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19 February 2023 - 7th Sunday (Year A)

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

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

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 9:30am - 11:00am
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A call to be extraordinary

THERE HAS BEEN a marked increase in these competitive times of a call to people to achieve excellence, to strive ever harder to stand out from the crowd and thus profit in some way, be it materially or by an enhanced reputation. There is a whole industry devoted to helping people "be their best" and people are willing to invest considerable sums of money to pursue this end.



Of course, to "be one's best" is essentially what our Christian faith is all about, though the aim is not to increase material wealth or for us to put ourselves above others. For we Christians, to "be our best" is to be more Christlike in our words and deeds, for it is only when we are living and loving as Christ did that we are truly happy and content, whatever comes our way.

In the Sermon on the Mount, which we finish hearing from this weekend due to Lent beginning in a couple of days' time, Jesus gives us six examples of what it is to live radically according to his teachings – in other words, how to be extraordinary. Of course, the word "extraordinary" simply means to be above and beyond what is ordinary, and as Christians we are not called to live ordinarily, like those who don't share our beliefs. After all, Jesus did not come into the world to tell us everything is okay and to keep living as we had been. He calls us to something more profound than the ordinary, something more difficult and demanding, yet something more satisfying and fulfilling. Of those six examples of Jesus, we heard four last weekend and we hear the other two this weekend.

"But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." These words, from the final of Jesus' six examples of extraordinary living, are surely some of the most radical and disturbing words of Jesus (and he had many!). Personally, this example hits me hardest in considering what is demanded of disciples of Jesus. Loving our enemies, that is, seeking what is best for them, doesn't come naturally to any of us; our natural reaction is to seek vengeance on those who have hurt us, to "hit back twice as hard".

What results from such a response? The wisdom of Jesus lies in seeing the "enemy" as a fellow sinner who is in need of correction, not "a taste of their own medicine". When we look at the current state of the world, we see cycles of violence because of the taste for vengeance over a more measured approach aligned with the teachings of Jesus. Loving one's enemies does not make us doormats but rather highlights to the perpetrators the folly of their behaviour so that they can be enabled to change both their behaviour and their very manner of being – and so find salvation. This approach does not preclude punishment but sees punishment as corrective rather than punitive.

Forgiveness and love free the victim too. No longer will he or she simmer with indignation and allow anger to destroy them. Despite their suffering, they will still feel that contentment and fulfilment, the closeness of God, that I mentioned earlier.

If all of this sounds extraordinary, it is.

And it is what we are called to be.

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 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!

ThankYouThankYouThankYouThankYou

Last Sunday we farewelled Fr Matthew Dimian as a parish with a celebratory lunch. It was wonderful to see the huge turnout of parishioners who came to farewell Fr Matthew.

Even more wonderful, was the generosity of some parishioners. We did a call out for 'bring a plate' and we had plenty to go around and around.

It was a fitting farewell to Fr Matthew but hopefully not a goodbye. We hope to see him around from time to time.

Can we also mention a 'huge' shout out of thanks to the members of the hospitality team who helped on the day? You were all amazing and your help was very much appreciated. Thank you!



St Patrick's Day BUSINESS BREAKFAST

17 MARCH
2023

 7:00AM
9:00AM



GUEST SPEAKER
Dr Andrew Charlton MP
Federal Member for Parramatta

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Preparation for First Eucharist

Preparation sessions for Eucharist for children 7 years or older who have **completed Reconciliation** will continue with "Remembering Baptism". See table of sessions below.

Please keep in mind that all sessions are mandatory.

For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for children already baptised, please email parish secretary Pat Preca at secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au or phone 8839 8412.

Rem Bap 1 MAKEUP sess	6.45pm Tues 21 February	Parents
Remembering Baptism 2	7:30pm Tues 21 February	Parents
Remembering Baptism 3	4:30pm Sat 04 March	Parents & children
Ritual to Remember Baptism	4:30pm Sat 18 March	Parents & children

Ash Wednesday - 22 February

As usual, there will be three parish Masses, at **6:30am, 12:30pm and 7:30pm**, which will help us all mark in a suitable way the beginning of the reflective and penitential season of Lent.

