

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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13 March 2022 - Second Sunday of Lent (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

- ♦ 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

Credo Youth Ministries Contact Fr Chris or find information on Facebook: credo.stpats Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au

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The end is in sight....

WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL, I had a friend who use to read books in a strange way. Rather than reading cover to cover he would begin with the final chapter, then go to the start where he would read cover to cover. I never took much notice of his strange



practice until he so happened to read the same book I was engrossed in. I was coming toward the end of the book when he walked past me and spoiled the ending. I was devastated. All this time reading, and the journey came to an end in a few passing words. I recall confronting him on the situation and asked how he knew the ending considering he had only begun reading. He told me of his unusual practice and his reason for it; he doesn't like surprises. 'When you know the end you're no longer surprised. You can enjoy the book without the surprises.' Personally, I don't agree with his logic as I believe the entire story, surprises and all, allows one to appreciate the ending. I do see his point, however, knowing that the ending can spur one on to complete the book.

Our Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent provides us with a glimpse of the end. Upon arriving on a mountain to pray Jesus, before Peter, James and John, is transfigured. At this point the apostles have already seen some amazing things. Jesus has calmed the storm, exorcised several possessed persons, fed a multitude with five loaves and two fish. He clearly has power beyond this world. Yet what they witness is beyond their imagination. Jesus' entire being radiates with divine majesty and he is joined by Moses and Elijah. To top it off a voice resounds from Heaven saying 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John are given a glimpse of the divinity of Jesus hidden within his being. Whilst they are not able to share this moment with other disciples, I'm sure this incident would serve as a reminder to their commitment to Christ; to remain with him despite the many challenges.

Dear friends, after two weeks of Lent it can seem that the penitential season will never end. Our Lenten practices may seem like a burden too heavy to carry. We must however remain steadfast in faith, like the disciples, and continue with courage in our Lenten journey. The Transfiguration serves as a reminder of our end in Christ. As St. Paul says, 'For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.' Suffering is temporal, the joy of Christ lasts forever. So, take courage friends and continue in faith in this season of Lent. May we never falter in our efforts for Christ.

Wishing you a blessed Lenten season, 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



Fundraising for St Pat's Parish

Remember our Pop-up Christmas Shop, December 2021? Well, another shop will pop-up on **Sunday 20th March** at the community barbecue in honour of St Patrick, our patron saint.

Where: Cloister Function Room (Cathedral Hall)What's for sale: Lots of new and pre-loved items.Why: Fundraising for a good cause - Our Parish!

Bring your money with you, but EFTPOS will also be available.

Novena to Mary Full of Grace

Our Novena finally resumes after a prolonged absence inflicted by COVID.

WHEN: WHERE: TIME: Tuesday 22 March 2022 Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7:00pm - 8:00pm



Everyone is welcome to join us for this period of prayer, hymns and reflection.

We will pray the Rosary's **MYSTERIES of SORROW.**

Enquiries: Silvana Rechichi: 0478 510 324 Marian Polizzi : 02 9630 4019 or 0418 978 730

Jesuit Refugee Service Foodbank

The JRS Foodbank serves people seeking asylum, refugees and migrants on temporary visas who are experiencing food



insecurity due to financial hardship, including many who are ineligible for Centrelink and many who do not have work rights. The people we serve through the foodbank program may also have ongoing or may be experiencing additional vulnerabilities, such as health or mental health concerns, disability or mobility issues, pregnancy, and domestic and family violence. This week we are collecting:

Cooking Oil - Vegetable

Items may be left in the Chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

Caritas - Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations.*

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting <u>lent.caritas.org.au</u>, or by calling 1800 024 413.



BIRU 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an

entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense

of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way *For All Future Generations.*

Lenten Courses

This year we have chosen the *Remember* Lenten Program book designed by the Diocese of Wollongong as a guide for our groups. We are hoping to run two weekly groups on **Tuesdays at 10:00am and Thursdays at 7:30pm** commencing on Thursday 03 March and Tuesday 08 March. If you would like to join one of our groups it's not too late! Please let Pat in the office know.

Reception of Communion

Please note that when receiving Communion in the hand it is important that it be consumed before leaving the Communion line. There have been reports of people walking away with the host in their hand. This is not allowed. Thank you!

Palms for Palm Sunday

As usual, we are seeking donations of palms from parishioners for Palm Sunday (10 April). Please drop them into the parish office or leave them in the narthex by the morning of Saturday, 09 April. Thank you!



