

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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04 September 2022 - Twenty-third 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

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact Fr Chris or find information on

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“None of you can be my disciple unless...”



IT SEEMS AS IF JESUS is at it again: the nice, kind Jesus has gone on leave and has installed in his place an impostor who is sprouting language that seems totally at odds with the usual message of our Saviour. This weekend we hear Jesus make a statement that appears to strike at the very heart of the institution we understand God ordained to underline social unity: the family. Jesus states that a person cannot be his disciple “without hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and their own life too...”.

Again, we must examine the statement at a deeper level than a mere cursory reading and ask ourselves: is there any ambiguity in the message of Jesus? Can he be saying one thing and then something contrary at another point in time? Or is it just possible that Jesus is speaking not of hatred as we understand it but in a different way?

Of course, there is no ambiguity in the message of Jesus; he is not prone to contradicting himself! Jesus’ message of love and conversion of heart is consistent at all times and so we know that the word “hate” we hear this weekend is being used differently by Jesus than the manner we normally use it. In fact, Jesus is referring to *preference* when he speaks of hating those closest to us, meaning that we have to love him (Jesus) above and beyond anyone here on earth, even those we love the most. Jesus is making the point that doing the will of God is the most important consideration of all and that God’s will can only be discerned when one makes the total and radical choice of putting Christ above all else.

So, the point is clear: there is a cost to discipleship. To live out the words of the Gospel we hear this weekend does not mean that we must shun the love that others have for us or that we have for others. We don’t have to break relationships with other people but what we must do is ensure we love others in a manner which is in accordance with our faith. We are called to live our lives in a radical manner as modelled for us by Jesus, the one who loved perfectly. Jesus’ love meant that at times he had to make difficult choices, having to reprimand those close to him and having to embrace the suffering of the Cross, surely the most perfect demonstration of love, love for us.

Each day we are given an opportunity to put Christ above all else. It may be an opportunity presented to us at home, school, work, university, or in the company of a perfect stranger. It may be a relatively easy choice on occasion or a choice which seems to cost us little. Likewise, it may be the most difficult choice we have ever had to make and involve immense suffering on our part. No matter when or where such opportunities arise, let us pray for the courage to put Christ first at all times and thus show the world where our priorities lie as his disciples.

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

Taking place this weekend, **03/04 September**. All funds raised support the charitable works of the diocese in the various agencies that the Church supports. 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. You can contribute via the envelopes on the pews, direct with cash, or via the parish or diocesan websites. All donation 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



A Prayer for Christian Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

-Anon.

“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!

Safeguarding Representative

You are undoubtedly aware of the importance that the Church places on safeguarding children, young people and the vulnerable. As a parish, we are looking for someone to be a Safeguarding Representative. This will involve ensuring that a culture of safeguarding is promoted in the parish, and to be a contact person for safeguarding enquiries and issues. For more information or to express an interest, please contact the parish office.

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.

Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thank you to those who made it to the AGM last Sunday. We heard the report from Fr Robert and a report on behalf of the Parish Finance Committee. Printed copies of the report are available in the cathedral and a soft copy can be viewed through the cathedral website. Should you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you again to those who attended and to those who put the report together, and also, of course, to those who gave of their time and talent in the various ministries reported on in the Annual Report.

Condolences

We offer condolences to several families whose relatives have died recently. **Anne Hawkins’** funeral was celebrated here last Tuesday; the funeral for **Peggy Napier** will be celebrated here on Monday, 12 September, at 10:00am; and we offer condolences to the family of **Filomena NUBLA** who died recently. Her funeral details will be made available soon. Let us keep the families of these beloved dead in our prayers.

Child Protection Sunday

Next Sunday, 11 September, is Child Protection Sunday. The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, 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

BAPTISMS

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



Olivia Bray
Carlos Veloso
Alira Zoe Carragher
Alyssa Jane Carragher



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Spring Fair 2022

Sunday 11 September 2022 - Only a week to go!!!