Lenten Groups & Stations of the Cross

Join a Lenten group and the praying of the Stations of the Cross throughout the season of Lent.

Stations of the Cross - Begins on Friday 24 February @ 6:00pm and continues each Friday for the duration of Lent.

We usually tap people on the shoulder to lead a Friday night but if you would like to volunteer, please contact the office.

Lenten Groups - Begin on **Tuesday 28 February** @ 9:30am for the duration of Lent - held at the Presbytery office.

Also beginning on **Friday 24 February** @ 6:45pm in the Cloister Cafe, after the Stations of the Cross.

Also on Saturdays @ 7:00pm starting on **25 February** in the Cloister Function Room. For full timetable see flyers.

Seminarian - Mr Jeff Hood

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned that I will have some news on a new arrival to the parish, in addition to our new deacon, David Dowling.

I am pleased to announce that we have been asked to accommodate a seminarian, Mr Jeff Hood, who will be living with the clergy in the presbytery. Jeff will be here to get to know the parish and the parishioners, help out with various tasks, and so on. I know you will make him welcome! *Fr Robert.*

FREE: St Patrick's Marist Bros jacket. Size approx S/M. Phone Pat 8839 8412.

Submissions for St Pat's Matters

It's time to put pen to paper or fingers to the keyboard, if you intend to submit an article for the first edition of our parish magazine in 2023. Some articles are already on file!

Topics to consider:

- Why you love being a St Pat's Parishioner.
- Sharing your involvement in Ministry.
- How faith in God shapes daily life for you and your family.

Always keen to receive stories from anyone who has become a Catholic.

Articles and archival photos relating to the longstanding history of our remarkable parish — its priests, people and events.

Questions for Fr Robert's column, "Knowledge of Our Rituals Matters". Any topics you think worth publishing.

Email submissions to Marian: balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office marked "For St Pat's Matters".

World Youth Day (WYD) Fundraising

Fundraising for our WYD pilgrims will begin again on **26 February** with a barbecue after the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. Please buy a sausage sandwich (or two!) to support Stacie, Kayleigh and Caitlin, our WYD pilgrims.

Social and Fundraising Group

We are looking for four parishioners to lead a social and fundraising group to help organise events in the Cathedral.

Our first two events will be to assist in running the Business Breakfast and the St Patrick's Day celebration.

These two events were held annually pre-Covid, therefore the group's role will be to review previous years' event plans and look at other creative ways that we can grow the parish community and reach out in mission.

If you are interested, please register with the Cathedral office.

First meeting will be on **Tuesday 28 February**.

Anniversary of the Fire

As a matter of interest, this Sunday, **19 February**, marks the 27th anniversary of the fire that destroyed the cathedral (1996).

For the diary...

Here are other upcoming Cathedral events that are worth noting in your diary:

22 February: Ash Wednesday - Masses at 6:30am, 12:30pm and 7:30pm

17 March: St Patrick's Day Business Breakfast

19 March: St Patrick's Day Parish Celebration



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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: Amaflor Youngman, Fr Paul Trong Nguyen, Joe Howard, Emmanuel Combis, Margaret McCallum, Usha Narang, Cardinal George Pell, Anna Nguyen

Deceased: Madeline, Anthony, Patrick, Rosa, Raymond, David O'Connor, Franceska Sajn, Sr Stella, Zita Subasinghe, Gloria Wang, Margaret McCallum, McCallum & Foran families, Giuseppini Rechichi, Juliette Perrottet, Vittoria & Joseph Teuma, Helen Efimeo, Peter Burton, YT & Deanna Hsu, Ivor McBride, Ezelyn Rodrigues, Noel Buckenham, Bahige Ayache, Valentina, James Ermac, Lucy D'Mello, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Michel Tuyan

