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06 November 2022 - 32nd 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: Wednesdays
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Praying for the Faithful Departed

BEING OUR FIRST Sunday Mass in November, the month of Holy Souls, it is very fitting that we hear about resurrection of the dead in both our First Reading and Gospel. Indeed, even our Second Reading (2 Thessalonians), usually having no thematic link to the First Reading and Gospel, has as its foundation the concern of the church in Thessalonica about the fate of those who have died.



For we Christians, belief in the resurrection of the dead is essentially what most distinguishes us from those who have no faith. People with no faith can still perform great acts of sacrifice, heroism, goodness and love, of course, and we see that regularly – charity is by no means restricted to the religious! What most distinguishes us as Christians is our belief in a distinct form of life after death, and the hope of attaining the Beatific Vision colours the manner in which we live our lives. This is not to say that our good deeds are undertaken as a means of “getting into heaven” but rather are a response to the love that God has shown us in Jesus, a love that does not cease at death.

And, of course, our love for those we have known who have died does not cease at their passing and so we pray for their souls in the hope that if they are not already dwelling in the light and love of God, they are on their way to God. November is the month in which we do this in a deeper and more collective way, praying not only for those we have known but others too, acknowledging our communion as the body of Christ.

But why pray for the dead? The Catechism (n.1032), quoting from 2 Maccabees, the same book that we hear from in this Sunday's First Reading, tells us that Judas Maccabeus “made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.” (12:46) Thus, there is a theological reason why we pray for the dead, that they might be purified in readiness to enter into heaven.

Another reason is simply this: what else can we do? Our love for someone who has died has to be expressed somehow, and so prayer is a very real way that we can nourish that connection between ourselves and the deceased, asking God to exercise his mercy over our loved ones, to cleanse them of their sins and various imperfections and receive them into his loving arms. Just as we think about and pray for absent friends who are still alive, so we think about and pray for those absent friends who we will not see again here on earth but hope to see and dwell with for eternity after our own earthly lives have ended.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert

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!

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Congratulations to all couples whose wedding anniversaries were acknowledged at Mass last Sunday. We would like to also congratulate the following parishioners on their milestones:

58 years - Carmen & Angelo Cutajar

55 years - Pascual & Teresa Perez

54 years - Nikola & Mara Senjak

50 years - Vincent & Carolyn Murtagh, Marian & Baldo Polizzi

40 years - John & Dianne Starkey

20 years - Richard & Felicia Figueredo, Sabu Thomas Kalathil & Nisha Srampickal

10 years - Michael & Geraldine Lilley



Seeking Submissions for St Pat's Matters

Even though Issue 113 of St Pat's Matters has just come out, it's not too early for parishioners to think about writing an article for the next edition. The aim is to go to press before Christmas.

Some suggestions:

- Why you love being a St Pat's Parishioner;
- Sharing your involvement in Ministry in the parish and beyond;
- Always keen to receive stories from anyone who has become a Catholic; and
- Any topics you think worth publishing.



Parishioners, your stories matter. Please share them. All submissions welcomed.

Special invite: couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries: if you had a photo taken with the Bishop, send it in. We'd love to hear your advice on how to make your marriage work!

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

Deadline: end of November, but... *the earlier the better!*

Sacraments of Initiation Reconciliation and Eucharist 2022-2023

Sessions	Details	Required
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

Welcome to Fr Raymond

We welcome to the parish Fr Raymond Ugwu, a Spiritan Father, who will be resident in the parish for a few weeks before moving into a parish elsewhere in the Parramatta Diocese. Fr Raymond is originally from Nigeria and has just arrived into Australia after an assignment in the Philippines. He has been in Australia before, working up in Broome Diocese. Please make him welcome when you see him around!

Thank you to Judith Dunn

Many thanks to Judith Dunn for her wonderful and dedicated work in preparing the chapel at St Patrick's Cemetery for the celebration of Mass on All Souls' Day by Bishop Vincent. On this note, don't forget the meeting for the **Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery** on **Monday, 14 November** at **7:00pm**, in the Cathedral Hall.

Good News: The Cloister Café reopens this Sunday after last Sunday's closure.

Regulars and recent arrivals, come for a cuppa and seize the chance to meet and chat with someone new.

The Hospitality Coordinator on donations for Morning Tea -

Last Sunday, Angelo struck again! Greeted by the sign 'The Cloister Café is closed today', he took the initiative to hand his contributions to Fr Chris for safe keeping.

During the week Sidney Rodricks delivered two bags filled with bottles of cordial to the office for Sunday Morning Tea.

Belated thanks to Leonard Aaron for yet again donating a box of sugar sachets. For such generosity, God will surely bless you all!

Washing Machine - Free

Ariston 8kg, 1200rpm, front loader. Bought 17/04/18. Please email ely.m.gallardo@gmail.com if interested.