Help still needed?

VOLUNTEERS



More volunteers needed to assist in the following stalls.

- Drinks - 2 helpers
- Devonshire Tea - 2 people
- Cakes - 1 more helper

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are available after Mass this weekend,

Cost is \$2 per ticket or \$20 for a book of 10 tickets

Prizes

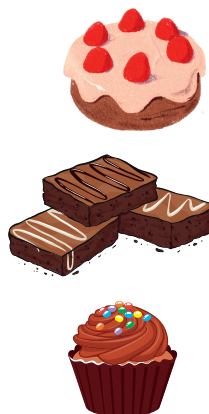
1. \$200 Coles gift card
2. \$160 JB HiFi gift card
3. \$100 Dymock's gift card
4. \$100 St Patrick's Giftshop voucher
5. \$100 Coles Gift card

Take a book per family this week to sell to your family and friends and return them next week..

CAKES FOR THE CAKES STALL

Thank you to all who have indicated that they would like to donate cakes/slices/biscuits/cup cakes etc to the cake stall.

Please bring this to the hall on Saturday between 5:00pm and 6:00pm or on Sunday morning before 10:00am.



THANK YOU

Donors



Many thanks to all parishioners who donated to our stalls and to the raffle prizes. Your donation means that we can run the BBQ stall, Devonshire Tea stall and the Cake stall cost-free.

We are very grateful for your generosity.

May your love be returned to you manifold!

Business Donation

Thank you to

- **Pendle Hill Meat Market**

for the donation of 20kg of sausages.

- **Goosestep Jumping Castle**

for the donation of the jumping castle.

Working Group

Thank you to Claire Pospischil who organised a preserving nights for a few ladies in the parish to make jams at her home for the Fair.

STALLS AT THE FAIR

Please visit the Spring Fair stalls next week and be served by your fellow proud and cheerful St Pat's parishioners.

1. BBQ - Romeo, Marty, Andy and Carmen
2. Devonshire - Pauline, Kush
3. Cakes and Preserves - Joanne, Claire, Marilyn
4. Pop Up Stall - Marian
5. Books- Pat Tenido
6. Gelato- Gen and Sheffin
7. Temple Clothing Staff at their stall

We pray for our beloved dead....

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

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

Deceased: Lucy D'Mello, Isabelle & Estephan Epenian, Sarkis & Evelyn Khalil, Dragutin Raguz, Isabelle & Estephan Epenian, Sarkis & Evelyn Khalil, Dragutin Raguz, YT & Deanna Hsu

Anniversaries: Joseph Fung, Maximena Manlangit, Benita Azores, Elishva, Francisco Dela Cruz, Joseph Kochupera, Benita Azores, Orlando Buhat, Maria Megale, Anna Le Thach, Augustine Thayyil

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

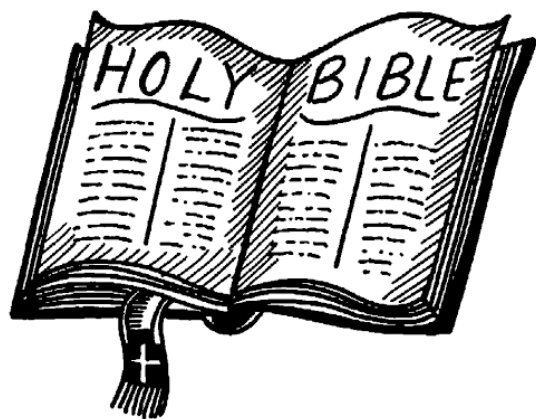
Special Intentions: Frank Jones, Fr Peter Henry, Dewi Stuguart, Senjak family, Lorelei Sellado, Valentina Pappagna

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-third Sunday

Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-fourth Sunday

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

Saint of the Week

5th September - St Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu on 26 August 1910 at Skopje, Macedonia. She joined the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland and was sent at age 31 to the order's Calcutta house. It is there that she witnessed the shocking poverty that stirred her to assist the poor and destitute, and she eventually started the new congregation, the Missionaries of Charity, in 1950. The congregation's work spread beyond Calcutta to many nations of the world, even behind the Iron Curtain. Mother Teresa died on 05 September 1997, and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2003 and canonised by Pope Francis on 04 September 2016.



