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12 February 2023 - 6th 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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Farewell, St Pat's...

ST PAT'S, I MOVE OUT THIS WEEK to go to St Bernadette's Parish in Castle Hill, where I have been appointed to exercise my newfound priestly ministry. It has been a joy to serve you as a deacon and to be a part of your lives over this last year. I have come to know each of you in a unique way, and as much as it was my duty to minister to you, I have benefitted so much from your company. It was an honour to be let into your lives, and to hear many of you share how the Lord is working in you. I loved seeing your piety, especially in daily adoration, frequent use of the Sacrament of Confession, and the regular use of the chapel for private prayer. I will remember my time here fondly, and I hope to come back and visit when I can. Below, I leave you with one final bulletin reflection.



Jesus says in today's Gospel, "I have come not to abolish [the Law and the Prophets] but to complete them." Jesus is referring to the Law of Moses, given by God to the Israelites at Mount Sinai. This law is contained in the first five books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch, and it consists of over 600 laws governing all facets of the lives of the people of Israel: morality, civil affairs, ceremonial rituals, and so on.

I want to draw out just one point about how Jesus's teachings fulfill and deepen the Mosaic Law. The Mosaic Law for the most part regulated external actions: what you ate, what you wore, how to conduct business, which animals had to be sacrificed and when, fines and punishments for breaking the laws, and so on.

Each of these laws had a purpose: to instil holiness in the People of God. Such holiness is also the goal of Jesus's teaching. But the Old Testament aimed to teach this holiness from the outside in, so to speak: it governed exterior behaviour, that is, actions done with one's tongue, hands and feet. When Jesus teaches us how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven, he shifts the focus from external, exterior behaviour to the interior life, the heart. He aims to teach the precepts of the law both inside and out.

In today's Gospel, he takes a number of Old Testament Laws and shows how they ought to be lived in spirit. First, he says that loving one's brother means more than avoiding violent behaviour towards them: true charity goes to the extent of avoiding even denigrating thoughts about them, such as calling them a "fool." Purity consists not only in refraining from lustful actions, but it also requires protecting the dignity of others even in your heart. And lastly, a follower of Christ not only tells the truth after they take a solemn oath, but they are honest and truthful all the time because their hearts are free from deceit.

To be truly holy means that our whole being must be aligned to God, down to the deepest recesses of our minds and hearts. If this seems difficult, there is a great cause for hope: "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5) The work of the transformation of souls is accomplished by the power of God working in us. So, with great confidence, let us place our trust in the Holy Spirit and follow his inspirations.

God bless you, and I hope to see you again soon,

Fr Matthew

farewell

LITURGY GUIDE

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession

God has spoken by his prophets

1. God has spok - en by his pro - phets, spok - en his un -
2. God has spok - en by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -
3. God is speak - ing by the Spi - rit, speak - ing to our

1. chang - ing word, each, from age to age pro - claim - ing
2. last - ing Son, bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry,
3. hearts a - gain, in the age - less Word de - clar - ing

1. God, the One, the righ - teous Lord. In the world's dis -
2. with the Fa - ther ev - er One; spok - en by the
3. God's own mes - sage, now as then. Through the rise and

1. pair and tur -moil one firm an - chor holds us fast:
2. Word in - car - nate, God from God, ere time be - gan,
3. fall of na - tions one sure faith yet stand - ing fast:

1. God e - ter - nal reigns for ev - er,
2. Light from light, to earth de - scend - ing,
3. God still speaks, his word un - chang - ing,

1. God the first, and God the last.
2. God, re - vealed as Son of Man.
3. God the first, and God the last.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

Kyrie

Mass Shalom

C.D.Smith

The cantor intones each petition; All repeat.

Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.

Kyrie 11am

Missa Secunda

H.L. Hassler

6 Ordinary Year A



Focusing the Gospel

• Key words and phrases

- "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come..to complete them."
- "The man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven."

• to the point

Jesus declares that he has not come to abolish the Law, but requires more than blind outward obedience to the Law. Instead, he demands purity of heart and mind in addition to outward actions.

Connecting the Gospel

• to the first reading

The first reading introduces the theme of obedience, and the importance of steadfastly avoiding sin. It emphasises the human power to choose between good and evil, and warns that each person is responsible for the choices they make. This is followed by the responsorial psalm where the entire assembly proclaims, "Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

• to Christian living

The demands of Christian discipleship are set out in uncompromising fashion in this gospel. A thorough conversion of heart and mind is required, such that the purity of a person's inmost thoughts is reflected in the goodness of their outward actions.

