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03 April 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

٠	6:00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass
٠	7:30am	Morning Prayer
٠	8:00am	Mass
٠	9:30am	Mass
٠	11:00am	Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
٠	6:00pm	Mass
٠	6:00pm	Youth-led Mass (3rd Sunday)
MONDAY TO FRIDAY		
٠	6:10am	Morning Prayer
٠	6:30am	Mass
٠	11:15am	Exposition
٠	11:15am	Sacrament of Penance (till 12:15pm)
♦ Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon		
٠	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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His Mercy is Incredible

WHEN REFLECTING ON OUR incredible Gospel for this Sunday, I couldn't help but think of the story of Lot and his family in the book of Genesis fleeing the city of Sodom. The account speaks of the sinfulness of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah; they have



forsaken ways of God and turned to evil practices. This leads to their destruction by two angels sent by God. Lot and his family, relatives of the Patriarch Abraham, are spared from the destruction as the angel warns them of the imminent threat and ushers them out of the city. Unfortunately, Lot's wife disregards the angel's warning. She turns to see the destruction of the city and is turned into a pillar of salt. Why is she punished for such a small act? Scholars argue that her viewing of the destruction is indicative of her preference of the way of life in Sodom. Rather than recognise the freedom that God offers to her and her family, she longs for her former life.

Today we hear of the woman caught in adultery. Now there are so many issues at play when considering this Gospel. Firstly, the Scribes and Pharisees have only judged one party; where is the man who took part in the sin? Secondly, where were the scribes and Pharisees positioned to have caught this woman? Finally, they are not treating this woman with the respect which is her due as they are using her to trap Jesus. These questions are reflections in themselves. Today I'd like to consider the mercy of God in this incident. Jesus obviously knows all factors in play, he sees the trap of the scribes and Pharisees, he sees the injustice of the woman, and, most importantly, he sees the embarrassment and contrition of the woman. In this instance the woman would be tempted to surrender to hopelessness. What is left of her in this situation? Christ, after turning his adversaries away, dispels the hopelessness of the woman with this beautiful exchange:

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Dear friends, when receiving the Sacrament of Penance we can at times be tempted to look back at our sinful ways and consider them as the means of happiness. We quickly forget that, like the forgiven woman, Christ offers us new life in him. Further, following forgiveness, God does not consider our past sins. They are forgiven and forgotten. This woman, I believe, would have left her former life and followed Christ after this account. May we also do the same when we experience his incredible mercy.

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

SEEKING SUBMISSIONS FOR "ST PAT'S MATTERS"

It's time again to plead with parishioners to think about penning articles for issue 111 of St Pat's Matters, due out after Easter.

What to write about?

- Why you love being a St Pat's Parishioner.
- ٠ Sharing your involvement in Ministry in the parish and beyond.
 - How faith in God shapes daily life for you and your family.
- Reflections on your Lenten journey ٠
- What celebrating Easter means to you (and family). ٠
- Have you been initiated into the faith? Always keen to receive stories from anyone who ٠ has become a Catholic.
- ٠ Any "Good Sam" acts you have witnessed or experienced personally.
- Articles and archival photos relating to the longstanding history of our remarkable ٠ parish — its priests, people and events.
- Any topics you think worth sharing.

REMEMBER: SHARING MATTERS! START WRITING!

Email to M Polizzi: balmap5@bigpond.com or leave it at the parish office marked "For St Pat's Matters" Deadline is 9th April!

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.

I know we still have one more week to go but it needs to be said what a wonderful effort our parishioners have made so far in support of people in need. We called for an early pick up as the goods were sprawling near the walkway. YOU are all amazing and know your generosity will help feed an enormous amount of people. Thank you! This week we are calling for:

SHAMPOO and CONDITIONER

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

Caritas - Project Compassion

Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a

province which has limited educational and job opportunities - and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in



quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.



With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.



Volunteers Needed - 5:00am on Holy Saturday

The annual Catholic Youth of Parramatta Good Friday walk will

be held again this year. Once again our parish has been asked if we can provide pancakes for breakfast for the pilgrims.

So, this is the latest: Our estimate of 500 is looking more like 700-800. No problem for us, except a few more donations would be well



received. Thank you to those who have donated already. Still need flour, eggs, butter, milk & maple syrup. Also, if you have packets of plastic forks in your cupboards we could also use these (approximately 300 needed). Unfortunately we can't be environmentally friendly for this occasion but maybe we can use what you have already. Please contact the parish office if you can assist. Many thanks!

Palms for Palm Sunday

If you have palms can you please bring them to the parish by next Saturday. The team will be around helping at the working bee. If you are able to stay and help cut them this will also be a great help. Need a few helpers for

this job! Thanking you in anticipation of your generosity.

