

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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24 July 2022 - Seventeenth 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

♦ 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

- ♦ Tuesday 9:30am Christian Meditation
- ♦ Tuesday 6:30pm Legion of Mary
- ♦ 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: (suspended)

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Credo Youth Ministries

Contact Fr Chris or find information on

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

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Why God Wants Us To Ask

CHRIST INSTRUCTS us to ask God earnestly for all our needs and to persevere in our petitions: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."



I have always wondered why God waits for us to ask. Is he reluctant to give us good things, as he sits in Heaven waiting for us to change his mind? It can be tempting to see God in this way, but that explanation can't be right. God makes it clear that he is a Father who loves his children and he desires to shower all sorts of blessings upon us.

So, the question remains: if he is willing to bless us, and he already knows our needs, why doesn't he just give us these blessings whether we ask for them or not?

One answer is that God does indeed give us many gifts that we have not asked for: life, food, clothing, family, friends. Our hearts beat whether we petition God for it or not. So, God does indeed provide for many of our needs before we even ask for them.

Another answer suggests that our prayers do not change God's mind; rather, they change us. When we ask God for things, we are recognising that he is our Father who is the source of everything good in the world. By acknowledging his providence and goodness, we become more faithful children, dependent on our heavenly Father. Prayer changes us, not him.

One other explanation is that God will not impose on our freedom. There are some who might be confronted by an all-powerful God intervening in their lives at moments in which they did not ask for it. To some degree, this means that he chooses not to impose himself when we do not invite him into our lives. Asking for our needs, then, is a way of saying that we invite God openly into lives.

I have found another very satisfying answer from a Catholic philosopher named Eleonor Stump. She points out that parents who give their children everything on a platter end up spoiling them. The children begin to take all these gifts for granted, and they often mistreat what is given to them. So God waits until we ask for his blessings so that we may be truly open and receptive to his graces. He is more than willing to provide for us, but by waiting for us to request his blessings, he ensures that we truly desire them.

So, dear friends, let us be obedient to Christ's instruction. Let us ask the Father for all our needs, sincerely desiring his graces, inviting him willingly into our lives, and responding generously to the gifts he has given us. In other words, let us turn to the Father as his trusting children, trusting entirely in his providence and care.

Wising you a blessed week ahead,

Deacon Matthew

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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 12:45pm.

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

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration for Confirmation through St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is now closed.

The calendar of remaining mandatory preparation sessions is as follows:

Confirmation 2: Tuesday 26 July at 7:30pm - Parent session

Confirmation 3: Saturday 06 August 3:00pm or 4:30pm - Parent and Children session Confirmation 4: Saturday 13 August 3:00pm or 4:30pm - Parent and Children session

Practice for Confirmation: Saturday 20 August @ 3:00pm & 4:00pm

Ceremonies for Confirmation:

Saturday 27 August at 11:30am and 3:00pm



WHEN & WHERE? Saturday, 10 September from 10:00am to 4:00pm in the Cathedral Cloister.

There will be various stalls, including your favourite fair food, rides for the littlies and entertainers.

A raffle will also be organised leading up to the fair.

If you would like to be part of the organising committee, please call or email the parish office.

More information next week!

FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE in the Parramatta local area. If you are struggling this winter to put food on the table, here are some options which may be of assistance.

St Vincent de Paul Support Centre at 72 Harris St, Harris Park (8861 9757) offers food parcels. They are open Monday—Friday from 10:00am-3:00pm.

Karabi Community Services have a foodbank which operates on **Mondays** from 12:00noon—2:00pm. Bookings are required prior to visit on 9631 6575 (9:00am-4:00pm Monday to Friday) They are located at 41 Fyall Avenue, Wentworthville.

Turbans for Australia are located at 14 Martha St, Clyde (0432 017 000) and run a food bank where they provide hampers **every Sunday** – arrive at 10:00am.

Parramatta Mission – located at 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta (9891 2277) offers **breakfast** and **lunch** on weekdays. Their hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm and Friday 8:30am-3:00pm.

We do earnestly offer thanks to all those parishioners who very generously made donations to the St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal in May. Your generosity is very much appreciated especially during this cold season.

God bless you!



Getting to know...

Wonderful article from Hope on page six. Thank you! Now, for all of you who think you have nothing to contribute, start writing! Everyone has an experience as to why they are here or what has brought them here. Or maybe, just tell us a little about yourself and or your family. Look forward to your story (and picture). *Pat*

"Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible"

In coordination with Charbel Raish of Parousia Media, the following is a schedule for the Bible Study sessions to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Function Room.

Dates may be subject to change

All sessions are on Saturdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Session 1: 16 July
Session 2: 06 August
Session 3: 20 August
Session 4: 03 September
Session 5: 17 September
Session 7: 15 October
Session 8: 29 October

FOOTNOTE: Exceptional turnout for last Saturday's session. If you couldn't make it last week and would like to participate, it's not too late. Just turn up at the next session. The vibe in the room was electric. Hope you can join us!