LITURGY GUIDE

Gloria

Mass Shalom

Smith/rev.Mason

Refrain (All)



The choir sings:

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

R. Glory to God.....

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world: receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

R. Glory to God.....

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

R. Glory to God.....



Collect

Let us pray.
O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Gloria Missa Secunda H.L. Hassler
11am (All Sit)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Glory to God in the highest,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
and on earth peace to people of good will.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
We praise you, we bless you,
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
we adore you, we glorify you
Gratias agimus tibi
we give you thanks
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
for your great glory,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Lord God, heavenly King,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
O God almighty Father.
Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
Qui tollis peccata mundi:
you take away the sins of the world,
miserere nobis.
have mercy on us;
Qui tollis peccata mundi:
You take away the sins of the world,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
receive our prayer;
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris:
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
miserere nobis.
have mercy on us.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
For you alone are the Holy One,
Tu solus Dominus.
you alone are the Lord,
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
with the Holy Spirit,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ecclesiasticus (Sir 15:15-20)

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34



Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (2:6-10)

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Chant Mode 7

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom
(All repeat the Alleluia)

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:17-37)

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Homily

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

Offertory Motet 11:00am
Jesu, joy of man's desiring

J.S.Bach

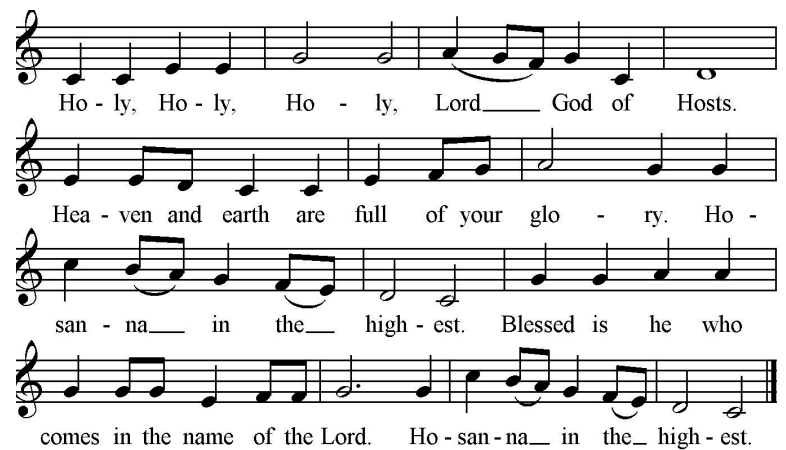
1. Jesu, joy of man's desiring
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne

2. Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock, in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own
In the love of joys unknown.

Sanctus

Mass Shalom

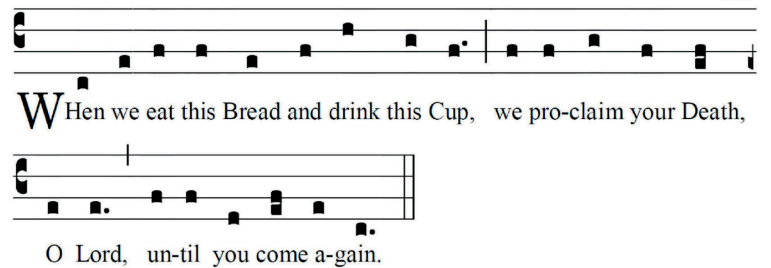
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Mystery of Faith

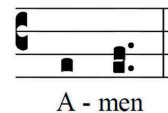
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Missal Tone



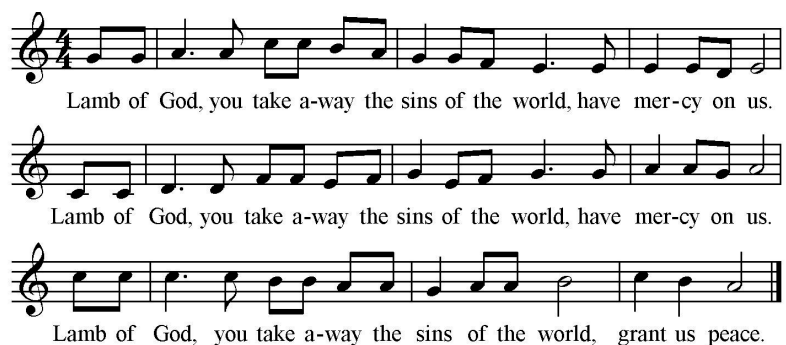
COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Mass Shalom

C. Smith



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Antiphon

11:00am Mass

(Psalm 77)

Mandacuerunt et saturati sunt nim, et desiderium eorum attulit eis
Dominus: non sunt fraudati a desiderio suo.

They ate and were fully satisfied; the Lord gave them what they desired; they were not deprived of their wants.