Volunteers for Gift Shop

Do you have a spare couple of hours on a Tuesday or Wednesday? Wonderful environment to work in. Give the office a call if you are interested. Hope to hear from you!

Sacraments of Initiation: Preparation for Eucharist 2022

Preparation sessions for Eucharist for children 7 years or older who have completed Reconciliation will continue with.... Remembering Baptism 2: Saturday 09 April @ 4:30 pm. This is a Parent and Children Session.

Please keep in mind that all sessions are mandatory. For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for children already baptised, please contact co-ordinator Meg Gale: sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

Working Bee

We are planning another Working Bee for Saturday 09 April, from 10:00am - 1:00pm, followed by refreshments. As always, plenty of jobs to do around the place to suit people of all abilities. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you can volunteer some time on the day. Thank you!

Holy Week Schedule

There will be plenty of publicity for the Cathedral's Holy Week schedule, including an A5 sheet with the bulletin. Please note that the times are essentially the same as for 2021 with the exception of the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday: 6:30pm!

ST PATRIC



While recruitment is open to all, we are targeting 15yrs and over at this time. We are aiming to recruit young, talented, and competent Tenors and Basses -- male voices.

Paid and voluntary places are available. Paid scholarships are offered to competent singers, and they are remunerated at \$2500 - \$4000 per annum, depending on attendance record. We sing at the 11:00am Solemn Mass every Sunday from February to Christmas, various major occasions on the liturgical calendar, such as Holy Week and Christmas, and major Diocesan events such as ordinations. You can see the type of music we sing on our Facebook: facebook.com/choirSPC or our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCrX0dDjt9jcPtDRRacjBZZw

Interested applicants can submit their expression of interest here: https://bit.ly/3sLep7S

All guestions can be directed to the Choir Librarian, Samuel Verceluz, samuelverceluz@gmail.com

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raising funds for **Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres**

Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our

community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at



yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or

scan the QR code. Thank you for your

heartfelt prayers and support. If you want to see a video of the appeal, please go to the Diocesan YouTube channel.

Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series: Starting 29 April

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr Laurie Woods over five Fridays, starting 29 April. The sessions will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com

Sick and Housebound

Please let the parish office know if you are aware of anyone who is sick and housebound who would like a clergy visit. We are obliged to minister to those who can't be with us at Mass!

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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: Br Henry Spinks, Shane Warne, Baby Lucas, Patsy Lobo

Deceased: Jacob Gonzles, Carlo Indorato, Pasquale Altamore, Lucy D'Mello, Lauro Aldover, Basilia Dizon, Lorelaine Aldover, Catherine Aldover, Anita Dizon, Carlos & Odette Younis

Anniversaries: Lucy David, George Laoubach, Crisanta Valdez, Marie Melide, Juan Montesco

Perpetuals: Robert Dearie, 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: Eleanora Vachalec, Filomena Nubla, Merle, Pansy, Susan, Jennifer, Karlansbert, Fatima, Bala Velez, Sharon Webb, Maureen Sewell

Special Intentions: Fang Jiao Fu, Tian, Naleen & Raveen, Noah Gomes

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11



Next Sunday's Readings Palm Sunday Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

Saint of the Week 5th April - St Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419), Priest

Vincent was born in Valencia, Spain, in 1350 and joined the Dominicans at the age of 17. In 1399, with the approval of the Pope, he set out on his mission as a preacher. For twenty years he travelled through western Europe, with thousands flocking to hear him wherever he was. From 1408 he worked mostly south of the Pyrenees. Among others, he preached to the Jews, of whom some 25,000 were converted to Christianity; and in the Kingdom of Granada he converted thousands of Moors (Muslims). In 1417 Vincent moved on to Brittany and continued his work there. He died in Vannes in Brittany on 05 April 1419.

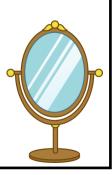


(Information taken from Universalis)

"Quote of the Week"

"Just as a man must keep a mirror polished, so he must keep his soul pure. When there is rust on a mirror, a man's face cannot be seen in it; so also when there is sin in a man, such a man cannot see God."

St Theophilus of Antioch (died c.183) Apologist and Patriarch of Antioch *Apology to Autolycus*



Pope Francis' Words...

General Audience: 30 March 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the meaning and value of old age, in the light of God's word, we now consider how the elderly Simeon and Anna can serve as an example for all the elderly.