Anniversaries: Johannes & Maria Lelyveld, Teresa Rodrigues, Gracie Rodricks, Bernard Rodricks, Bernard Rodricks, Prem Narang, Judy Gallagher, Joseph D'Bela, Agapito Antonio, Mariyakutty Thayyil, Armando & Jacinta Reyes, Honesto & Norma Buendia, Doolub & Duval families, Robert Dearie, Anton Basa, Marie Saldanha, Maximina Manlangit, Umberto & Frank Papagno, Erlic de Noronha, Joe & Hannah Joseph, Honorato & Wilhelmina Dela Cruz, Claudio Varudo, Jennifer Tellis

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 & 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 & 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: Peter Newman, Edward C, Vincent Rowan, Daniel & Alicia Altmann, Gerard Noonan, Ian Marshall, Lilian Hassin, Maria Davino, Rosa Rizak, Fatima, Cristofer Doughtt, Barbera Hector, Nicole & Rita Slatter, Baldo Polizzi, Richard Gosling, Lester Dunnetio, Renish & Rita Pasanah, Ishander Singh, Poh Yeen Log, Maria Lipec, Mounira Epenian, 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, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: Stephen Senjak, Patrick Newman, Tony Flursheim, Nicole & Rita Slatter, Edward Border, Xueyun Lin's family, Brendan & Elise Missio, Adam, Matt & Luke Ward, Peter & Emma Jane Missio, David & Jessica Missio & family, Betty Tobin, Pam Missio, Carmen Marshall, Louise Wehbe, Fidelis Lysewycz, William Perrottet, Seb Wall, Naleen, Tian, Raveen, Dewi Stuguart, Fr Peter Henry, Madeline Suttie, Fidelis Lysewycz, William, Oliver, Claudia & Juliette Perrottet, Mr & Mrs B Cabezas, Doolub & Duval families, Ani, Freeda

BAPTISMS

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



**Eadie Romeo
Grace Nguyen
Enzo Mahoney Echeandia**

Please pray for these children and their families.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February



For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communication at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 12 February*

"God loves us first, freely taking the first step towards us without us deserving it; and so we cannot celebrate his love without in our turn taking the first step towards reconciliation with those who have hurt us."

Saint of the Week

23 February - St Polycarp (d.155), Martyr

Polycarp was a disciple of the Apostles, bishop of Smyrna (now Izmir in modern-day Turkey), and a friend of St Ignatius of Antioch. He went to Rome to confer with Pope Anicetus about the celebration of Easter. He was martyred at Smyrna in about 155 by being burnt to death in the stadium. Polycarp is an important figure in the history of the Church because he is one of the earliest Christians whose writings still survive. He bears witness to the beliefs of the early Christians and the early stages of the development of doctrine.



(Information taken from Universalis)

“Quote of the Week”

"We live in a culture of achievement and production which believes that people should and do get what they deserve. As Christians we know that this is not so. The infinite bounty of God begins with the gift of life itself and continues with everything that sustains it. Our activity is not so much an earning our way as cooperating with the Creator God in transforming history into God's reign of justice and love."

Sandra M. Schneiders IHM
(b.1936)
Religious and Theologian
New Wineskins



What is happening in Syria and Turkey?

Thousands of people have been killed after a catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southeast Turkey (officially known as Türkiye) and Syria, followed by another large earthquake only hours later.

Thousands of deaths have been reported in Turkey and Syria, and the death toll is increasing by the hour.

Freezing winter weather is only adding to the devastation, as the thousands left injured, trapped or homeless are stuck in bitter cold and freezing rain.

The quakes caused devastation in rebel-held northwest Syria, where entire buildings collapsed, leaving people trapped under the rubble.

The time to act is now. We're in contact with Caritas Syria and other Caritas agencies on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs. Your donation today will help communities affected by the earthquake.



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