Communion Hymn Come down, O Love divine



1. Come down, O love di - vine, seek now this
2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly
3. Let ho - ly cha - ri - ty my out - ward
4. And so the year - ing strong, with which the



1. soul of mine, and vi - sit it with
2. pas - sions turn to dust and ash - es,
3. ves - ture be, and low - li - ness be
4. soul will long, shall far sur - pass the



1. your own ar - dour glow - ing; great com - fort - er, draw
2. in its heat con - sum - ing; and let your glo - rious
3. come my in - ner cloth - ing; true low - li - ness of
4. power of hu - man tell - ing; for none can guess its



1. near, with - in my heart ap - pear, and
2. light shine e - ver on my sight, and
3. heart, which takes the hum - bler part, and
4. grace, till he be - comes the place where -



1. kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
2. clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
3. for its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
4. in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes his dwell - ing.

Text: *Discendi, amor santo* Bianco da Siena d.1434 tr. Richard Frederick Littledale 1833-90 alt.
Tune: DOWN AMPNEY 66.11 D; Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958; from *The English Hymnal* ©Oxford University Press.

Next Week's Readings

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Readings:

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18: You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13: R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 Cor 3:16-23: All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Mt 5:38-48: Love your enemies.



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GO AND BE RECONCILED
WITH YOUR BROTHER
FIRST, AND THEN COME
BACK AND PRESENT YOUR
OFFERING.

8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34)

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. R.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. R.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. R.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. R.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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!

Parish Celebration & Farewell for Fr Matthew Dimian

Sunday 12 February - After the 11:00 Solemn Mass

A Cathedral parish celebration and farewell for Fr Matthew Dimian will be held after the 11:00am Solemn Mass today, **Sunday 12 February**.

Sadly, we received news that Fr Matthew is being appointed to **St Bernadette's, Castle Hill**. Join us to farewell Fr Matthew as he begins his new appointment on **Monday, 13 February**.

We won't be without a deacon, however. I am pleased to announce that **Deacon David Dowling** has been appointed to our parish, beginning ministry this weekend. You can read a short biography of Deacon David a couple of pages on in this bulletin. *Fr Robert*

Cloister Café

I know we have only just opened up after our summer break but we will not be operating today due to Fr Matthew's farewell. Please feel free to pop over to the Cloister Function Room to farewell Fr Matthew. A sign-on sheet has been in place for the last few weeks to note your attendance and offer a plate if you can. Hope to see you there!



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 Pat at secretary@stpatcathedral.com.au or phone 8839 8412.

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 begin on **Friday 24 February** in the Cloister. See the flyers for Lenten program details. Details of the weekday program in next weekend's bulletin.

Mass for earthquake victims

Fr Chadi Ibrahim, well known to us here, will celebrate a Mass here at St Patrick's at **6:30pm on Friday 17 February** for the victims of the tragic earthquake that recently rocked both Turkey and Syria. All are welcome to attend.

Seeking Submission 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!

Attention all parishioners: Your stories matter! Please share them

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".

Holy Hour for Vocations

What is a Vocation? The word vocation comes from the Latin verb vocare which means 'to call'. God calls or invites you to a particular vocation: single life, marriage, consecrated life or priesthood. Vocation in the Church isn't a job or career — it is the way God invites you to live out your baptismal calling; to love and give yourself to others.

In order to do this we need to be strengthened by the grace of God. As such I invite you to a Holy Hour for Vocations - a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament asking for:

- an increase of all vocations
- renewed fidelity in one's vocation
- give due honour to our God

Come join us on the **third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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.

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

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**.

Thank you...

...to all those parishioners who kindly offered prayers and condolences on the recent death of my father. It is greatly appreciated. *Fr Robert*.

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: Les Riedling, Joe Howard, Emmanuel Combis, Margaret McCallum, Usha Narang, Cardinal George Pell, Anna Nguyen, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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: 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 Fajara, 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: 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, Seb Wall, William, Oliver, Claudia & Juliette Perrottet, Mr & Mrs B Cabezas, Doolub & Duval families, Ani, Freeda, Nikhil & Anna, Nives Care & family, Sebastiau Bugo

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 09 February*

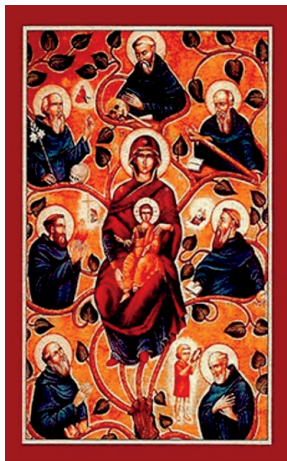
"Now is the time for compassion and for solidarity. We must put aside hatred, wars, and divisions that lead to self-destruction. Let us unite in our sorrow to help those who suffer in Turkey and Syria. May we build peace and fraternity in our world."