They too are called to offer a personal witness of faith and trust in the fulfilment of God's promises, and thus build bridges between the generations. While the passing of years dulls the physical senses, at this precious time in life the Holy Spirit can sharpen our spiritual senses. How much our society needs older persons capable of recognizing and welcoming Christ's presence and the gifts of his Spirit. A society that exalts pleasure and cultivates the illusion of eternal youth can easily grow anaesthetized to the essential spiritual values of faith, wisdom, compassion and care for those in need. The lives and witness of the elderly can ensure this spiritual grounding and teach us the primary importance of discerning God's presence in our daily lives and the unfolding of his saving plan from one generation to the next.

Easter, chocolate.....and modern slavery?

Chocolate is a very delicious food and Australians consume and gift millions of dollars of chocolate products during the Easter season. Many of us are unaware of the links between chocolate production and modern slavery due to much West African cocoa bean production being performed by children forced into labour. Below are some areas for potential reflection, research and action:

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking in Humans) have an excellent site to increase awareness on modern slavery (child labour) practices in the West African cocoa bean industry, link
<u>Slavery-Free Easter | ACRATH</u>

Review the certification label of potential chocolate purchases. Certificated supply chains, such as Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance, are produced using slavery-free labour practices.

Learn more about St Josephine Bakhita (feast day: 08 February) who is the patron saint of both Sudan plus victims of modern slavery and human trafficking, Patron Saint - St Josephine Bakhita - Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (sydneycatholic.org)





DAYLIGHT SAVING REMINDER!

Sunday, 03 April, clocks go <u>back</u> one hour at 3:00am.

BAPTISMS

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



Camilla May Armstrong

Madeleine Tong

Mia Barnes

Sienna Rose Pietersz

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...



Natalie Takchi & Lachlan Fleming Aditi Kataria & John Paul Lichaa Samantha Cook & Alexander Ieroianni Rebecca Bang & Moses Achol

DID YOU KNOW...

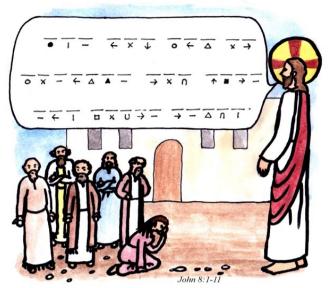
...that the Gospel passages we hear at weekday Masses during the final couple of weeks of Lent leading up to Holy Week, focus on Jesus' confrontation with the Jewish leaders?

Holy Week is, of course, a time to recall the great drama of Jesus' final hours as he is arrested and put on trial. By hearing of Jesus' arguments with the Jewish leaders (referred to as "the Jews" in John's Gospel), Holy Week is given its proper context, and we can understand how those in power wanted to put Jesus on trial and sentence him to death. Let us take time to ponder and reflect on all that happensto Jesus in the lead-up to Holy Week.



The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3rd, 2022



In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

True or False?

In today's Gospel reading the scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman in front of Jesus. Do you know the rest of the story? See if you know which of these statements are true and which are false:

- 1. The law said that a sinful woman like this one should be killed. True or False?
- 2. The men were going to stone the woman anyway- they didn't care what Jesus thought. True or False?
- 3. Jesus didn't say anything right away; He just started writing on the ground with His finger. True or False?
- 4. Jesus said that whichever of the men had never sinned should be the first to throw a stone at the woman. True or False?
- 5. One of the men threw a stone at her. True or False?
- 6. All of the men walked away without throwing a stone. True or False?
- 7. Jesus forgave the woman and told her not to sin anymore. True or False?



How Does Jesus Treat Sinners?



In the Old Testament, God gave His people rules that said they should punish the people who sinned. That's why in today's Gospel the Pharisees and scribes brought a sinful woman to Jesus

to see what He had to say about the law.

Instead of telling them that they should punish her according to the law, Jesus told them that they should only punish her if they themselves had never sinned.



Sometimes we hear about a sin

that someone else did. God does not want us to be mean to that person because of what they did. Does that mean that they didn't do a sin? No. Jesus told the woman to go and not sin again. That means that she did sin, but He was giving her another chance. We should try to be merciful like Jesus, and we should be kind to sinners

because we are sinners too.



Answers: front "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone Answers for Drue or False: L'True 2.False 3.True 4.True 5.False 6.True 7.True

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Saint Stanislaus of Krakow April 11











SAINT STANISLAUS WAS NOT AFRAID TO TELL THE KING WHEN HE WAS DOING SOMETHING BAD, EVEN THOUGH IT PUT HIS LIFE IN DANGER. WE CAN BE LIKE HIM BY PRAY-ING FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND NOT BEING AFRAID TO TELL THE TRUTH EVEN IF THE GOVERNMENT IS WRONG.

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