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23 October 2022 - 30th 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 of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (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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Humility Yields Greatness



What does it mean to be great? The dictionary defines greatness as 'the quality or state of being important, notable or distinguished.' It then gives the example of students who, to achieve greatness, take risks and seek to foster a good work ethic. Not surprisingly this idea of greatness is centred on the individual and their efforts.

It's no wonder that notable sports icons such as Michael Jordan, Roger Federer or Sam Kerr are considered great in their respective fields. With this in mind we ask whether this idea of greatness is consistent with our Christian understanding? Is a Christian made great through one's efforts?

In our Gospel for this Sunday, we encounter two individuals who have come to offer prayer and praise to God: a Pharisee and tax collector. In ancient times fidelity to the Law of Moses equated to greatness in the sight of God. Having said that, you couldn't have two more polarising characters with regards to upholding the Law of Moses. The former is undeniably faithful; he lists it out: "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The Pharisee is flawless according to the Law. The Tax Collector, on the other hand, cannot be deemed great according to ancient understanding. He has betrayed his people by working with the Romans, and he most likely pocketed some of the payments made by his Jewish brethren, thus separating himself from the rest of his people. Yet, consider the prayers of both men. The Pharisee is not praying at all; he hasn't offered praise to God; he has exalted himself. He has no reliance on God's providence as, according to him, he has done enough to be deemed great and righteous. On the contrary, the tax collector prays with humility. It says that 'he stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."' He acknowledges his sinfulness and unworthiness before God which gives rise to a change in heart. The tax collector's change of heart has made him at rights with God, whilst the Pharisee did not. Greatness in the Christian understanding is not found in following 'a set of rules,' rather it begins with humility which inspires the individual to undergo 'metanoia'; a paradigm shift in one's life to live, with love, in accordance with the teachings of Christ.

Dear friends, let us follow the humble example of the Tax Collector who exemplifies greatness in the eyes of God. His humility reminds me of St. Thomas the Apostle who left everything behind to follow Christ - his greatness is evident through the many peoples who now love and serve Christ throughout the world. As we approach Our Lord in the Mass and in our prayers, let us do so with humility. Knowing our shortcomings, God transforms our lives to live and love like him. May we allow his grace to change us in order to bring many others to know Jesus Christ.

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 Parish Secretary.

HIRING of ROOMS

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 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 too!

All Souls' Day Mass - Wednesday, 02 November

Mass will be offered for the COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED at the following times:

- 6.30am
- 12:30pm
- 6:00pm at St Patrick's Cemetery
- 7:30pm Solemn Mass with the Cathedral Choir



November Masses

November is the month in which we traditionally focus on praying in a particularly special way for our deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes for you to make an offering for deceased loved ones are now available. All names will be published in the special booklet on display in the Chapel.

Names of the deceased will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November.

Enrolment of Children for the Sacraments

We congratulate those children who will this weekend formally state their intention to undertake formation for the sacrament of Penance. Let us keep these children and their families in our prayers over the coming weeks. Thank you parents, for committing yourselves to helping prepare your children for this sacrament.



Sacraments of Initiation Reconciliation and Eucharist 2022-2023

Thank you to all participants who attended the Information Evening recently. Please see table below for all compulsory sessions for Penance.

To be eligible for preparation children should have turned seven (7) years of age before 01 July 2022 (this year).

Sessions	Details	Required
Enrolment Mass	23 October at 9:30am Sunday Mass St Patrick's Cathedral	Parents & Children
Introductory Session	Tuesday 25 October at 7:30pm	Parents
Sacrament of Penance 1	Tuesday 01 November at 7:30pm	Parents
Sacrament of Penance 2	Saturday 05 November at 4:30pm	Parents & Children
Sacrament of Penance 3 <i>Practice for Penance</i>	Saturday 12 November at 4:30pm	Parents & Children
Reception of the Sacrament of Penance	Tuesday 22 November at 7:00pm	Parents & Children

Volunteers Thank You Dinner

The Cathedral Staff invites all who volunteer at various capacity in the Cathedral to the annual *Thank You Dinner* on 18 November starting at 6:30pm. Please RSVP via your Team Leader or to the Cathedral Office.