Saints of the Week

17 February - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

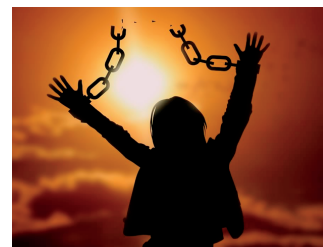
In the early thirteenth century seven young Florentines formed a confraternity of laymen devoted to the praise of Mary. In 1233, after a vision on the feast of the Assumption, they took up the life of hermits on Monte Senario outside Florence. They went preaching through the whole of Tuscany and founded the order of the Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Servites, whose foundation was approved by the Pope in 1304. Their feast is celebrated today because one of the seven founders, St Alexis Falconieri, died on 17 February 1310.

(Information taken from Universalis)



“Quote of the Week”

"[Poverty] has none of that attachment which, like a band, binds the heart to earth and to earthly things and deprives us of that ease in rising and turning once more to God. It enables us to hear better in all things the voice - that is, the inspiration - of the Holy Spirit by removing the obstructions which hinder it."



St Ignatius of Loyola
(1491-1556)

Founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

From his letters

Welcome, Deacon David Dowling!

David is married to Deirdre (Dee) and they have two children and two grandchildren. He earns his living as a Business Consultant and he and Dee are also partners in a Ray White franchise in Castle Hill, which they actively manage.

Originally from Dublin in Ireland, they came to Australia almost 30 years ago and have always lived in the Hills area.

David has been involved in lay ministry for twenty years, first with a Homeless Men's shelter with SVDP and then a succession of parish-based ministries from RCIA to Youth, to Young Adult, and eventually into Alpha and Parish Renewal.

Dee, David's wife, showed him a pamphlet about the Permanent Diaconate about seven years ago and this sparked his interest. He and Dee engaged in a year of formal discernment and then moved into formation and studies five years ago.

As part of the formation process, David was posted from his original Parish (St Michael's, Baulkham Hills) to St John XXIII, Stanhope Gardens, where he has enjoyed serving for the last two years.

While formation and study has had real challenges at times, David has thoroughly valued the whole process and was delighted to be ordained on 10 December last year.

David has been posted to St Patrick's Cathedral parish as of 01 February and is looking forward to getting to know the parishioners and discerning where God wishes him to serve in his new parish.



The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12th, 2023



Do not think that
I came to abolish
the law or the
prophets...
Whoever obeys and
teaches the commandments
will be called greatest in the
kingdom of heaven.

Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?

Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!

Psalm 119 Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

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W O R D S E R V A N T

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS,
who WALK in the LAW of the Lord.
BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES,
who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS
be DILIGENTLY KEPT.
Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways
of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE
and keep your WORDS.
OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER
THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, _____

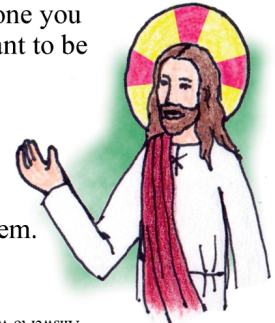
What does Jesus say about the Commandments?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was talking about the laws of God. Some people thought that He would take away the old law that God had given the Jews. But Jesus said that He didn't come to take away the law. He came to fulfill the law.

The old laws tell us the things that we shouldn't do, like worship false gods or kill people or steal. Jesus is telling us that just obeying the commandments isn't enough. He wants us to do everything out of love. If you really love a person then of course you won't kill them! But He says you shouldn't get angry at them either. You wouldn't steal from someone you love- but wouldn't you want to be generous to them too?

Jesus says that the Ten Commandments are very important, but we have to do more than just obey them. We need to love!

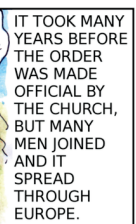
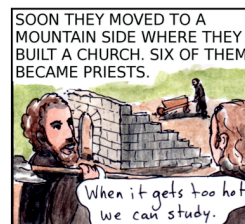
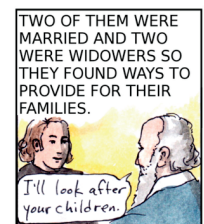
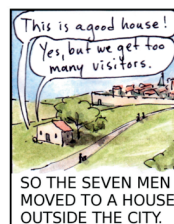
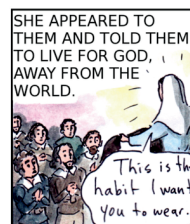


Answer to Word-Find: "you will be blessed."

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The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

February 17



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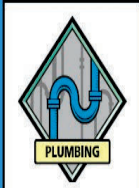
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