ALSO running concurrently, starting **30 July**, after the Vigil Mass in the Cloister Function Room, we will be screening episodes of the series **THE CHOSEN**. This will be run over a few fortnights. This will be a more casual affair, with the chance to discuss the content in a relaxed atmosphere over a cuppa.

Novena to Mary Full of Grace

WHEN Tuesday 26 July

WHERE Blessed Sacrament Chapel

TIME 7:00pm - 8:00pm

You are invited to join us for this period of prayer, hymns and reflection. We will be praying and reflecting with the **Mysteries of Sorrow**.

Everyone is welcome. Enquiries:

Silvana Rechichi: 0478 510 324

Marian Polizzi 02 9630 4019 or 0418 978730

Upcoming news

I hope to be able to update you on two important pieces of news next weekend. Firstly, I should have a date on a preliminary Social Justice meeting. Secondly, a note about the conclusions from the recently concluded Plenary. *Fr Robert*

DIOCESAN NEWS CatholicCare - Solo Parent Services

Annulment Information Webinar

Each year the Tribunal of the Catholic Church, Diocese of Parramatta and CatholicCare WSBM Solo Parent Services present an Information Webinar to help people understand the process of annulments in the Catholic Church. Questions are answered in detail on all aspects of the annulment process. The event will be held online via Zoom. **Date**: Wednesday 3rd August 2022 **Time**: 7:00pm - 9:00pm. **Registration is essential**. For further details and to register, please call the Tribunal office on 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org

Bereavement Support Program at St. Bernadette's Parish Castle Hill, commencing 11 August

CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains is commencing a seven session Bereavement Support Program for men and women whose spouse or partner have died . It will be held on Thursdays over 7 weeks at St. Bernadette's Parish from 10:00am – 12:00noon. The program commences on Thursday 11th August and concludes on Thursday 22nd September. **For further information and registration**, please Contact Rita Chater at CatholicCare on 8843 2500 or

rita.chater@ccss.org.au

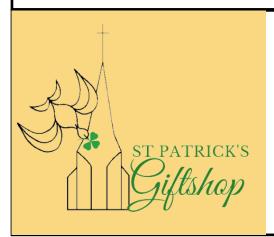
2022 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 12 August

Guest speaker Robert Haddad will discuss "Living Marriage, Living Faith". The seminar will be held on Friday 12 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7:30pm. Please register your attendance to (02) 8838 3460 or marriage@parracatholic.org

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online or phone 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also Register for a Webinar on Monday 01 August at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.



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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: Isabella Silveira, Shay McAllister, Phillip Rixon, Patricia Wyatt, Sr Mary Normoyle RSM, Paul Mahoney, Corazon Salvador, Ghada Zalef, Amy Di Cerbo, Gracie Jackson

Deceased: Maria Perera, Maximo Caneda Sr, YT & Deanna Hsu, Juancho & Jose Reyes

Anniversaries: Norbert Saldanha, Emy & Fe Masangkay, Frank & Umberto Papagna, Mary O'Riordan, Vittoria Teuma, Teuma & Sultana families, Isabel Da Luz, Carolina Bugo, Max Swain, Thomas Davoren, Deanna Hsu, Delphine Rodrigues, Edward Olivera, Delfin Saracin, Juliet Noronha

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 and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

We also pray for...



Sick: Tony Meldrum, Kathleen, Noble Flursheim, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien, Sebastiao Bugo, Sr Thomas Aquinas, Nikola Senjak, Rosalind McDonald, Gerard Noonan Sharon Webb, Maureen Sewell

Special Intentions: Yi-Chuien Hsu, Rohan Rodricks, Dan Rodricks, Shane, Naveen, Tian & Raveen, Joseph & Maria Reginold, Maximo & Dulcesima, Anne, Liam Buenaventura, Naleen & Raveen

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

The Elderly

"We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility."



memory



This Sunday's Readings Seventeenth Sunday

Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Next Sunday's Readings Eighteenth Sunday

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Saints of the Week

29th July - Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Martha was the sister of Mary of Bethany and Lazarus. In the West, her feast day comes a week after that of St Mary Magdalene because of the old and probably erroneous

tradition that Mary Magdalene was the same person as Martha's sister.

Modern scholarship having made matters clearer, Martha, Mary and Lazarus have since 2021 been celebrated together on this day, which was formerly assigned to Martha alone.



(Information taken from Universalis)

"Quote of the Week"

"The Eucharist is not a cheerful gathering of nice people who sing songs and feel good. It is an outrageous expression of hope in defiance of everything that could destroy it."

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP (b.1945) English Dominican Friar Quoted in *The Tablet*



Pope Francis' Words...

From a speech to young people gathered at the European Union Youth Conference in Prague

"Don't let yourselves be seduced by the sirens that propose a life of luxury reserved for a small slice of the world. Instead, have that "broad outlook" that can take in all the rest of humanity, which is much bigger than our little continent. May you aspire to a life of dignity and sobriety, without luxury and waste, so that everyone in our world can enjoy a dignified existence."

