

# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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13 November 2022 - 33rd 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 9:30am - 11:00am Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries Contact Fr Chris or find information on Facebook: credo.stpats Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au





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#### The Destruction of the Temple and the End of the World

"THE TIME WILL COME when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed," says Jesus in the Olivet Discourse proclaimed in today's Gospel. The disciples, understandably, have questions about this impending doom: "when will this happen, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" We who read this passage from the twenty-first century also have many questions: What is the nature of this coming destruction? Has it already happened? Is it yet to come? Will it happen to us?



There are two important layers to these questions which we must unpack. On the one hand, Christ's words are clearly for

the first century. In the verse following our Gospel reading, Christ points out: "When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near." Christ is foretelling the impending decimation of Jerusalem and of the Temple, an event that came to pass within one generation of Christ's ascension. In AD70, after major rebellions and revolts by the Jews against the Roman empire, the Roman army besieged Jerusalem and brutally laid waste to the city and its inhabitants. Worse of all, the Temple was burned to the ground and it has never been rebuilt. The only remaining artefact of the Temple that is still visible today is the famous Wailing Wall from the Temple's outer court.

The Temple was everything for the Old Covenant people of God: it was where God dwelt with man, it symbolised their covenant with God, their worship and sacrifices, and the promises that God had to made to his people. By prophesying its destruction, Christ warns his disciples that that the Old Covenant is passing away. The New Covenant established by his Passion and Resurrection is to be established, and the disciples must endure grave persecution in the Christ's name. On the other hand, the Church also interprets these passages as referring to the end of the world, to events that have not yet come to pass. It interprets such destruction as an image of the final judgement, when Christ will come again in glory and bring to an end the injustice and evil of the world.

This may seem odd. How can this passage refer to events in the first century and to the end of the world at the same time? The Jews saw the Temple as the centre of the universe, the place around which the whole cosmos moves (metaphorically). It was also considered a miniature replica, or a microcosm, of the universe built by God. Conversely, the universe was considered a macro-Temple where God also dwells with his people. Hence, Christ's warnings about the temple can apply to the universe too. What happened to the Temple in Jerusalem can be seen as a foreshadowing or a sign of what will happen at the end of time: the Church will face great persecutions; there will be wars and famines, and great signs from Heaven; and after all this Christ will come again to judge the world (CCC 675-677).

This means that Jesus' instructions to his disciples to be ready for such afflictions applies to us today just as much as it did to the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the first century. As he instructed them not to be too attached to the temple, which will fall, Christ instructs us to remain detached from the world, which is temporary. We must endure whatever difficulties or persecutions may arise in this world, even when threatened with death: "Your endurance will win you your lives." This world will pass away, so we must place our faith in what endures: the eternal love of God made manifest in Christ Jesus.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Deacon Matthew

# 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!

#### Become a Catechist as an SRE Volunteer

This weekend representatives of the parish SRE Team will be sharing their stories at all Masses in the hope of encouraging more parishioners to join their team.

#### 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;
- Macarthur Girls High School on Thursday. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

If this you feel our Lord is calling you to this ministry, speak to one of the SRE

representatives after Mass this weekend or call the Parish Office to register your interest.



"Do not be afraid: if the Lord calls you to this ministry, follow him! You will be participants in the same mission of Jesus of proclaiming his Gospel and introducing others to the filial relationship with God the Father."

POPE FRANCIS Address to Participants in the International Congress of Catechists 10 September 2022

#### **Advent Groups**

Advent, the season of preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, begins on 27 November. Apart from decorating your homes, we encourage you to join an Advent group being organised in the parish to help prepare for this holy season.

Advent groups will be held on:

- Tuesdays, starting 22 November, at 9:30am in the Presbytery meeting room
- Thursdays at 10:00am, in the Presbytery meeting room

Anyone wishing to organise another group is also welcomed.

This year we will be using the Diocese of Wollongong's Advent program booklet. RSVP to the Cathedral Office.

#### World Youth Day (WYD) Barbecue

Next week we will introduce Caitlin, Kayleigh and Stacey, our WYD pilgrims. The girls will be joined by other young people from the parish who have been to WYD to hold a barbecue fundraiser and sell raffle tickets, to help fund their trip. The girls have served the parish for at least eight years as altar servers and now add singing, reading, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist etc to their volunteering roles. Please support them as they look to learn more about their faith at WYD 2023.

#### **Volunteers Thank You Dinner**

Please note that **Monday 13 November** is the last day to RSVP for this. Call or email the parish office to confirm or attendance.

#### **Preserving Class**

Are you interested in an introductory preserving lesson? There will be a free preserving class run in the cathedral hall kitchen on **Thursday 24 November from 5:00pm** onwards. No experience necessary! We'll be making a batch of preserves to give to Jesuit Refugee Services as part of the Advent parish foodbank drive.

Please RSVP to the parish office if you're interested in coming. If you have access to produce that could be used for the preserve class, please also get in touch.

#### Washing Machine - Free

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

#### 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.

#### **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, indeed it's our duty. Please contact the parish office to organise this.

**OPENING** 

HOURS

# Browse Online





TUESDAY TO FRIDAY - 10:00AM TO 3:00PM SUNDAY - 9:00AM TO 1:00PM MONDAY & SATURDAY - CLOSED

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#### Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery

Parramatta - The Cradle of Catholicism in Australia

Did you know that the first Mass in Australia was said in the vicinity of Prince Alfred Park in 1803?

Did you know that the first catholic school started in Parramatta over 200 years ago?

Let's keep this important story alive! This is our proud history. As we remember all the faithful departed this November, it is ample time to highlight the immense contribution of past parishioners of St Patrick's to building the faith community of Parramatta as well as to that of New South Wales and of the Nation.

