

# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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25 September 2022 - 26th 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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### **SHARING**

ARE RICHES EVIL? At a cursory glance our readings, specifically the First Reading and the Gospel, seem to suggest an inherent evil of wealth. 'Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountains of Samaria' the prophet Amos proclaims. Eternal destruction rather than eternal bliss seems to be the fate of those who amass vast quantities of wealth. This is further emphasised in our Gospel reading where the rich man is tormented in Hades as opposed to Lazarus who is comforted in the bosom of Abraham. Again we ask, are riches evil? We recall in the book of Genesis the Lord's affirmation of his work



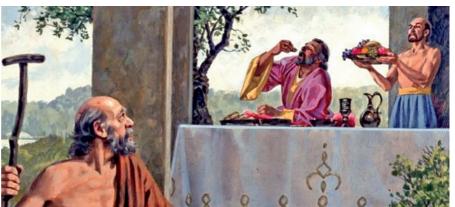
following each day, 'God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.' The created world, including its riches, is not evil but 'very good.' Riches therefore are not evil in itself, but its use or misuse can constitute an evil action. Such is the case in our Gospel this Sunday.

The Lord contrasts two extremes in our Gospel this Sunday, vast wealth and extreme poverty. Note that Jesus doesn't emphasise how the rich man amassed his wealth, by all means he is virtuous in increasing his treasury; he hasn't swindled another. Additionally he is not responsible for the wretched poverty of Lazarus. He did not take advantage of the situation to exploit Lazarus. However it is clear the rich man has a particular lifestyle, 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day.' He lives solely for himself without a thought of God and neighbour. He has forgotten that this world in temporal and that we ought to use it to increase our heavenly treasure. As such he cannot see the need in front of him; 'And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores.' The rich man would have encountered Lazarus on a daily basis yet he continued to look the other way. He could have easily cared for Lazarus but he continued to neglect him. He did not use his wealth in a way that was in conformity to God's desires. He did not know how to share.

Dear friends, our Gospel for this Sunday makes clear the need to use our wealth properly. All we have are gifts from God to be used for his glory. To share with others, especially those in need, makes real the two greatest commandments 'Love God and neighbour.' Today let us ask for a generous heart so that we may live out the words of our Lord with love 'whatever you did for one of the least of these brethren of mine, you did for me.'

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Chris



# THE BULLETIN

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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.

# Sacraments of Initiation Reconciliation and Eucharist 2022-2023

We are holding an 'Information Evening' on **Tuesday 11 October** at 7:30pm in the Cloister Function Room (hall) for those interested in registering a child/ren for the Sacramental Process for children already baptised. This will be followed by the Enrolment Mass on Sunday, 23 October at the 9:30am Sunday Mass. To be eligible for preparation children should have turned seven (7) years of age before 91 July 2022 (this year).

Information regarding the registration process and timetable will be available at the Information Evening. Please mark your diary with the following.

Tuesday 11 October Information Evening 7:30pm (hall)

Sunday 23 October Enrolment Mass 9:30am

Please note, the registration process will require you to supply a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

For any enquiries, please contact: secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au or call Pat on 8839 8412.



### **Catholic Mission Appeal**

# **BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY**



Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

This week we welcome Matt Poynting from Catholic Mission who will highlight the work Catholic Mission does to bring hope to families, like Neela's, around the world. This is an opportunity to partner with the Church and communities such as those in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

#### "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 5: 17 September
Session 2: 06 August
Session 6: 01 October
Session 3: 20 August
Session 7: 15 October
Session 4: 03 September
Session 8: 29 October

#### "The Chosen"

The next instalment of "The Chosen" will be shown at 7:15pm, on Saturday, 08 October in the hall. Again, you do not need to have seen earlier episodes to enjoy this episode!

#### **Daylight Saving next week**

Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour before going to bed next Saturday, else you might miss Mass next Sunday!

