

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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05 March 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Lent (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 10:00am - 12:00pm
Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact Fr Chris or find information on
Facebook: [credo.stpats](https://www.facebook.com/credo.stpats)
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The Mountaintop Experience

'HAVE YOU EVER HAD a "mountaintop experience"?'
Something transcendent, something spiritual? A glimpse of God's glory? Many people may have moments when they experienced a profound sense of God's presence. Versions of this can happen when people are engaged in prayer, or worship, or perhaps in adoration. It can happen in a church, in the silence of a room, in the midst of nature. I have even heard of it happening in a cell in Auschwitz.



In today's Gospel, Jesus and the disciples have the ultimate mountaintop experience – God's glory shines through Jesus. Let us reflect on what this experience meant for Jesus, and for the disciples, and to draw from that, what this type of experience might mean for each of us.

Firstly, in reflecting on what it is likely to have meant for Jesus, we should look at the timing and the context. This happened about a week after Peter professed Jesus to be the Christ, and Jesus in turn stated that the Christ would have to suffer and die. We are at a pivotal point in Jesus's ministry and from here he is going to begin his journey to Jerusalem and to his passion and death. At the very beginning of his public ministry, the Father affirms him personally, and that affirmation is accompanied by great signs. This whole event would have edified Jesus, strengthened him, and confirmed that the path he was taking was fully in alignment with God's plan.

For the disciples it would have been different. Certainly it would have been a remarkable experience but their journey was not the same as Christ's, their need for strength and edification would come later. We should keep in mind that Jesus brought the very same disciples with him into the garden of Gethsemane. There they would have witnessed His agony. So, in their case, they got to see Christ's glory and His agony, and these two experiences together gave them a proper perspective on their own later journey, where they could see suffering and humiliation illuminated by God's glory.

What the experiences had in common for both Christ and the disciples was a confirmation that they were on the right path, and edification for either the journey at hand, or as something to draw on later when times would get tough.

With that in mind we should mention one further point: Peter's response to this wonderful event was "I will make three tents here." In other words, "This is wonderful, let us stay here". This would be a very natural response but it misses the point of the experience. These experiences are not an end in themselves. Sadly, I know people that had wonderful spiritual experiences but when I met them a few years later, they were no longer practising their faith. "I just don't experience God the way I used to" is often their refrain. They have missed the point of the beautiful experience they were given. It is not for God to give us experiences. If He does then it is a blessing and it has its purpose. They give us a glimpse of God's glory, confirm us on our path, and strengthen us for our journey. Our faith is not lived on the mountaintop, it is lived in the valleys, and just like Christ, we too must turn our face towards Jerusalem...

Wishing you a blessed Lenten season,

Deacon David



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LITURGY GUIDE

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession The God of Abraham praise

1. The God of A-br'ham praise who reigns en-throned a -
2. The Lord has sworn an oath, on which we shall de -
3. The whole tri - um - phant host gives thanks to God on

1. bove, an - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and
2. pend: we shall, on eag - les' wings up - borne, to
3. high: 'Hail, Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost, they

1. God of love: the Lord, the great 'I
2. heav'n as - cend: we shall be - hold God's
3. ev - er - cry. Hail, A - br'hams God and

1. AM' by earth and heav'n con - fessed! We
2. face, we shall God's pow'r a - dore, and
3. ours! with heav'n our songs we raise; all

1. bow and bless the sac - red name for ev - er blessed.
2. sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
3. might and ma - jes - ty are yours, and end - less praise.

Text: Thomas Olivers 1725-1799 (sl); based on the Jewish Tzafot's 13th cent. and Revelation 4 and 5
Tune: LEONI 66 842. Hebrew Synagogue Melody transcribed by Meyer L'yon 1751-1797.

Introit 11am Remeniscere, miserationum tuarum

Remember your mercies, O Lord, and your love which is from all eternity. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. V.. Unto you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Kyrie

Chant Mass XI
'Orbis factor'

The cantor intones each petition. All repeat.