Stations of the Cross

Throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed **each Friday at 6:00pm.** This will happen in the cloister area unless bad weather moves us into the Cathedral.

First Friday Adoration

Now that restrictions are lifted, we will recommence First Friday Holy Hour. This will commence at **6:30pm.** The next Holy Hour will be on **Friday 01 April.**

Volunteers for Gift Shop

If you would like to volunteer to help out in our gift shop located in Murphy House, please call the parish office. We have a very busy shop and would appreciate some helpers, even for just a couple of hours a week.

Vocation Discernment Day

Have you considered becoming a priest? Like to know more and have some help to discern your vocation? Come along to a Discernment Day here at the Cathedral on **Saturday 26 March** from **3:00pm -5:00pm.**

St Patrick's Day Senior's Breakfast

Last chance to book this weekend! Please know this is a ticketed event. Note: minimum numbers required to proceed.

See over...



Launching St Patrick's Seniors' Ministry St Patrick's Day Seniors' Breakfast Thursday 17 March, from 7:30am

"...they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the Lord is upright..." (Psalm 92:13-15)

Many of us have experienced the joy of having a grandparent or a significant older person in our lives. Whether it's warm hospitality, sharing words of wisdom, a listening ear or sharing God's love in difficult times, seniors have an important role in the Church. A senior's ministry will greatly benefit our parish community. This ministry is for all adults aged over 60.

Please join us for the launch of this great ministry on St Patrick's Day. Breakfast will be served at 7:30am in the hall. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Booking is essential. Call the office or see Mili after Mass this weekend.

St Patrick's Day Celebration - Sunday 20 March

With most of the pandemic restrictions lifted, it's time to celebrate as a community!

Join in the celebration of our Parish Feast Day **after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday 20 March.** A barbecue lunch will be on sale for \$2.50. A white elephant stall will also be running and lots of games and a jumping castle for the kids.



There is no need to RSVP but if you can assist in any way, please contact the parish office.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Scrutinies

Over the next three Sundays at the 11:00am Solemn Mass, our three elect, Charlie, James and Sasha, will undertake the scrutinies as they prepare for baptism at Easter. We will be using the **Year A readings at these Masses only.** Please pray for Charlie, James and Sasha!

Prayers for the Sick and Deceased

Please note that we will be publishing the names of the sick and deceased, and those for special intentions, for **two weeks** at a



time. This is to ensure that we are fair to everyone who wants a family member prayed for. If the parish is informed that the sick person is still in need of prayers after two weeks, we will continue print their name for a further two weeks, and so on. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

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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: Patsy Lobo, Mary Lin, Priscilla Bennett, Maria Goretti, Ante Matek, Robert Dearie **Deceased:** Ancy Dcumha, Philomena Consalves, Houda Chehade, Karam Karam, YT Hsu, Deanna Hsu,

Anniversaries: Ivan Pavlovec, Clemente Nilo Sr, Clemente Nilo Jr, Lourdes Nilo, Maria Teresa Ocon, Patricia Hartman, Jozef Lipec

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: Bala Kumar Velez, Pasquale Altamore, Kathleen, Sharon Webb, Maureen Sewell, Annette Hartman, Giuseppe Megale, Lynette de Kauwe, Jela Senjak, Nicole Slatter, Liz Koh, Francisca Olay, Sr Genny Walsh rsc,

Special Intentions: Elvira Ronchal, Pedro Romulo, Patrick Newman, Peter Newman, Albert Soh, Kian D'Souza, Jacob Gonzales, Pedro & Sheila Romulo, Bradley & Stefani, Tian, Naleen & Raveen, BVM thanks, Stacey Grant

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

"We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action."





This Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

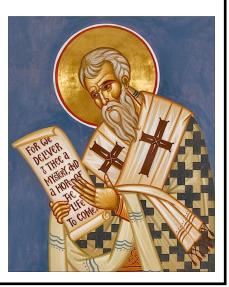
Next Sunday's Readings Third Sunday of Lent Ex 3:1-8,13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Saint of the Week

18th March - St Cyril of Jerusalem (c.313-386), Bishop, Doctor

Cyril was born in 315 of Christian parents and succeeded Maximus as bishop

of Jerusalem in 348. He was active in the Arian (heresy) controversy and was exiled more than once as a result. His pastoral zeal is especially shown in his *Catecheses*, in which he expounded orthodox doctrine, holy Scripture and the traditions of the faith. They are still read today. He died in 386. He is held in high esteem by both the Catholics and the Orthodox churches, and he was declared a Doctor of the Church by the Pope in 1883.