Accommodation Required

I am a 46yo accountant from Brisbane, just moved to Parramatta area. I start work at the Australian Government Department of Industry, Science and Resources in the Sydney CBD on 7 November 2022.

I am a registered member of St Pat's and look forward to being part of this community. Please contact me on c_leyden@yahoo.com.au

Requests for Holy Communion

Sometimes we get requests from people who want to receive a consecrated host to take to a sick or housebound loved one. Whilst this desire to care for the spiritual welfare of a loved one is admirable, please note that only members of the clergy or laypeople who have been installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are able to do this. Should you know of someone in the parish who needs to receive Communion, the clergy and ministers here are more than happy to visit them. Please contact the office if this is the case.

Planned Giving - Credit Card Givers

If your credit card details have changed and you would still like to contribute to the parish via credit card, please contact the office on 8839 8400 to update your details.

If you are a parishioner and would like to contribute regularly to the parish via credit card please contact the office on the number above.

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

Concert @ St Pat's Cathedral

After a two-year absence, the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra is returning to St Patrick's Cathedral for a Christmas Concert this year. The Noel! Noel! Christmas concert will be held in the Cathedral on **Monday 12 December at 7:00pm**.

Tickets will soon be available on <https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/>

Peace, Justice and Environment Group

The Peace, Justice and Environment Group met recently, and we were pleased to welcome a couple of new members. The main focus of this meeting was a visit from Zoe from the Jesuit Refugee Service who talked about the possibility of organising a community conversation with refugees and asylum seekers, which we hope to do in the new year as it takes quite a bit of planning. We also talked about running a bush care session, also in the new year. Should you be seeking a copy of the minutes of the meeting, please contact Fr Robert.

Parramatta Street Feast 2022

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity, invites you to the Parramatta Street Feast 2022 at Prince Alfred Square in Parramatta on Saturday 12 November, 12:00noon - 2:00pm. The Street Feast is a response to Pope Francis' call to build a more inclusive, welcoming and generous society. People on the margins of society as well as parishioners, students, volunteers and agency staff are invited to share a meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity.

Seniors' Day - Melbourne Cup

A great turn out by our wonderful parishioners and friends. Looking forward to the Christmas Party.

A huge shout out to the girls from Catherine McAuley who assisted with the occasion. Great for the young and 'not so young' engaging in conversation and story telling. It was really nice to share a meal and engage in a bit of fun. Thank you all who attended.



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Prayer Intentions

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 available. All names will be published in the special Book of Remembrance on display in the Chapel throughout November. Names of the deceased will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Become a Catechist an SRE Volunteer

Who? Me? - Yes...why not you? - If not you...then who?

What is an SRE?

SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into six state primary schools.

- North Parramatta and Bayanami on Wednesdays;
- Parramatta East, Oatlands, and Parramatta on Thursdays;
- and Macarthur Girls High School on Thursday.

New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper. To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office. There will be speakers at the Masses next weekend who will be available to talk to you after Mass if you are interested.

We also pray for...

Sick: Mounira Epenian, 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, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: Napoleon & Patria Yanua, Habib Worait, Harry Perrottet, Fr Peter Henry, Lucia & Bonifacio, Allwyn Lobo, Finela & Reejem Gonzales, Holy Father, Jake & Emilia Smith, Mariam, Elizabeth, Elsa, So Tin Thio, Johnny Del Mar, Sidney & Fatima Rodricks, Stephen & Melorie Roth, George & Penny Roth, Ostelio Tantini, Poor & Homeless, Naleen, Tian & Raveen, Joseph, Angelo, Anka S, Nikola & Marcia Senjak, Stephen Senjak & families



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family, the Body of Christ, this child who has been baptised recently...



Ave Fay Arnold

Please pray for this child and her family.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November



Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Pope Francis' Words

From a Tweet dated 27 October

"Women must be entrusted with greater positions and responsibilities. Many calamitous decisions might have been avoided, had women been directly involved in decision-making! We are committed to ensuring women are increasingly respected, acknowledged and involved!"

Saint of the Week

12 November - St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

Josaphat was born in Ukraine of Orthodox parents in 1580. He lived in a time of religious turmoil with a schism within the Orthodox church. Josaphat joined a monastery in order to be in communion with Rome. He was ordained priest and, eventually and reluctantly, appointed bishop of Polotsk in 1617. The local aristocracy were against any union with Rome as it weakened their control of religious matters and so stirred up trouble. As a result Josaphat was murdered by a mob in 1623 while on a pastoral visit to Vitebsk, a city in modern-day Belarus.

(Information taken from Universalis)



“Quote of the Week”

"The security we crave would teach us to rest our hearts in this world and oppose an obstacle to our return to God: a few moments of happy love, a landscape, a symphony, a merry meeting with our friends, a bathe or a football match, have no such tendency. Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home."

