



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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**12 March 2023 - 3rd 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

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## "I wonder if he is the Christ?"

THIS YEAR, being Year A in our liturgical cycle, we are focused on the Gospel of Matthew, and this yields some wonderful Gospel extracts at our Masses, most especially this weekend and over the next two Sundays of Lent. Each of the three Gospels we hear on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent are significant because they coincide with what are known as the "scrutinies", prayers of purification and encouragement for those adults preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. We are fortunate to have five Elect here at St Patrick's.

This weekend sees us with Jesus at Jacob's well where he meets a Samaritan woman ostracised by her community because of her perceived immorality. Next weekend we will witness Jesus give sight to the man born blind, and in two weeks' time Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, declaring, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Returning to this weekend's Gospel, we witness a fascinating development in faith on the part of the Samaritan woman. Her experience is not unlike that of the many people who come to faith later in life, not having been baptised as babies or children, such as the five Elect in our parish. Jesus, taking the initiative, speaks to the woman but she does not see in Jesus anyone special, just a Jewish man boldly asking a Samaritan (and a female at that!) for a drink of water. Guiding her with some enigmatic words and a gentle manner, Jesus prompts something in her that arouses her curiosity. She begins to see Jesus as more than a person asking for a cup of water, for Jesus can see beyond what others have seen in their encounters with her. He knows everything about her, including intimate details, but doesn't judge her, as the townsfolk have done. Jesus is the "living water" and as such has no interest in condemning the woman, only bringing her to new life. This he does, for she moves quickly from having only a curiosity in Jesus to wondering if he is the Messiah and from there bringing many of the citizens of the Samaritan town to believe in Jesus as the Christ. A remarkable series of events in a short space of time!

Though we might think that nothing in this scenario has any great significance for us, since we are already people of faith, it is important to not forget that Jesus, being "living water", does not want anything but fullness of life for us. It might be easy to forget this during Lent when we are focused more than usual on our shortcomings as Christian disciples. As with the Samaritan woman, Jesus is always gently calling us back to him out of love for us, not condemning us because of our faults and failings, as others might, but asking us to look honestly at where we have failed to love as he modelled for us and giving us the opportunity to recommit ourselves to discipleship.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we not be afraid of condemnation but rather, like the Samaritan woman, come to understand the love our God has for us and, with the same awe, wonder and enthusiasm as she, spread the message of Jesus to all whom we encounter.

*Wishing you a blessed Lenten season,*

*Fr Robert*



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# LITURGY GUIDE

## ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Procession

I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come  
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -  
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I

1. un - to me and rest; lay down, O wea - ry  
2. hold, I free - ly give the liv - ing wa - ter;  
3. am this dark world's light; look un - to me, your

1. one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
2. thirst - y one, stoop down and drink and live."  
3. morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

1. I came to Je - sus as I was, so  
2. I came to Je - sus, and I drank of  
3. I looked to Je - sus, and I found in

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a  
2. that life - giv - ing stream; my thirst was quenched, my  
3. him my star, my sun; and in that light of

1. rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
2. soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
3. life I'll walk till trav - 'lling days are done.

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Introit 11am

Oculi me semper ad Dominum

Ps.24;15,16

### Translation

My eyes are forever turned towards the Lord; for he shall release my feet from the snare; look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am abandoned and destitute.

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.

Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit....

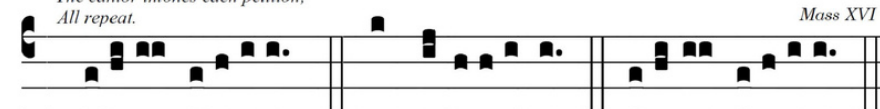
## PENITENTIAL ACT

### Kyrie

Chant Mass XVII - Missa Primitiva

The cantor intones each petition;  
All repeat.

Mass XVI



KY-ri-e e-lé-i-son. Chri-ste e-lé-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son.

Kyrie 11:00am

Missa "Sine nomine"

G.P.da Palestrina

3rd Sunday

Lent Year A



### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words and phrases

- The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.
- Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again.
- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
- Give us water to drink.
- God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.
- Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

#### • to the point

The conversation about water between Jesus and the woman at the well begins on a literal level - draw water, bucket, cistern. Jesus, however, takes the conversation to the spiritual level - living water as the 'gift of God.' This 'gift of God' moves the woman from conversation with a Jewish man to encounter with the 'Saviour of the world.'

### Connecting the Gospel

#### • to baptism

The Samaritan woman's deepening understanding of who Jesus is and coming to believe in him captures the catechumens' journey in coming to know Jesus, believe in him, and approach the living waters of baptism.

#### • to human experience

We often bypass relatively inexpensive, readily available tap water to buy expensive 'designer' water. The living water Jesus gives is a free gift of God.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Collect

Let us pray.

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus (17:3-7)

*Give us water to drink.*

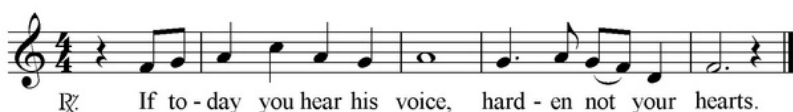
Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9



## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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:* Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

**R.** Glory to you.....

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water  
will get thirsty again;  
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give  
will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give  
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming  
when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.  
You worship what you do not know;  
we worship what we do know;  
for salvation comes from the Jews.  
But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -  
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:  
that is the kind of worshipper  
the Father wants.  
God is spirit,  
and those who worship



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Gospel cont.

must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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      Justitiæ Domini rectæ      G.P.da Palestrina

Justitiæ Domini rectæ, laetificantes corda ;  
et judicia eius dulciora super mel et favum.  
Nam servus tuus custodit ea.

