of 1½ hours.

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

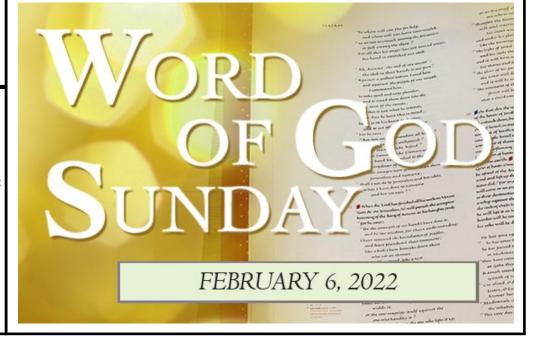
Sacrament of Penance 1: Tuesday 15 February, 7:30 pm - Parent Session

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

"The Word wishes to take flesh today, in the times in which we are living, not in some ideal future....Let us ask, then: do we want to imitate Jesus, to become ministers of liberation and consolation for others, putting the word into action? Are we a Church that is docile to the word? A Church inclined to listen to others, engaged in reaching out to raise up our brothers and sisters from all that oppresses them, to undo the knots of fear, to liberate those most vulnerable from the prisons of poverty, from interior ennui and the sadness that stifles life? Isn't that what we want?" - Pope Francis, from Homily on Sunday of the Word of God



A New Arrival for our Parish!

I am delighted to announce that St Patrick's Cathedral will have a newly ordained deacon, Rev Mr Matthew Dimian, in residence here this coming week. Matthew was ordained at Holy Family Luddenham on Saturday, 05 February, 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 mandatory 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 has now reopened. Please see the bottom of the page for hours of opening.

HURRAH! Cloister Café Reopens

Today, 06 February, after 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. However, be prepared! Expect operational procedures to still be affected due to COVID-19 regulations. Tea, coffee etc will be served inside at the counter, but then parishioners are asked to move outside into the Cloister area to enjoy their refreshments.

The Hospitality Team look forward to when the cafe's normal routine can return, but meanwhile hope parishioners will understand the need for caution.

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!

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. The surveys (hard copies) will be available for collection at Mass next weekend. Please return them the following weekend or the final Sunday of February. Boxes will be available for you to return the surveys. More details on the nature of the survey next weekend.

St Pat's Matters: Issue 110

Last chance to submit an article by 09 February

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 Catholic faith shape your family's daily life?
- Are you involved in a parish ministry? Share 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"

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.



Synod 2023: Sharing Responsibility

Our Church is all about participation and shared responsibility. How well do we do we balance authority with teamwork and responsibility? How do we encourage lay participation, involvement and leadership?

Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find!

Online submissions close February 26. Find out more at bit.ly/ synod2023.

Call Wendy on 0427 863 149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance.

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 on this matter. Fr Robert



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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: Bernard & Gracie Rodricks, 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

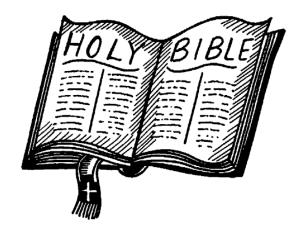
Special Intentions: Genevieve Lee, Bernard Kirkpatrick, Jacob Gonzales, Pedro & Sheila Romulo, Bradley & Stefani, Merle Furtado, Tian, Naleen & Raveen, BVM thanks, Stacey Grant, Senjak (mult. int), Flavia D'Souza, Tian Priyamanna, Sidney & Fatima Rodricks, Merle Furtado, Bernard Rodricks, Yi Jiek Wong, 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 February

Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

"We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times."





This Sunday's Readings Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

Saint of the Week

8th February - St Josephine Bakhita (1868/69-1947), Virgin

Born in 1868 or 1869 into a wealthy Sudanese family, Josephine was kidnapped by slave traders while still a child and was sold several times in the slave markets of Africa, but was eventually rescued and taken to Italy to work as a nanny. She converted to the Catholic faith in 1890, taking the name Josephine, and entered the Institute of the Canossian Daughters of Charity some three years later, where she worked unstintingly for the next fifty years at Schio, a small village near Vicenza.

Josephine died in 1947.

She was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 2000 and is believed to be the only saint to have originated from Sudan.

(Information taken from <u>Universalis</u> and the Diocesan Ordo of Hexham and Newcastle, UK)



"Quote of the Week"

"The deeper we get into reality, the more numerous will be the questions we cannot answer."

Friedrich von Hügel

(1852-1925)

Austrian Writer and Theologian

Letter to his niece



NEWS FROM...ROME

'Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on Saint Joseph, we have seen how the Church, in pondering the message of the Gospels, has grown in devotion to this great saint. Our veneration of the saints and our trust in their intercession are grounded in the very mystery of the Church as "the communion of saints", redeemed by

Christ's saving sacrifice and united to him as members of his mystical body. Our confidence in their intercession is born of our union with them in Christ, and the bonds of spiritual solidarity that unites the pilgrim Church on earth to the saints in heaven. The Christian people have always turned to the saints as friends of Christ and, consequently, as our friends, ever ready to help and support us at decisive moments in our lives. Among the saints, the Church especially venerates the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. So too, we give special honour to Saint Joseph, to whose care God entrusted the Holy Family. Echoing a prayer that I have recited daily for many years, let us all place ourselves under the protection of Saint Joseph and ask him to make known to us, in union with Jesus and Mary, the great power of his friendship and love.'

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...



Brianna Newman
Aric Joseph
Emma McKay
Petra Prsic

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...



Luke Rinn & Katia Rossi

Samer Habibeh & Jessica Bucca

Hayden Sammut & Megan Sutton

Lachlan Fleming & Natalie Takchi

DID YOU KNOW...

...that the Red Mass, celebrated here last Thursday evening, is a Mass to mark the beginning of the legal year?

The Red Mass is an important event in the legal calendar because of the common mission of the legal fraternity and of the Church: to promote justice. The patron saint of lawyers is St Thomas More, the Englishman who was Lord High Chancellor of England under King Henry VIII. More was a devout Catholic and lost his life because of his firm stand against the King's move to declare himself head of the Church over the Pope.



The Kids' Bulletin

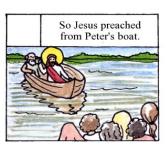
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 6th, 2022

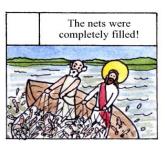


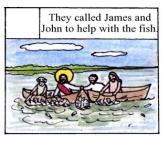
Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus told him to let the nets down again, they got filled right up! Can you draw enough fish to fill the nets?

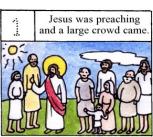
Picture Puzzle: An Amazing Catch!

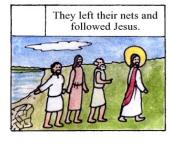
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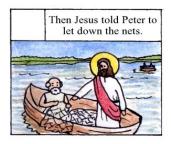












Fishers of Men

In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!

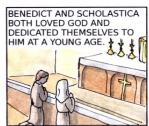
Jesus told Peter and his friends
James and John that he was going
to make them "fishers of men." But He
didn't mean that they would catch people in
nets! He was showing them that they had to
bring people into the Church.

Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

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Saint Scholastica February 10















THREE DAYS
LATER WHEN
BENEDICT
WAS IN HIS
MONASTERY
HE HADA
VISION OF A
DOVE GOING
UP TO HEAVEN
WHEN
SCHOLASTICA
DIED.

SAINT SCHOLASTICA AND HER BROTHER SAINT BENEDICT ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY. DO YOU EVER PRAY WITH YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FRIENDS? YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER BECOME SAINTS!



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