K Y - ri - e * e - - lé - i - son.

Chri - ste e - - lé - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - - lé - i - son.

Kyrie 11:00am

Mass for Four Voices

W. Byrd

2 Lent Year A

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

- Jesus was transfigured.
- From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
- When they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.
- Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you.
- Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
- Rely on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy.

• to the point

The promise of future blessing strengthened Abram to pursue the journey to a new homeland. For us, it is the vision of Jesus transfigured which gives us strength to persevere on our journey of discipleship. As Abram obeyed the command of God, so must we obey the command of God: listen to Jesus.

Connecting the Gospel

• to last Sunday

Last Sunday the temptations showcased the work of the devil and the seduction of evil. This Sunday the transfiguration showcases the glory of Jesus and the attraction of good.

• to human experience

When we prepare for a journey (for example, vacation, business), we are in control of the destination, the route, the means to get there. On the Christian journey of discipleship we don't have this kind of control but must surrender to God in trust: we must 'listen to him.'

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect

Let us pray.
O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (12:1-4)

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'
So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22



The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. R.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (1:8-10)

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Chant Mode 1

G.Cox

The cantor, alone, intones the Gospel Acclamation All repeat



Cantor: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him

R. Glory to you.....

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (17:1-9)

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Motet 11am Christus Jesus Splendor L. Marenzio

Jesus Christ, radiance of the Father,
and the exact representation of his person,
upholding all things by the Word of his power,
as he was purging our sins,
was pleased to manifest his glory upon a high mountain.

Sanctus

Chant Mass XVIII

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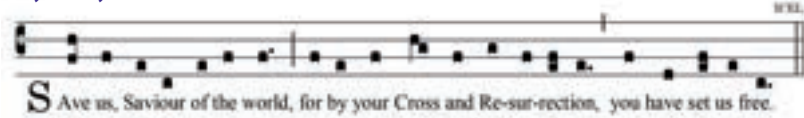


*Cantors * All* *Mass XVIII*

HO - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-sán-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-sán-na in the high-est.

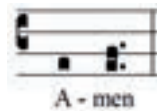
Mystery of Faith

Missal tone



S Ave us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Re-sur-recti-on, you have set us free.

Amen



A - men

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

On the first Sunday of each month, the Lord's Prayer is sung in Latin.
Please join in singing the 'Pater noster' below:



Pa-ter noster, qui es in cae-lis: sancti-fi-cé-tur no-men tu-um;
Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name;

Advé-ni-at regnum tu-um; fi-at vo-lúntas tu-a, sic-ut in cae-lo
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as

et in ter-ra. Panem nostrum co-ti-di-á-num da no-bis hó-di -e;
it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;

et di-mitte no-bis dé-bi-ta nostra, sic-ut et nos dimít-timus de-bi-tó-
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

ri-bus nostris; et ne nos indú-cas in ten-ta-ti-o- nem; sed li-be-ra
against us; And lead us not into temptation; but deliver

nos a ma-lo.
us from evil.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei

Chant Mass 'ad libitum II'



VI
A -gnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-ré-re
no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-
ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :
dona no-bis pa-cem.

Agnus Dei

Mass for Four Voices

W. Byrd

Communion Antiphon

11:00am Mass

(Mt 17:9)

Visionem quam vidistis, nemini dixeritis, donec a mortuis resurgat Filius hominis.

Tell no one about the vision you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

Communion Hymn 'Tis good Lord, to be here



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here; your
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here; your
3. Ful - fill - er of the past, our
4. Be - fore we taste of death, we
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, yet
1. glo - ry fills the night. Your
2. beau - ty to be - hold, where
3. hope of things to be, we
4. see your king - dom come; we
5. we may not re - main; but
1. face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine
2. Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your
3. hail your bo - dy glo - ri - fied, and
4. long to hold the vi - sion bright, and
5. since you bid us leave the mount, come
1. with un - bor - rowed light.
2. mes - sen - gers of old.
3. our re - demp - tion see.
4. make this hill our home.
5. with us to the plain.