(Information taken from Universalis)

"Quote of the Week"

"We can only perceive the stranger as an enemy as long as we have something to defend. But when we say, 'Please enter - my house is your house, my joy is your joy, my sadness is your sadness, and my life is your life,' we have nothing to defend, since we

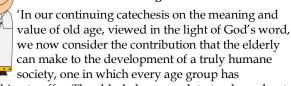
have nothing to lose but all to give."

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996) Priest and theologian *Reaching Out* (1975)



Pope Francis' Words...

From Catechesis on Old Age: 02 March 2022



something to offer. The elderly have much to teach us about the meaning of life; theirs is a wisdom, matured over time, that can help us to face the ever new questions and challenges raised by today's rapidly evolving society. For this reason, I wished to set aside a special day in July to honour grandparents and the elderly. The covenant between young and old – indispensable for a healthy social life – can help us, amid today's frenetic pace of life, to remember that, as men and women made in the image of God, we are called to a fuller vision of our life together, rediscovering God's presence in our midst and caring for the needs of our brothers and sisters. May we recognize the importance of the elderly among us, and learn from them that the true rhythms of life are those, not of the stop-watch, but of the harmonious relationship between the generations.'

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 know 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.



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



Juan Aban Lacey Rita Sheedy Kiki Nina Sheedy

Please pray for these children and their families.



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

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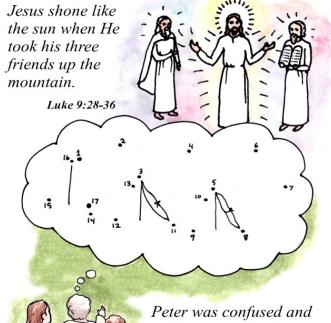
...that on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the readings of Year A may be used, regardless of the liturgical year?

This is encouraged particularly when there are catechumens preparing for baptism in the parish, but they can be used regardless. The readings are familiar to us: the Samaritan woman at the well, the healing of the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead - all stories of the revelation of Jesus as Saviour, encouraging those adults preparing for baptism to continue to deepen their relationship with Jesus in the final stages of their preparation for initiation into the Catholic Church.



The Kids' Bulletin Second Sunday of Lent

March 13th, 2022



said something without thinking. What did he say he could make?

Connect the dots to find out!

St. Joseph Puzzle March 19

The Gospel tells us that Saint Joseph was a just man. What did he do? Match the things that he did (on the right) with the circumstances on the left.

1. Before they were married and he found out that Mary was expecting a baby ____

2. When the angel came in a dream and told him to take Mary as his wife ____

3. When the government said that everyone had to register in their home town ____

4. When an angel came in a dream and told him that the soldiers were coming to kill baby Jesus ____

5. When Jesus stayed in the Temple instead of coming home with him

6. While Jesus was growing up ____

A. St. Joseph taught Jesus to be a carpenter.

B. St. Joseph looked for Jesus for three days until he found Him.

C. St. Joseph took Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt right away.

D. St. Joseph went to Bethlehem with Mary.

E. St. Joseph planned to break off his engagement quietly so that Mary wouldn't be ashamed.

F. St. Joseph married Mary.



Looking at Jesus

In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

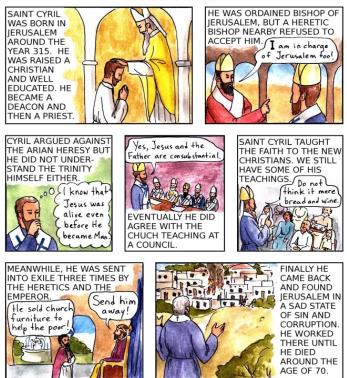
Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them to understand

why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you, and think about how you act toward Him. What can you do to love Him better? Lent is a good time to try to find ways to love Jesus more.

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SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM MARCH 18



AT FIRST CYRIL DIDN'T HAVE A VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BUT HE KNEW THAT THE ARIANS WERE WRONG. THEY SAID JESUS WAS LESS IMPORTANT THAN GOD THE FATHER. CYRIL TAUGHT WHAT HE KNEW WAS RIGHT ANYWAY. DO YOU TELL OTHERS WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD?

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