(Information taken from [Universalis](#))

"Quote of the Week"

"Silence is no virtue when charity demands speech."



St Poemen

(c.340 –c.450)

Desert Father of Egypt

Pope Francis' Words...

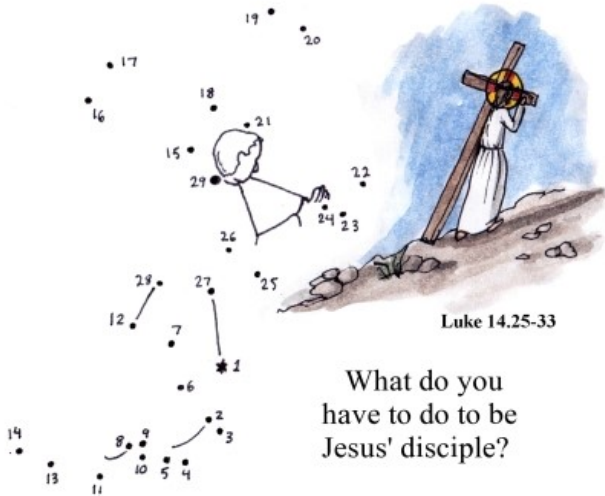


"A cardinal loves the Church, always with that same spiritual fire, whether dealing with great questions or handling everyday problems, with the powerful of this world or those ordinary people who are great in God's eyes."

At the consistory on Saturday 27 August at which twenty new churchmen were welcomed into the College of Cardinals.

The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4th, 2022



What do you have to do to be Jesus' disciple?

Connect the dots to find out, starting at the star beside the number 1. Then you can colour the picture in.

*This Thursday is Our Lady's Birthday!
What can your family do to celebrate Mary's Birthday?*

Family and Friends or God?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well He doesn't! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends.

Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?



Answer to Word-Find:
We ask God for His mercy.

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Psalm 90 Word-Find

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See if you can find all the words from today's Psalm that are written in CAPITALS. The leftover letters tell what we are doing when we pray this Psalm.



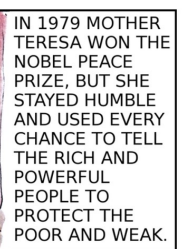
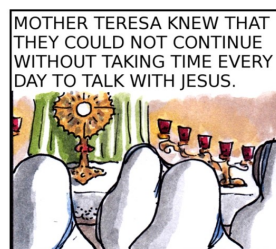
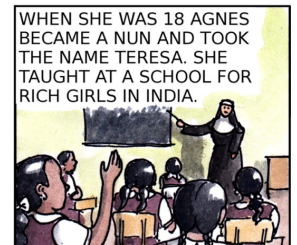
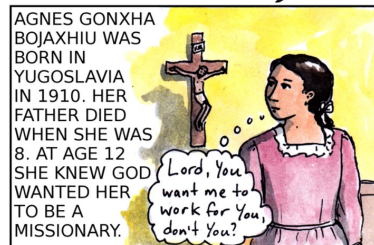
A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM, like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning: in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed; in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS that we may get a HEART of WISDOM. Return, O LORD! How long? Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE, that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta September 5



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA DIED ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1997. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO DEFEND AND HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND UNBORN CHILDREN. WE ALSO LEARN FROM HER EXAMPLE THAT WE NEED TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER WITH JESUS EVERY DAY.

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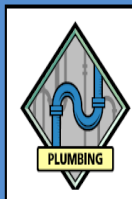
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