Clive Staples (C.S.) Lewis
(1898-1963)
Author and Christian Apologist
The Problem of Pain



GETTING TO KNOW... George Manassa

For those who do not know me, I am the host and founder of The Catholic Toolbox Show which airs on 1701AM, Australia's Catholic Radio Network and EWTN and is on Podcast (www.thecatholictoolboxshow.com). I am also the author of 'The Art of Practical Catholicism' and 'A Server's Toolbox' available in St Pat's Gift Shop, other stores or online.

Furthermore, I have been a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. I am also a senior server here at the Cathedral, which has been my lifelong parish since my baptism in 1995, and then a late Confirmation by then Bishop Anthony Fisher in 2010. I am normally a Master of Ceremonies or server at the 11:00am Solemn Mass, with the beauty of our solemn ritual clothed by Australia's best mixed choir, led by our very own Bernard Kirkpatrick. I consider this parish my second home because I attend daily Mass and I receive the sacraments and spiritual nourishment from the generous priests we have been gifted with, to eventually aid the salvation of my soul (the entire objective of our Catholic faith). My wife and I are still newlyweds, as of the 26th of June 2021. (We slipped through on the exact day of those notorious lockdowns, as a result of God's providence). We both live in Parramatta, and continue to be active members in our parish.



Did You Know...

...that the Old Testament Books of Maccabees, from which we hear about prayers for the dead, were written not that long before the birth of Christ?

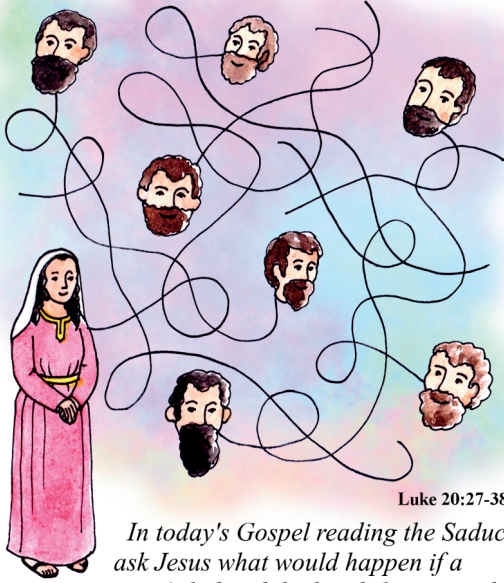
Both these books were written less than two hundred years before the birth of Christ and tell the story of the revolt by Judas Maccabeus and fellow dedicated and faithful Jews against the pagans who demanded they give up their religion and worship pagan gods. These two books, along with a few others, are only accepted as canonical by the Catholic and Orthodox churches and do not form part of the scriptures of Protestant Christians or the Jewish faith.

JUDAS MACCABEUS.



The Kids' Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 6th, 2022



Luke 20:27-38

In today's Gospel reading the Saducees ask Jesus what would happen if a woman's husband died and she married his brother, and if the same thing happened again, until she had married all seven brothers. Who would she be married to in Heaven? Follow the squiggly lines to find out which brother the woman is married to in Heaven.

What Will Make us Happy?

In today's Gospel reading, some men ask Jesus about people being married when they are in Heaven. Jesus tells them that in Heaven people are like angels because they can't die anymore, so they can't be married.



When we are small there are things that we like to do, like playing with toys, that we won't like as much when we get bigger. As we get older, different things make us happy, but when we get to Heaven it will be something even better that we will want. Do you know what that is? It's God! We will realize that what makes us the very happiest is not toys or friends or a husband or wife, but God Himself!

Have you ever had something that you liked and then later you didn't care about it very much? That's the way things go in this life, because everything is only temporary. When we get to Heaven being happy with God will last forever!



Answers to puzzle on front: none! People in Heaven are not married. 6.God. LIVING. 1.Live 2.bodies 3.Heaven 4.die 5.never

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Heaven: Fill in the Blanks

What did Jesus say to the men in today's Gospel who didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead? Fill in the blanks with the words in the list, and use the letters in squares to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

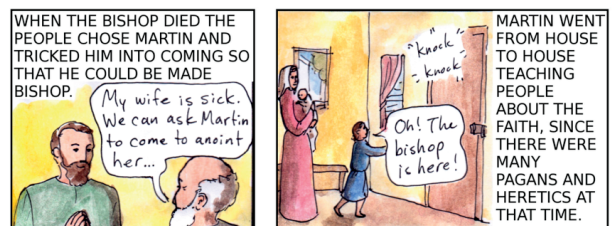
- Jesus rose so that we could again after we die.
- God will give us new in the resurrection.
- Then we will be in .
- We will see God after we .
- Then we will sin again.
- We will be happy forever with .

NEVER
HEAVEN
GOD
BODIES
DIE
LIVE



"He is not God of the dead but God of the _____; for all live to him."
1 2 3 4 5 6

Saint Martin of Tours November 11



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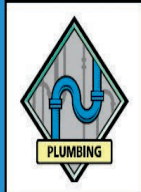
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