Getting to know... The PACE family

Hello to all of our fellow St Pat's parishioners. My name is Hope, my husband is Michael and we have three children Chanel (9), Isaac (7) and Isabella (1). Throughout my childhood, I attended many different Catholic parishes. This was because we moved houses quite a lot although my mother thought it was important for us to attend church on a Sunday morning, no matter where we were at the time. I was uninformed as to why, I never questioned it but I did as my mum said. I attended a local public primary school and enjoyed learning new things in scripture, the place I could ask all my questions. I was baptised as a baby but never completed the other sacraments. This affected me as a child, I was embarrassed especially when my mother and all the other children could go up and receive the body of Christ whilst I had to sit down with my younger sister and pray. Unfortunately, throughout my teenage years, I became very disconnected from my faith. It wasn't until I turned sixteen that I made the decision to start attending Mass again, although this time, it was on my own. I strongly believe that spiritual maturity doesn't happen overnight. When I met Michael, there was religious cohesion and we were able to bond by attending church together. This was important to the both of us.

With the support of Michael, I knew I wanted to continue my journey of faith, dive deeper and actually understand/learn. So, I contacted Deacon Rod about joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). I committed to attending RCIA meetings and by doing so I met so many amazing people and learnt so much about my faith.

Michael and I were married at St Pat's. All three of our children were baptised at St Pat's and Chanel completed her First Holy Communion at St Pat's last year.

How can we expect our children to live their faith if we aren't leading them?

If you see us at Mass, please come and say hello. We love meeting new people. God bless!



BAPTISMS

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



David Stevens
Ocean Dabuco
Sonny Trench

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...



Emellie Grah & Jon Sakr Shinu Simon & Hamlin DSouza Bianca Thio & Eric Grella Melissa Tanudjaja & William Li

DID YOU KNOW...

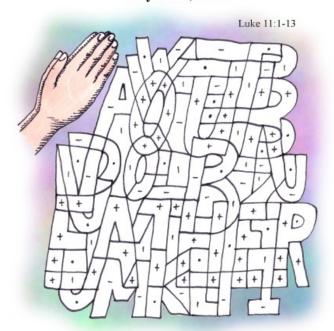
...that the Lord's Prayer Jesus teaches his disciples in today's Gospel is the lesser-known of two versions in the Gospels?

The version which almost every Christian knows by heart is the version found in Matthew's Gospel (6:9-13), from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This is slightly longer than Luke's version, with the noted addition of the phrase about God's will being done on earth and in heaven. Incidentally, the additional lines added by many of our Protestant brothers and sisters ("For the kingdom, the power...") is not to be found in the scriptures but is taken from a first-century document known as "The Didache".



The Kids' Bulletin

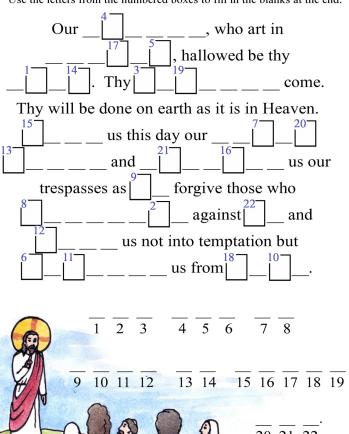
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24th, 2022



Jesus taught His disciples a prayer that we still use today. We often call it by its first two words. To find out what they are, colour in ONLY the spaces with crosses. (+)

The Lord's Prayer

Fill in the blanks to complete the "Our Father."
Use the letters from the numbered boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.



God Gives us What We Need

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, so He taught them the "Our Father."

In the first part of the "Our Father" we give glory to God by

praising Him, and in the second part we ask Him for the things we need. First we ask for our daily bread. This can be asking both for the things like food that our bodies need, and for the spiritual things as well, especially Holy Communion. Next we ask for forgiveness for our sins and for God to keep us away from temptation and evil.

Jesus said that if a father on earth would give his children the things they need, then God, Who is our Father in Heaven, will certainly give us what we need. All He wants us to do is show that we trust in Him by asking Him.

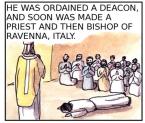
Make sure you say the "Our Father every day to praise God our Father and ask Him for everything you need.

Answers to "The Lord's Prayer" Puzzle: Father, Heaven, name, kingdom, Give, daily, bread. forgive, we. trespass, us, lead, deliver, evil. "Ask and it will be given you."

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Saint Peter Chrysologus July 30

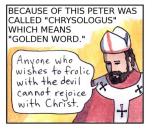














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DIED IN THE
YEAR 450 IN
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176 OF HIS
HOMILIES
WHICH HAD
BEEN
WRITTEN
DOWN WERE
SAVED.

SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS DREW PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD WITH HIS PREACHING. HE HELPED PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE BETTER AND SHOWED HERETICS WHERE THEY WERE MAKING MISTAKES. WE SHOULD PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS TO BE ABLE TO PREACH WELL AND BRING US CLOSER TO GOD TOO.



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