

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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18 September 2022 - Twenty-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 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)

Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

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Contact Fr Chris or find information on

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The Crafty Steward

THE PARABLE WE HEAR this weekend has several names, including the Parable of The Crafty Steward, or The Dishonest Manager. All too often people feel that Jesus is somehow praising dishonesty in telling this parable but, of course, nothing could be further from the truth. Jesus, through the master in the story, is praising the



steward for his cunning, in orchestrating a means to maintain some dignity once he is dismissed from his position. The steward's dishonesty lies not in what he does in marking down what people owe his master, but rather in whatever action he engaged in to get him dismissed at the beginning of the parable We are, however, not privy to that information.

Before saying any more, it is important that we understand something of how loans were conducted in the culture of the time. It was not legal for interest to be charged on a loan in Israel, and so when a loan was made to another person, the amount that was written down to be paid back was increased, thus getting around the Law on a technicality. For example, if someone loaned another person \$100, an amount such as \$120 was written on the note given to the person to be paid back. And so, when the steward appears to reduce the amount that people owe to his master, what he in fact was doing was asking them to pay back exactly what they owed, no more and no less, in accordance with the Law. Of course, this has the effect of endearing him to those who owed money to his master. A side effect of this might also be that the master looks good as it is probable that many of those paying their reduced debts may have thought that this was the initiative of the master himself. We might classify this as a "win-win-win" scenario!

But Jesus isn't relating this parable on the basis of the steward finally acting justly. The steward is clearly a flawed character, based on his dismissal, and we cannot assume that he has had a change of heart. He states quite clearly that the motives for his actions are purely on the basis of self-interest. Jesus is trying to get us to understand that we, as Christians, have been given something of inestimable wealth, stewardship of God's kingdom here on earth, and so we ought to put all that we have in terms of "earthly" things, whether we have much or little, totally at the disposal of this mission which we have had entrusted to us.

What does this mean practically? It means we are called to be decisive, like the steward in the parable, to be generous to those in need, to be prayerful, faithful to our calling, and to understand suffering as an essential element of Christian pilgrimage. Like the steward, we are called to have our focus on the future, a future that is other-worldly and eternal however, unlike the steward's more immediate focus.

When we live in this manner then we can every confidence that, like the crafty steward, we will be welcomed into a new home when our present occupation reaches its end.

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 12:45pm.

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

Fathers' Day Appeal - Thank you!

Thank you to all those who contributed so generously to the Fathers' Day Appeal recently. At this point, just under \$5200 has been raised from this parish. A reminder that all funds raised support the charitable works of the diocese in the various agencies that the Church supports. You may still contribute via the envelopes or online through the parish or diocesan websites. The focus of this appeal is the support given by the Fathers' Day Appeal to our retired and sick clergy, many of whom have served the Church for fifty or sixty years or more. All donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.

Thank you for your generosity!

Let us care for those who have cared for us through their lifetime of service



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 old before 01 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.

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

Enrolment Mass Sunday 23 October 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.



"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 6: 01 October
Session 7: 15 October	Session 8: 29 October

"The Chosen"

The next instalment of "The Chosen" will be shown at 7:15pm, on Saturday, 24 September in the hall. Again, you do not need to have seen earlier episodes to enjoy the next episode!

Public Holiday - Thursday 22 September

Due to the public holiday being declared for this coming Thursday, as is the usual practice here, there will be just the one Mass at 8:00am. This will be a Mass for the Dead in honour of the recently deceased Queen Elizabeth II.

Working Bee

Thank you to all those who gave so generously of their time to help out at the working bee held on Saturday. Lots of jobs done to help keep our beautiful cathedral precinct looking its best for the warmer months ahead. Than you again!



Seeking submissions for St Pat's Matters

An invitation to

- Ex-students of the old Marist Brothers Primary School here to share your school day memories in honour of the 150th Anniversary of Marist Education in Australia. Pictures a bonus!
- Children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 27 August. Parishioners would love to read about your memories of this very special occasion for you and your families.