Text: Based on Luke 9:32-33; Joseph Augustine Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
Tune: FRANCONIA 06:06; Melody adapt. William Henry Hazard, 1793-1870 from a chorale by Johann Baptist Köhler, 1691-1758

8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. R.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

R. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

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!



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow
For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling **1800 024 413**.



St Patrick's Day
BUSINESS BREAKFAST

17 MARCH 2023 **7:00AM 9:00AM**

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr Andrew Charlton MP
Federal Member for Parramatta

TICKETS: \$100 PP

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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" followed by "Sacrament of Eucharist" beginning in May. 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.

Remembering Baptism 3	4:30pm Sat 04 March	Parents & children
Ritual to Remember Baptism	4:30pm Sat 18 March	Parents & children
Sacrament of Eucharist 1	7:30pm Tue 02 May	Parents
Sacrament of Eucharist 2	7:30pm Tue 16 May	Parents
Sacrament of Eucharist 3	4:30pm Sat 27 May	Parents & children
Practice for First Eucharist	4:00pm Sat 03 June	Parents & children
First Eucharist	9:30am Sun 11 June	Parents & children

Thank You!

Baldo and I have been overwhelmed by the continued pastoral support of St Pat's people over the past few months before and after Baldo's surgery.

Special thanks to all the Prayer Warriors, for your persistent intercession heavenward on our behalf.

God bless you for caring. *Marian Polizzi*

From the Hospitality Coordinator

Thanks to those who contributed supplies and cash donations to the cloister café over the last two Sundays:

Angelo has become a regular donor of packets of biscuits, Geanette made delicious mini samosas, Jasmine and Joe bought homemade mini muffins, and last Sunday Belinda secretly stashed a cash donation into my hand at the barbecue fundraiser for our WYD pilgrims. God's blessing on you for your community spirit!

Social and Fundraising Group

Thank you to the two ladies who have put their hands up to help organise social and fundraising events for the Cathedral community as well as to promote faith to beyond our parish boundary.

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

If you are interested in joining, please register with the Cathedral office. You don't need to be extraordinary. Come as you are!

Laudato Si' Divestment Day of Action

St Patrick's Cathedral is hosting a multi-faith service this **Thursday 09 March**, 9:30am - 10:30am, followed by refreshments. This is inspired by Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* and is a call to governments and industry to divest from fossil fuels. It is being organised by the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) and will feature prayers and readings led by various Christian leaders, including Bishop Vincent, and leaders from other faith traditions such as Islam, Judaism and Buddhism. It is certain to be a moving experience. All are welcome!

Pray for our Elect!

Last Sunday afternoon we hosted the Rite of Election for those adults from across our diocese who are seeking baptism in the Catholic Church. Over forty people were present with their sponsors and clergy. As mentioned already, we have five people seeking baptism (along with confirmation and Eucharist) from this parish (Suna, Daniel, Justin, Emily and Jenny) who will celebrate the scrutinies at the Vigil Masses in the coming weeks and will move into a deeper phase of their formation as the day of their initiation (Easter Vigil Mass) draws closer. We will feature some of their profiles in the bulletin over the next couple of weeks - please pray for them!



Lost Property - Pyx

If this looks like something you have lost, (Nicholas) please see parish office staff.

Enrolling Now for 2024

Come and see our school! School tours will run during Catholic Schools Week on Tuesday 7th March, Wednesday 8th March and Thursday 9th March. All tours begin at 9:15am and finish by 11am.

Book directly for a school tour by visiting our website under Enrolment/Visiting Our School.

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2024 (First Round Offers) are due by mid March 2023. Applications for other years may be submitted at any time.

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

For the diary...

