

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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11 September 2022 - Twenty-fourth 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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The Prodigal Son

"WHILE HE WAS STILL a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly." This scene from the story of the prodigal son moves me deeply every time I hear it. I find one detail particularly striking: the father runs a great distance to meet his son.



This image is powerful because it corrects some common misunderstandings of God and his attitude toward sin and sinners. One common view sees God as a harsh judge, always disappointed in sinners, and ready to condemn and punish. This is a view of God that makes us responsible for our own sins, but perhaps gives us very little hope of redemption. Another view might see God as indifferent to sin: it's no big deal. This is a view of God who is unmoved when we reject him, who is distant and uncaring. But this Sunday's Gospel reveals that both of these views of God is misguided.

The three parables in today's Gospel reveal that God wishes neither to condemn sinners, nor to simply dismiss sin. Rather, the Father's love runs, sprints, and chases after his children when they turn away from him by their sins. Like a shepherd seeking his lost sheep, God will traverse mountains and valleys, hills and plains, in pursuit of the one lost soul. God will search for sinners through every corner of heaven and earth, like the woman sweeping every corner of her house for the lost drachma.

This is something we see play out in salvation history. When Adam and Eve reject God by their first sin, they are expelled from Eden. But God follows humanity out of paradise, continuing to form covenants with them. He rescues Israel from slavery in Egypt, and despite their idolatry, which we hear about in the first reading, he makes his dwelling among them in the tabernacle and later in the temple.

But God's hunt for humanity comes to fulfilment in the incarnation of God the Son. Christ pursues fallen humanity to such a degree that he not only assumes a human nature just like ours, but he follows humanity into the pits of our sin and death. He descends from Heaven to pursue our souls to the ends of the Earth, even to the tomb, and into Hades. When his love and mercy hunt us down with such unstoppable pursuit, is there anywhere we can hide from him? Is there any place he will not go looking for us?

This should give us great comfort. It means that whenever we turn away from God by sin, avoid him in anger, hide from him in shame, flee from him in fear, ignore him by our indifference, resent him in our vanity, or reject him by our pride, he is never far behind. He will not let us be lost so easily. We only need to turn around to see him running after us, intent on forgiving us, and by his graces of his sacraments, tending to our wounds, our dejection and our exhaustion. God makes repentance easy because he has already run most of distance behind us. We only need to let ourselves be found, caught, and embraced.

Wishing 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

Telegram from Pope Francis to King Charles III

To His Majesty the King

Charles III

Buckingham Palace

London

Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I offer heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises.

Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord.

From the Vatican, 8 September 2022

FRANCISCUS

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, **10 September** in the hall. Again, you do not need to have seen earlier episodes to enjoy the next episode!

Working Bee

We will be holding a Working Bee next Saturday, 17 September, from 9:00am - 12:00pm. As always, there are plenty of small jobs to be done around the place, especially as Spring has arrived. Refreshments will be provided, of course! You may come for just a short time if you wish. Any

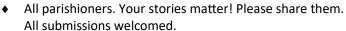


help is appreciated! Please register your interest at the Parish Office via phone or email.

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.



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, "tag-team" style! Fr Chris will be away for the first half of September, Fr Robert the second half and 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 and details of that will be publicised shortly.

Condolences

The funeral for **Peggy Napier** will be celebrated here on **Monday, 12 September**, at 10:00am. We offer condolences also 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 these beloved dead in our prayers.

Safeguarding Sunday

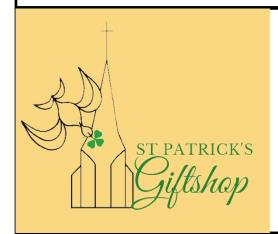
This Sunday, 11 September, is Safeguarding Sunday. The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday each year on the second Sunday in September, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

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. For details, phone the parish on 4789 2232.





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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: M Mariaachiriam, Filomena Nubla, Jose V Ramirez, Angela Ferfolja, Giuseppe Caccaro, Johnny Marcus, Madeline Ng, Nancy Vella, Peggy Napier, Anne Hawkins, Orlando Buhat, Fr Theo Arrivoli

Deceased: 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: Vicenta & Dhoman Caballaro, Gabriel Muniandi, Joseph Fung, Maximena Manlangit, Benita Azores, Elishva, Francisco Dela Cruz, Joseph Kochupera, Benita Azores, Orlando Buhat

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: 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: Naleen, Nikola Senjak, Frank Jones, Fr Peter Henry, Dewi Stuguart, Senjak family, Lorelei Sellado, Valentina Pappagna

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."





This Sunday's Readings Twenty-fourth Sunday

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Next Sunday's Readings Twenty-fifth Sunday

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

Saint of the Week

13th September - St John Chrysostom (349-407)

Born in Antioch, after a thorough education, John took up the ascetic life. He was ordained to the priesthood, and became a fruitful and effective preacher.