Seniors' Ministry

Put on a fancy hat or dress up as a Saint and join us for Melbourne Cup.

The next gathering for the Seniors' Ministry is booked for: **Tuesday, 01 November at 1:30pm**, Melbourne Cup Day, so get your hats ready for a fun Seniors' get together in November!

You will need to bring:

- Change for a chance in the sweeps
- Refreshments will be supplied
- \$10 entry fee (plus \$5 for a sweep)
- RSVP: secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au by **Friday 28 October**.



"Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible"

The final session for this series will take place on **Saturday, 29 October** in the Hall, beginning at 7:30pm. It seems to have been a great success. Thank you to Michael and Marietta Guillema for organising it and to Charbel Raish for leading it so engagingly.

"The Chosen"

The next instalment of "The Chosen" will be shown at 7:15pm, on Saturday, 22 October in the hall. Again, you do not need to have seen earlier episodes to enjoy this episode!

"St Pat's Matters" now available

Lots of stories in this month's edition of the St Pat's Matters. If you didn't take a copy last week, take a copy after Mass today. Copies are available from the narthex or from the tables at the back of the pews.



Scam emails

Please be aware that there appears to be someone using the names and titles of clergy to try to solicit money from various people. If you get an email claiming to be from a priest you know asking to make urgent contact or asking for money, please delete it and, if possible, let the clergy concerned know.

Planned Giving - Credit Card Givers

We thank the many parishioners who have opted to support the parish planned giving program via a monthly credit card contribution. Your contribution has been greatly appreciated, especially during the COVID lockdown when the churches were closed for worship.

The Planned Giving Program is our Parish's predominant source of income. From this income, we fund all our Pastoral initiatives as well as pay for the Parish's costs and operations.

If your credit card details have changed and you would still like to contribute to the parish via credit card, please contact Mili on 0415 698 544 to update your details.

If you are a parishioner and would like to contribute regularly to the parish via credit card please send an email to mili@stpatscathedral.com.au

There is no minimum amount for donation. Any financial contribution to support the operational and pastoral initiative of the parish is always greatly appreciated.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday 30 October** at 11:00am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall.

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



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 gift shop. Scan the QR code at the bottom of the page for more information.



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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: Rocco Volona, Jamir A Divinagracia, Louisa P Garcia, George Anokotta, Sr Mary Thomas Aquinas, Violet Wong, Peggie Napier, M Mariaachiriam, Filomena Nubla, Jose V Ramirez, Angela Ferfolja, Giuseppe Caccaro, Johnny Marcus

Deceased: Nazar Nissan, Lewis Nissan, Marie Perera, Leo Lobo, George, Ante & Perina Bartulovic, Ana & Jozefina Tomasevic, Ivan & Vlado Tomasevic, Lucy D'Mello, Queen Elizabeth II, YT & Deanna Hsu, YT Hsu, Judith Gatty, Charmaine Li, Flory Rodricks, TJ Kuriakose, All Souls, Nide & Eric De Noronha, Lucy D'Mello

Anniversaries: Jennifer Tellis, Deonisia Antonio, Agnes Nethercott, Vincenzo Sorgiovanni, Vic Care & Anton Basa, Jose Ramirez, Charles Ramirez, Keesan hui, Maximo Salazar, Marian G Ermac, Tony Hakim, Yousseff Hakim, Joseph Joe, Hanna Joseph, Vincent Monteiro, Thomas Edattel, Vicenta & Dhoman Caballaro

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: Ian Gilbertson, William Peropert, John Fajarao, 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: Sidney & Fatima Rodricks, Stephen & Melorie Roth, George & Penny Roth, Ostelio Tantini, Poor & Homeless, Naleen, Tian & Raveen, St Joseph, Angelo, Ankica, Nikola & Marcia Senjak, Stephen Senjak & families, Raveen, Marielle, Noel & Raphael Rodrigues, Shane, Kathleen, Feast of Padre Pio, Kiew Hue



BAPTISMS

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



**Evie Ferris
Zoe Ferris
Piper Joseph
Elianna Georgia Seyrak**

Please pray for these children and their families.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October