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

09 March: Multi-faith Service (Cathedral, 9:30am)

17 March: St Patrick's Day Business Breakfast

19 March: St Patrick's Day Parish Celebration

27 May: Pentecost Retreat Day



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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 - Each **Friday @ 6:00pm** in the Cloister/Cathedral.

Lenten Groups - Each **Tuesday @ 9:30am** for the duration of Lent in the presbytery office.

Also on **Saturdays @ 7:00pm** in the Cloister Function Room - *A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion* presented by Charbel Raish of Parousia Media. See below.



NO
GREATER
LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION

Lenten Program 2023

Synopsis: Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than ever.

Presenter: Charbel Raish of Parousia Media

Session 1	Saturday, February 25	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Session 2	Saturday, March 4	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Session 3	Saturday, March 11	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Session 4	Saturday, March 18	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Session 5	Saturday, March 25	7.00pm - 8.30pm

Venue: Cloister Function Room

Pentecost Retreat Day

Saturday, May 27 10:00am - 3:30pm

Participants will be asked to rsvp closer to the day

Venue: Cathedral

Prayer Intentions

We pray for our beloved dead...

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them..."*

Recently Deceased: Joseph J Perrottet, Leslie Riedling, Nat Fedyk, Noble Flursheim, Amelin Tino, Amaflor Youngman, Fr Paul Trong Nguyen, Joe Howard, Emmanuel Combis, Margaret McCallum, Usha Narang, Cardinal George Pell, Alfonsis Totis

Deceased: Barbara Wood, Ma Maurice Briganza, Abe & Abe F Nozoula, Ab & Abe E Graciers, Madeline, Anthony, Patrick, Rosa, Raymond, David O'Connor, Franceska Sajn, Sr Stella, Zita Subasinghe, Gloria Wang, Margaret McCallium, McCallum & Foran families, Giuseppini Rechichi, Juliette Perrottet, Vittoria & Joseph Teuma, Helen Efimeo, Peter Burton, YT & Deanna Hsu

Anniversaries: Chad E Bool, Constancio Valdez, Leonor Quinalayo, Johannes & Maria Lelyveld, Teresa Rodrigues, Gracie Rodricks, Bernard Rodricks, Bernard Rodricks, Prem Narang, Judy Gallagher, Joseph D'Bela, Agapito Antonio

Perpetuals: Nat Fedyk, 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: Louie Wehbe, John Lowe, Baldo Polizzi, Marcel Melick, Peter Newman, Edward C, Vincent Rowan, Daniel & Alicia Altmann, Gerard Noonan, Ian Marshall, Lilian Hassin, Maria Davino, Rosa Rizak, Fatima, Cristofer Doughty, Barbera Hector, Nicole & Rita Slatter, 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, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: Annabelle Perrottet, Celeste Perrottet, NSW Election, Pedro Romulo, Nikola Senjak, Rebecca Ramirez, Cresilda Gantuangco, Naleen, Tian, Raveen, Zuo Loong Hsu, Stephen Senjak, Patrick Newman, 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

BAPTISMS

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



**Cassian Grace
Aaron Gomesdelan
Mariana Jefferson**

Please pray for these children and their families.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March



For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 27 February*

"I renew my appeal to make a dialogue prevail over hatred and vengeance in the Holy Land, and I pray to God for Palestinians and Israelis, that they may find the path to fraternity and peace, with the help of the international community."

Saint of the Week

09 March - St Frances of Rome (1384-1440), Religious

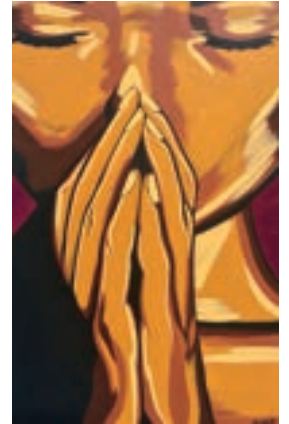
Frances was born in Rome in 1384 and was married at the age of 13. Although she had wanted to be a nun, she was happily married for 40 years and had three sons. She distributed gifts to the poor and ministered to the sick. She was remarkable for her humility and detachment, her obedience and patience in adversity, of which she experienced a great deal. She was a mystic and contemplative, part of the great flourishing of mysticism in that period, and after her husband's death she retired to a convent she had founded, where she died on 09 March 1440.