#### Novena To Mary Full Of Grace

When: Tuesday 27 September Where: Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Time: 700:pm - 8:00pm

We will pray the Mysteries of Light with meditations on the public ministry of Christ and the institution of the Eucharist.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME** 

**Enquiries:** 

Silvana Rechichi: 0478 510 324 Marian Polizzi: 02 9630 4019

### St Patrick's Giftshop

Have you visited the giftshop recently? The 2023 edition of God's Word is now available. Pick up your copy from the giftshop.

Help spread the word, by letting your friends know about our parish giftshop. Scan the QR code below for more information.

# Congratulations **Class of 2022**

The Cathedral was host to students from Catherine McAuley High and Our Lady of Mercy College's graduation Mass this week. Congratulation to students from this school and to all Year 12 students who graduated from High School this week. Our prayers and best wishes in your studies as you prepare for the upcoming HSC exam.

#### **Playgroup**

Playgroup will not be running during the school holidays. We will resume when school returns in Term 4.

### **Mentoring Couples To Be Married**

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 28 October at 7.30pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

### **Wedding Anniversary Mass**

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall.

All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent.

Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org by 21 October. Family and friends are welcome.





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# **Prayer Intentions**

#### We pray for our beloved dead....

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them...

**Recently Deceased:** Peggie Napier, M Mariaachiriam, Filomena Nubla, Jose V Ramirez, Angela Ferfolja, Giuseppe Caccaro, Johnny Marcus, Madeline Ng, Nancy Vella, Anne Hawkins

**Deceased:** Queen Elizabeth, YT & Deanna Hsu, YT Hsu, Judith Gatty, Charmaine Li, Flory Rodricks, TJ Kuriakose, All Souls, Nide & Erlic De Noronha, Lucy D'Mello, Isabelle & Estephan Epenian, Sarkis & Evelyn Khalil, Dragutin Raguz, Isabelle & Estephan Epenian, Sarkis & Evelyn Khalil, Dragutin Raguz

Anniversaries: Vincent Monteiro, Thomas Edattel, Vicenta & Dhoman Caballaro, Gabriel Muniandi, Joseph Fung, Maximena Manlangit, Benita Azores, Elishva, Francisco Dela Cruz, Joseph Kochupera

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: Diosdada Penollar, Flor Ocampo, Christie Penollar, Merle Bailie, Teresita Zafiro, Joshua Peric, Fatima, Lou & Sue Tantini, Miriam Jayatilaka, Joshua Peric, Sharon Webb, Maureen Sewell, James McMasters, Praxedes Torres, Pedro Romulo, Maria Vernich, Bp Kevin Manning, Tony Meldrum, Kathleen, Noble Flursheim, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: Kiew Hue, Lynell Chan, Naleen, Tian & Raveen, Raveen, Naleen, Nikola Senjak, Frank Jones, Fr Peter Henry, Dewi Stuguart, Senjak family



#### **BAPTISMS**

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



Emilija Datenis Eleanore Gonsalvez Charli Hochuli Jaden Stanley

Please pray for these children and their families.

Pope Francis'
Prayer
Intention for
September



## Abolition of the Death Penalty

"We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country."

Pope Francis' Words

From a Tweet of 22 September

"Being a small flock should not frighten us but rather invite us to live this reality with faith, so that we can become leaven, salt and light for others, trusting in the action of the Holy Spirit, who blows freely where He wills."

#ApostolicJourney #Kazakhstan

#### Saint of the Week

28th September - St Wenceslaus, Martyr (907-935)

Wenceslaus was born into the Bohemian royal family, and brought up as a Christian by his aunt. When he became king, he worked hard to promote order in his kingdom and the free exercise of Christianity. This raised considerable opposition, and he was eventually murdered by his brother's henchmen. He was immediately



acclaimed as a martyr and is the patron saint of the Czech republic, often referred to today as Czechia.

The best known popular reference to St Wenceslaus is in the traditional carol "Good King Wenceslaus".

# "Quote of the Week"

"People of loving service are rare in any walk of life. Leaders of loving service are still rarer. But in all cases those who serve will be loved and remembered when those who cling to power and privileges are long forgotten."