He was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 397, and was energetic in reforming the ways of the clergy and the laity alike. He incurred the displeasure of the Emperor and was twice forced into exile. When the second exile, to Armenia, had lasted three years, it was decided that he should be sent still further away, but he died on the journey, worn out by his hardships.

His sermons and writings did much to explain the Catholic faith and to encourage the living of the Christian life: his eloquence earned him the surname "Chrysostom" (the Greek for "golden mouth").

(Information taken from <u>Universalis</u>)



"Quote of the Week"

"While we remember the warning that it profits a man nothing if he gains the whole world and loses himself, the expectation of a new earth must not weaken our anxiety to develop this one; on the contrary, it should strengthen it."



Constitution of the Second Vatican Council on the Church in the Modern World (1965) Section 39

Pope Francis' Words...

From a Tweet of 06 September

"The sweet song of creation invites us to practise an 'ecological spirituality' attentive

to God's presence in the natural world, aware that everything was created through Christ and that 'without Him not one thing came into being' (Jn 1:3)."

#SeasonofCreation

Getting to know...

The Jackman Family

Originally from Victoria, via the UK, Canada and Brisbane, I became a parishioner of St Patrick's in September 2005, when I took up the position of Principal at Catherine McAuley, Westmead. Earlier in that year, on the day of my interview for this position, I arrived early, found the Diocesan building, then crossed the road to spend some time in prayer before the interview. Initially I was puzzled at the sealed entrance on Victoria Road and followed the path around the side to discover, much to my amazement, the wonderfully designed Blessed Sacrament chapel and the cathedral itself. I remember thinking that if I was successful, this was the parish I would join, and that was before I had even heard our beautiful organ! It was a great privilege to belong to a parish within the school community and I rejoice to see many current and past Catherine McAuley young women active in the parish.

I attend the Vigil Mass, where I am a Reader and Eucharistic Minister. To proclaim the Word of God and to distribute the sacrament is such a great privilege and a joy and I am delighted that I live in an age when this privilege is open to women. I am also the chair of the Parish Finance Committee, not perhaps an equal joy, but an important service made easier by the dedication and competence of the other members who make up the committee.

My husband, Peter, and I are blessed with three adult daughters and three grandchildren, who are presently continuing in the family tradition of Mercy and Marist education. Two of our daughters and their families live interstate and one lives in the Inner West but we all treasure the cathedral and those special times when we have been able to worship there together as a family. May God continue to bless our priests and all who gather as the people of God at St Patrick's Parramatta.



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.



DID YOU KNOW...

...that this Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday?

From the Sisters of St Joseph website:

"Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children, including by priests, religious and lay people within the Catholic context. It makes a commitment to the practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other



people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly."

The Kids' Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11th, 2022



Jesus told us that God is like a shepherd that cares for every one of His sheep.
There are some sheep lost in this picture.
Can you find them?
Then you can colour in the rest of the picture.

Fill in the Blanks: The Lost Coin

Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can fill in the blanks and use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins,	
if she one coin, does not light a lamp	
and sweep the house and seek diligently	
until she finds it?	
And when she has it, she calls	
together her friends and neighbors, saying,	
`Rejoice with me, for I found the coin	
which I had lost.'	
Just so, I you, there is joy before	
the angels of God over one who	
repents."	
This parable helps to show us how much	

each of us.

God Wants Everyone to Come Back to Him



In today's Gospel we hear three parables. In the first Jesus tells about the shepherd who lost one of his hundred sheep. But even though he had so many, he still cared about the one that was lost and went out to find it. God is like that too: even though He has so many people to look after He still cares about you in particular.

The next parable is similar, with the woman searching all over her house when she loses one of her special coins. She rejoices when she finds it, just like the angels rejoice in Heaven when a sinner turns back to God.

The last parable that Jesus tells is the story of the prodigal son. We are like the son in that story when we run away from God by sinning. But like the father, God is waiting and watching for us to be sorry and come back to Him. All we have to do is tell Him we are sorry for our sins in Confession and He will be so happy to have us back!

COVES

Answers: Front page: there are 5 sheep. Fill in the blanks: loses, found, have, tell, sinner.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Saint Cyprian September 16















FINALLY CYPRIAN WAS CAUGHT AND EXILED FOR A YEAR. AFTER HE REFUSED TO TELL THE NAMES OF THE OTHER PRIESTS HE WAS BEHEADED.

SAINT CYPRIAN TAUGHT MANY PEOPLE WITH HIS LETTERS AND EXPLANATIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE. THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD, SO WE CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT HIM BY READING IT. TRY TO READ SOME OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY. PRAY TO ST. CYPRIAN TO UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD IS TEACHING US IN IT.



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