(Information: Universalis)

“Quote of the Week”

"Prayer creates that openness where God can give himself to people. Indeed, God wants to give himself; he wants to surrender himself to the person he has created, he even begs to be admitted into the human heart."



Fr Henri Nouwen
(1932-1996)
Priest and Theologian
With Open Hands

Welcome to our seminarian-in-residence, Jeff Hood!

I GREW UP IN Murwillumbah on the North Coast. I have worked for a large part of my life as a Psychologist and Psychotherapist in various settings. I spent a few years working as the State Training Manager for the St Vincent de Paul Society in NSW, was the inaugural Co-ordinator of Bereavement Services at Sacred Heart Hospice in Darlinghurst and taught at the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement. For most of my working life, I have taught at various universities and training institutes, teaching trainee psychologists, psychotherapists, and medical students. After graduating in Drama and Theatre Studies from Monash University, I taught there for ten years.

I spent four years as a seminarian, mostly at St Francis Xavier Seminary in Adelaide. More recently, I completed formation as a Spiritual Director at the Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation in Melbourne. My most recent work was as a spiritual director, as a Pastoral Supervisor for clergy, and as a lecturer and supervisor at Heart of Life and the University of Divinity.

As a psychologist and spiritual director, I have witnessed the deep woundedness that many people experience, myself included. Many of us don't believe that we are lovable. We often struggle to believe, in the deepest places of our being, that God loves us – deeply and passionately. About five years ago, I experienced a very difficult time in my life, a time of very deep questioning. Lots of things that I thought were important ceased to be so. The outcome of my period of struggle was a renewed confidence in God's constant loving presence, and a strong desire to commit my life to working to make God's love more known in our struggling world, as a priest.

During my time here at St Patrick's, I hope to meet many of you, to learn from you, and to discover God's love more deeply through your prayers and through our encounters. I assure you of my prayers during this great renewal time of Lent.

Jeff Hood



The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent
March 5th, 2023

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What did Peter, James and John hear from the bright cloud when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain?

Look in the mirror to find out!

Jesus Shows His Glory



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun- so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of this moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven.

Jesus gave this experience to the three apostles just a little while before He went to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross. He knew that they would be terrified and very sad when He died so He gave them a preview of the glory He would go back to after He rose from the dead. That way they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

Sometimes we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.



Answer to Word Find: well He had them.
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Word Find

JESUS took Peter, JAMES, and JOHN his brother, and led them up a high MOUNTAIN by THEMSELVES. And he was TRANSFIGURED before them; his FACE SHONE like the SUN and his CLOTHES became WHITE as LIGHT. And behold, Moses and ELIJAH appeared to them, conversing with him. Then PETER said to Jesus in reply, "LORD, it is GOOD that we are here. If you wish, I will make THREE tents here, one for you, one for MOSES and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright CLOUD cast a SHADOW OVER them, then from the cloud came a VOICE that said, "This is my beloved SON, with whom I am well PLEASED; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they FELL prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "RISE, and do not be AFRAID." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus ALONE.

Find all the words in CAPITALS above in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks below.

After all this happened, Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone

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Saint Frances of Rome March 9



SAINT FRANCES OF ROME WANTED TO PRAY AND HELP THE POOR AS A NUN, BUT GOD WANTED HER TO DO WHAT HER FATHER TOLD HER. BECAUSE SHE WAS RICH SHE WAS ABLE TO HELP MANY POOR PEOPLE. GOD WANTS US TO USE OUR TALENTS AND THE GOOD THINGS WE HAVE TO HELP OTHERS.

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