"A Church Open to Everyone"

We pray for the Church, ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel. May the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity, and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Pope Francis' Words

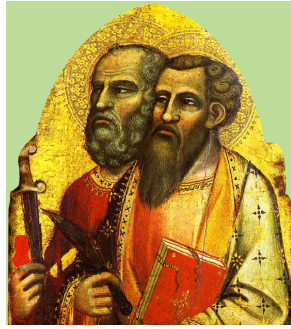
From a Tweet dated 17 October

"Poor people are not "outside" our communities. They are brothers and sisters whose suffering we share, in order to alleviate their difficulties and marginalisation, so that their lost dignity might be restored, and to ensure their necessary social inclusion."

Saints of the Week

28 October - Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

Simon is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him. His other name of "Simon Cananaeus" simply adapts another Hebrew word for "zeal" and has nothing to do with the town of Cana. **Jude**, also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.
(Information taken from Universalis)



“Quote of the Week”

“We readily identify things like abortion and capital punishment as life issues, which Catholic teaching identifies as absolutely wrong under any circumstance. But protecting the earth, our common home, or making food, water, shelter, education and health care accessible, or defence against gun violence... these are life issues too.”

Extract from a statement by
Archbishop Michael Jackels
Archdiocese of Dubuque (USA)
25 May 2022



GETTING TO KNOW...

World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrims

Kayleigh Figueredo



Hi! My name is Kayleigh, a year 12 student at Catherine McAuley, Westmead. I am an altar server, along with my brother, at the Saturday 6:00pm Mass, and also a volunteer at the Cloister Café at 9:30am. I have been serving and helping out around the parish for nearly eight years now. World Youth Day is an amazing experience from what I have heard and learned, and I am incredibly grateful to be given the opportunity to embark on this journey. I would love to go to new countries, encounter the diversity of the Church and visit Lourdes and Fatima. I'm excited to meet other people from different countries, but most of all, I can't wait to see the Pope, receive a papal blessing and get to know and love Jesus, through Mary!

Did You Know...

...that the month of November is a month in which we focus our prayer in dedication to the Holy Souls in Purgatory?

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Just as we will need the prayers of others after our death, so we now pray for those who have died before us. November begins with the Feast of All Saints followed by All Souls' the next day - we then continue to pray for those souls till the end of the month.



The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23rd, 2022



What were the two men in the Temple saying to God in today's Gospel reading?

Look in the mirror to find out!

Luke 18:9-14

Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?



The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?

Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing. It means knowing that all the good things we have and do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner!

Answers to Match-up: 1.the good fight 2.the race 3.the faith 4-strength 5.the message 6.glory for ever and ever.

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Saint Paul Match-Up

What comes next?

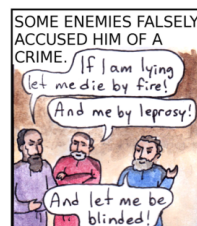
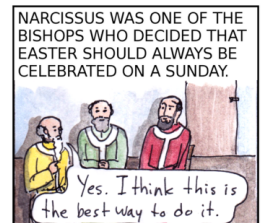
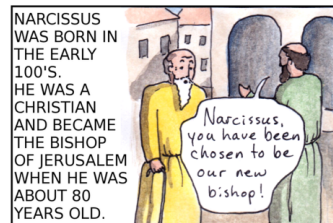
Match up the first parts with the next parts from today's second reading.

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| 1. I have fought | ■ | ■ strength |
| 2. I have finished | ■ | ■ the faith |
| 3. I have kept | ■ | ■ the good fight |
| 4. The Lord gave me | ■ | ■ the message. |
| 5. so that the Gentiles could hear | ■ | ■ glory forever and ever. |
| 6. To Him be | ■ | ■ the race |



2 Timothy 4:6-18

Saint Narcissus October 29



ST. NARCISSUS LIVED UNTIL HE WAS MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD, SERVING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE WITH GREAT LOVE. YOU CAN SEE FROM HIS STORY THAT EVEN OLD PEOPLE CAN SERVE GOD AND DO GREAT THINGS FOR HIM. DO YOU KNOW ANY OLD PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU TO LOVE GOD MORE?

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