All parishioners. Your stories matter! Please share them. All submissions welcomed.

Email to M. Polizzi at balmap5@ bigpond.com or leave at the Parish Office marked for St Pat's Matters.

Deadline: 21 September 2022

Clergy Annual Leave

Over the next few weeks the cathedral clergy will be going on annual leave for short periods. Fr Chris has now returned and Fr Robert will now be on leave till the end of September. Deacon Matthew will be away for some time in October, as will Fr Joseph. Rest assured that the Mass schedule and other sacraments will not be affected.

Social Justice Group

The parish Peace, Ecology and Justice Group met for the first time recently with the assistance of the Diocesan Peace, Ecology and Justice Co-ordinator Dr Sebastian Salaske-Lentern. A small but enthusiastic group shared their interest in social justice and we tried to see how we might move forward. It is hoped that we will host a symposium later in the year which will have as its focus the refugee experience, giving people the opportunity to meet with and hear first hand experiences of refugees in our diocese. We hope to involve students with an interest in social justice from local Catholic high schools in this symposium, as well as our parishioners. Once we have details, they will be made public. Another event is planned for October/ November and details of that will be publicised shortly.

Condolences

We offer condolences to the family of **Filomena NUBLA** who died recently. Her funeral will be celebrated here on Monday, 19 September, at 10:00am. Let us keep the families of all those who have died recently in our prayers.

Padre Pio Feast Day

Padre Pio Parish at Glenmore Park will be celebrating the Feast Day of Padre Pio on Sunday 25 September, preceded by Masses beginning on Thursday, 22 September.



Catholic Mission Propagation of the Faith Appeal Sunday 24/25 September

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

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community 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.



Reach out. Give life.



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

Deceased: Queen Elizabeth, 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, YT & Deanna Hsu

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

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

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."



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This Sunday's Readings Twenty-fifth Sunday

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

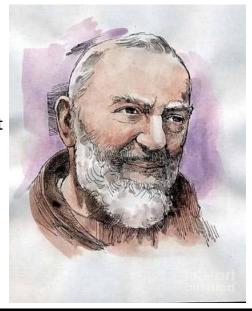
Next Sunday's Readings Twenty-sixth Sunday

Amos:6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Saint of the Week

23th September - St Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)

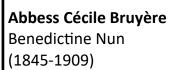
Popularly known as Padre Pio, he was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy, and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of sixteen. He became a priest seven years later, and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was vey much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his funeral.



(Information taken from Universalis)

"Quote of the Week"

"Trials are always accompanied by the grace to bear them. When the Lord engages us in a battle, he makes sure that we shall have the means to be victorious."





Pope Francis' Words...

From a Tweet of 14 September

"In this land, may the memory of the sufferings and trials you endured be an indispensable

part of your journey towards the future, inspiring you to give absolute priority to the dignity of every person, and every ethnic, social and religious group."

#ApostolicJourney #Kazakhstan

SPRING FAIR - THANK YOU!

What a beautiful sunny day we had last Sunday for the Spring Fair!

It was great to see so many people enjoying the good weather and browsing the stalls. It was especially great to see many families with children running around and enjoying the jumping castle. A few parishioners commented on how it was just great to catch up with those they had not seen for a while as as get to know parishioners whom they see weekly but haven't had the chance to meet. This is what events like Spring Fair are all about; an event to build and grow our parish community.

Apart from being a successful community building event, the Spring Fair was also a huge success financially. Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who donated to the event. Thank you to all those who responded to our call for donations to the Barbecue and Devonshire Tea stalls prior to the fair day. Your donations enabled us to run these stalls cost free.

Many thanks to the many anonymous donors who brought donations on the day to the pop-up stall, cake stall, books stall and plant stall (especially to the young family that grew succulents for the stall).

To the stall coordinators;:Marian (Pop-up), Joanne, Claire and Marylin (Cakes/Preserves), Pauline, Kush and Bee (Devonshire), Pat (Books), Andy, Carmen, Romeo, Lynn

(Barbecue/Drinks), Gen, Sheffin (Gelato), Anna (plants), John (MC), Pat and Donna (Raffle), Edward and Jean Luc (setup). Thank you also to the volunteers who assisted the coordinators at the stalls.