Join us on Monday **14 November at 7:00pm** in the Cathedral Hall to help keep our story alive.

#### Mass for those grieving suicide victims

The Cathedral will be celebrating a Mass on **Monday 28 November** at **7:30pm** for those people who are grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. This Mass is open to all people, family members, friends, work colleagues and so on, whether the loved one was lost to suicide recently or in the distant past. It is hoped that this Mass will bring some peace and comfort to those left behind after the tragedy of suicide.

#### 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 available on https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/

#### Diary Claimers



- 10 December: Advent Festival A Night of Carols and Festivities
- 13 December: Seniors Ministry Christmas Lunch

#### **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 07 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



# **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.

#### **Sacraments of Initiation**

#### Reconciliation and Eucharist 2022-2023

This weekend the children preparing for the Sacrament of Penance attended their last formation session. The children will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Tuesday 22 November. Please pray for them and their families as they begin their journey to be fully initiated into the Church.





# World Youth Day Pilgrims and Catechists

Let us pray for all young people discerning the pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023 and for all catechists who courageously teach the faith in public schools.

# We 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, Ankica S, Nikola & Marcia Senjak,

Stephen Senjak & families



## BAPTISMS

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



Leonardo Stanley Pierra Tohme Luka Trbara Chion Zarate Ava Wilkinson

Please pray for these children and their families.

## 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 06 November "Prophecy makes us capable of putting the Beatitudes into practice in everyday situations, meekly, yet resolutely, building God's kingdom in which love, justice and peace are opposed to every form of selfishness, violence and degradation."

#### Saint of the Week

16 November - St Margaret of Scotland

Margaret was born in Hungary of Anglo-Saxon and Hungarian parents. When William of Normandy conquered England she found refuge with King Malcolm III of Scotland, and they were married in 1070 and had eight children. She reformed the royal court, founded monasteries, and supported major reforms of Church life. She died in Edinburgh on 16 November 1093. She is remembered for the happiness of her marriage, for her douction to prover and logging and



devotion to prayer and learning, and especially for her generosity to the poor.

(Information taken from Universalis)

#### "Quote of the Week"

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."



**Clive Staples (C.S.) Lewis** (1898-1963) Author and Christian Apologist *The Weight of Glory* 

## GETTING TO KNOW... Kevin Xu

My dear parish friends, I hope you and your families are well and safe. I know many of you from 9:30am Sunday Mass where I serve regularly as an acolyte. For some of you, I may have, with blessing, served at your wedding and celebrated with you one of the most beautiful moments of life. I didn't grow up as a Catholic. Rather, God gave me the opportunity to study and understand the faith so I could make a conscious choice to follow Christ. I was drawn to the teaching of the Scriptures, the solemnity of Mass and liturgies, the architecture of the churches, the solidarity of our people, and most importantly the unfathomable love and mercy of our God and the blessing of Our Lady. I studied in an RCIA group and received my baptism right here in this Cathedral. Parramatta is truly my spiritual home.



To me, being a Catholic is a choice for life. Like any life choice, it is not meant to be easy. So in difficult moments like now, please don't be discouraged. Please don't give up. Please stay hopeful and continue to pray, knowing that God is listening, that we will come back to the Church and meet again soon. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

#### Did You Know...

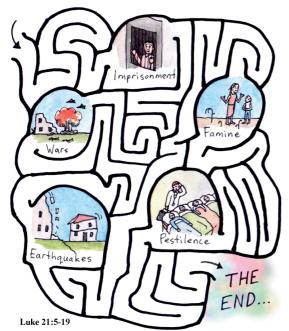
...that the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, as foretold by Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel, happened about forty years later, in AD70?

The First Temple in Jerusalem, built by King Solomon in about 950BCE, was totally destroyed about 370 years later. The Second Temple, the one Jesus walked in, was destroyed by the Romans in the Siege of Jerusalem. Both Temples suffered from looting and damage over the years prior to destruction. All that remains of the Second Temple today is the famous Western, or "Wailing" Wall. The idea of a Third Temple being built one day remains a hope for many Jewish people.



# **The Kids' Bulletin**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 13th, 2022



In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the people some of the things that were going to happen before the end of the world. You'll find them as you go through the maze!

# ♫ Psalm 98 Cross-Word ♫

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm, and then fit them into the puzzle.

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let the hills10Dfor joy together before the Lord,for he $\underline{6A}$  to judge the earth.He will judge the world with righteousness,A=Acrossand $\underline{11A}$  peoples with equity.D=Down

# God is With Us to the End



Jesus tells the people in today's Gospel reading some of the things that will happen before the end of the world. He says that some people will be arrested and have to speak about Him in front of the leaders and rulers of the people, but He will protect them.

Jesus doesn't want us to worry about what is going to happen at the end of the world, but He wants us to be ready for it when it comes. He also wants us to be ready for the end of our lives, because we don't know when that's going to happen either.



Do you find it kind of scary thinking about the

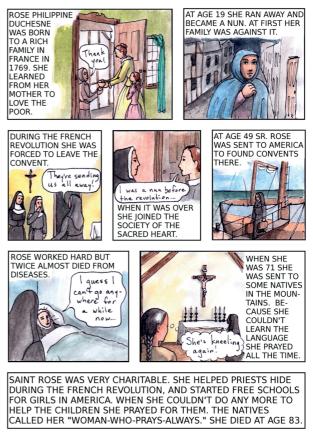


well, you don't need to be afraid about it! Jesus will give us all the strength we need for whatever happens. All we have to do is trust in Him!

Answers to Cross-Word Puzzle: Across: 2.dwell 4.rost 6.comes 8.Lord 9.fills 11.the 12.sound 13.those Down: 1.trumpets 3.who 5.praise 7.melody 8.lyre 10.sing

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