Archbishop Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury (b.1956) Excerpt from sermon at State Funeral for Queen Elizabeth II



GETTING TO KNOW

# GETTING TO KNOW... Deacon Matthew Dimian

It has been a pleasure to serve at St Pats for the last seven months. I have gotten to know many of you in the course of parish life, whether it's seeing you at the sacramental programs, Credo youth group, RCIA group, or just chatting after mass. But if I have not met you yet, here is a little about myself.

I was born and raised in Sydney, but my family background is Egyptian. This makes me Coptic Catholic by baptism. While I love my Eastern Catholic roots, I received most of my formation in the faith from the Roman Church and so I am studying to be a priest in the Roman Rite.



I went to school at Redfield College, graduating in 2010 alongside our very own Fr Chris Del Rosario. I have felt God calling me to be a priest since childhood, and even though I wandered from one university degree to another after school (without finishing any of them), part of me has always known that the priesthood was where I was meant to be. I finally joined the seminary in 2014. I was ordained a deacon in February 2022, and hope to be ordained a priest in the not too distant future.

I enjoy good movies, strategic card games and board games, and a bit of squash or basketball. I love discussing our faith, especially philosophy and theology. So if you're keen for a deep discussion, feel free to come and ask a challenging question.

Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare for the priesthood. And I hope to keep getting to know you while I am here.



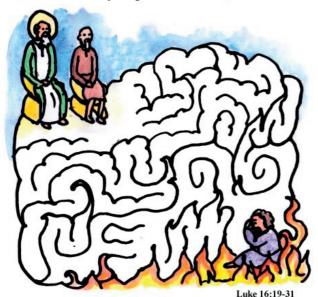
...that several senior Catholic religious representatives were present at Queen Elizabeth's state funeral service at Westminster Abbey?

The most prominent Catholic representative was Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, who read one of the prayers during the service. Other senior Catholics included Archbishop Leo Cushley of St Andrews and Edinburgh, Archbishop Mark O'Toole of Cardiff and Archbishop Paul Gallagher, representing Pope Francis. There would have been, of course, many more Catholics amongst the 2000 or so guests at Westminster Abbey.



# The Kids' Bulletin

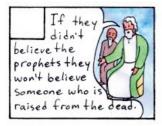
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday September 25th, 2022



In today's Gospel reading the rich man asks
Abraham to send Lazarus to him
with a drop of cool water.
But can Lazarus cross between
Heaven and Hell?
See if the maze will let him cross.

# Sort-the-Pictures

Lazarus and the Rich Man













In this story are Lazarus, the rich man, and Abraham.

The pictures are not in order, though.

Can you put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the corners to show their proper order?

### Lazarus and the Rich Man

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man. While they were alive, the rich man had everything he wanted. He feasted every day and was never hungry. Meanwhile Lazarus, the poor man, lay in the rich man's gate, always hungry and sick. Even the dogs came to lick the sores on his body.

Once the men died everything changed. The rich man went to Hell. He got what he deserved for thinking only of himself while he was alive. Lazarus, on the other hand, went to be with Abraham in Heaven. He had suffered so much while he was alive, but now he was perfectly happy.

The rich man wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue but Lazarus couldn't help him. He found out what happens if you only think about getting the best for yourself. What does this story make you want to do for the poor and suffering people around you?



Maze on Front; you can't cross from Heaven to Hell or vise-versa. Answers to Sort-out-the-pictures: Top: 6,3 Middle: 1,4 Bottom: 5,2

# Saint Francis of Assisi

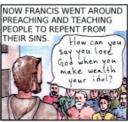














MANY PEOPLE SAW HOW HOLY AND HAPPY FRANCIS WAS, SO THEY GAVE UP THEIR POSSESSIONS AND FOL-LOWED HIM. SOON THERE WERE 5000 FOLLOWERS!

SAINT FRANCIS LIVED A LIFE OF POVERTY AND HUMILITY EVEN THOUGH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BEGAN TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS. SOON THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR (FRANCISCANS) WAS STARTED. SAINT FRANCIS ALSO RECEIVED THE STIGMATA. HE DIED AT AGE 45 AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF SICKNESS.



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