Congratulations to the raffle winners:

1st Prize - Eddy Liaw

2nd prize - Phil Russo

3rd Prize - Glen

4th Prize - Andy Cutajar

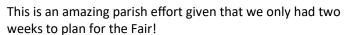
5th Prize - Carolyn Murtagh

Here are the final figures for the Spring Fair:

Total (stalls) = \$ 5,618.80 Raffle = \$ 3,376.80 Donations = \$450 Total Income = \$9,445.60

Net Income (after deducting

expenses) = \$ 7,554.60



Thank you again for your generosity.

May your generosity be returned to you manifold.



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.

Happy 100th Birthday, Keith Mathews!

Its not often that we get wish a parishioner happy 100th birthday. Long time parishioner, Mr Keith Mathews, celebrated his 100th birthday on Friday 16 September. Keith and his wife, Ann, lived in Oatlands and have a long association with St Patrick's.

In 1979, the Parish Priest, Fr Brian Larkey, asked Keith to train as an Acolyte. Keith agreed and so began a long period of service at St Patrick's.

Apart from service to his parish, Keith served the country in the RAAF and his service included being a wireless operator during WWII.

Thank you good and faithful servant. Our prayers and best wishes on this very special milestone.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that the Diocese of Parramatta launched a Laudato Si' campaign in April this year?

This campaign was launched by Bishop Vincent Long and commits the Diocese to achieving seven Laudato Si' Goals, which means to care more deeply for God's creation and our sisters and brothers in need. In a video message, Bishop Vincent invited all people in the Diocese, especially all Catholic schools, parishes, families, and organisations to participate. Find out more at parracatholic.org/laudatosi.





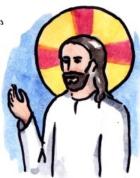


The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18th, 2022



"He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much."



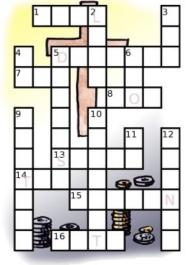
Luke 16:1-13

Look in the mirror to find out one of the lessons Jesus taught from today's parable.

Whom Do You Serve? Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.

A=Across D=Down



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and		5D the other		8	BA
	12D	:	13A _	3D	and
	" 15A				

Being a Good Steward



Jesus tells the story of a steward who looked after a rich man's wealth. When he was about to lose his job, he quickly made friends by letting the rich man's debtors pay less than what they owed. Then when he couldn't

work anymore these friends would look after him.

What Jesus is telling us through this parable is that we should use the money and things we have on earth to make friends with God and the saints so that they will be happy to take s into Heaven when we die and have nothing left.

How can you make friends with God using your money? First of all, God wants us to be good stewards. That means spending money when it is good or necessary, and not foolishly.

We can also please God by giving money to the Church and the poor. He wants us to show that we can do well looking after small things like money so that He can trust us with bigger jobs.

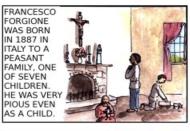


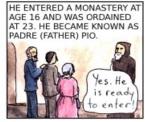
Answers to Cross-word: Across: Lwill 5.devoted 7.one 8.you 13.servent 14.the 15.manmon 16.hate Down: 2.love 3.God 4.no 5.despise 6.two 9.masters 10.servant 11.he 12.cannot

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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

September 23















PADRE PIO BROUGHT ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD. HE LOVED THE SICK AND HAD A HOSPITAL BUILT. HE DIED AT THE AGE OF 81.

SAINT PIO SUFFERED MUCH DURING HIS LIFE, BUT HE KNEW THAT SAVING SOULS WAS WORTH IT. HE SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS HEARING CONFESSIONS TO HELP BRING PEOPLE BACK TO GOD. HAVE YOU GONE TO CONFESSION LATELY? IF YOU HAVEN'T, GO THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!



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