*The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;  
his judgments sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.  
For thy servant keeps them.*

**Text: Psalm 18(19):9a,11b-12a**

## Sanctus

Chant Mass XVIII

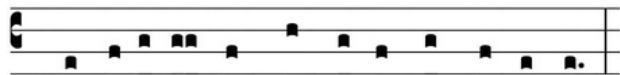
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H O - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



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

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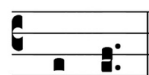


WE pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rec-tion



un-til you come a-gain.

## Amen



A - men

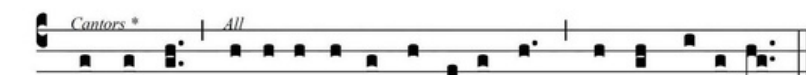
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### The Lord's Prayer

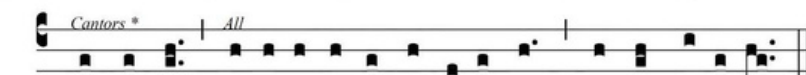
### Agnus Dei

Missal Tone

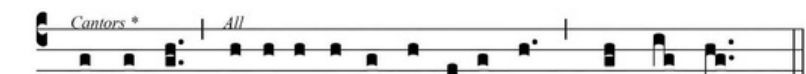
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L - Amb of God \* you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer- cy on us.



Lamb of God \* you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer- cy on us.



Lamb of God \* you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Agnus Dei

Missa "Sine nomine"

G.P.da Palestrina



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Communion Antiphon

11:00am Mass Qui biberit aquam Jn 4:13,14

Qui biberit aquam, quam ego do, dicit Dominus Samaritanæ,  
fiet in eo fons aquæ salientis in vitam æternam.

*"Whosoever drinks the water that I shall offer", said the Lord  
(to the Samaritan woman), "shall have within them a spring of  
water welling up unto eternal life."*

## Communion Hymn Just as a lost and thirsty deer

1. Just as a lost and thirst - y deer  
2. Both day and night I cry a - loud;  
3. Brok - en and hurt, I call to mind  
4. Why am I now so lost and low?

1. longs for a cool and run - ning stream,  
2. tears have be - come my on - ly food,  
3. how in the past I served the Lord,  
4. Why am I troub - led and con - fused?

1. I thirst for you, the liv - ing God,  
2. while all a - round cruel voic - es ask,  
3. wor - shipped and walked with hap - py crowds  
4. Giv - en no an - swer, still I hope

1. an - xious to know that you are near.  
2. "Where is your God? Where is your God?"  
3. sing - ing and shout - ing praise to God.  
4. and trust my Sa - viour and my God.

Text: Psalm 42: 1-6 Paraphrase John L. Bell, b.1949 & Graham Maule, b.1958, from *Love From Below*  
Tune: THIRSTING FOR GOD 88.88; John L. Bell  
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## Next Week's Readings

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Readings:

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13: In the presence of  
the Lord God, they anointed David king of  
Israel.

Ps 22: R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is  
nothing I shall want.

Eph 5:8-14: Rise from the dead, and Christ  
will shine on you.

Jn 9:1-41: The blind man went off and  
washed himself and came away with his sight  
restored.

*Do you believe  
in the Son of  
Man?*



## 8:00am Mass Propers

### Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

**R.** If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' R.

### Gospel Acclamation

R. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

R. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.

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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.

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For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or [enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto: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.

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## 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" 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](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au) or phone 8839 8412.

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

## Extra good news!

Issue 115, the first St Pat's Matters for 2023, will be available this weekend.

Take a copy home to peruse at leisure and discover the wide and varied range of stories that unfold between its covers. One copy per family, please.



## Cloister Cafe

There is definitely a 'buzz' around the place. Events are appearing in the diary, community is coming together and the weather is great. Come over for a cuppa this weekend to chat with new friends/acquaintances. As always, many thanks to those who continually donate supplies for our morning tea. God bless you.

## Social and Fundraising Group

We are up and running with two large events happening very soon.

If you are more a 'hands on' person and don't like to attend meetings, we have a job for you! Send the cathedral office an email. You don't need to be extraordinary. Come as you are!

## For the diary...

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

**17 March:** St Patrick's Day Business Breakfast

**19 March:** St Patrick's Parish Feast Day Celebration

**29 April:** WYD Trivia Night

**27 May:** Pentecost Retreat Day

## St Patrick's Parish Feast Day Celebration - Journey to WYD 2023

The date is getting closer and the journey we are about to go on, more real. Stacie, Kayleigh and I attended the LIFTED event on 23 February and had the opportunity to meet other pilgrims from the Parramatta Diocese. We were fitted for our shirts and jacket and the logistics shared for what was ahead in the coming weeks. It is very exciting to be so close to what we have been talking about for over 12 months...BUT...we do need your help to get there!

Please PRAY for us and all the WYD pilgrims, that we will be guided by our Lord and our Heavenly Mother to make the most of this opportunity. Please continue to SUPPORT us with our fundraising efforts. We really appreciate all the support so far you have given through our raffle and sausage sizzles.

We have planned a few more activities to help us get to WYD. On **Sunday 19 March**, as part of our parish celebration of St Patrick's Day, please support our food stalls and enjoy a bite of lunch. We will also launch our WYD big raffle.

Save the Date for **Saturday 29 April**, we will be hosting an evening of Trivia with a Silent Auction. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parishioners and see if you might be our parish's trivia champion. We look forward to seeing you there! See flyer over page.

**Bakers:** The favourite stall is the 'cake stall'. Can all you gifted bakers get your 'tried and true' recipes out ready to go into production? Simple slices, loaves, biscuits and cakes will be very much appreciated. Please leave them in the cloister cafe on the day from 9:00am onwards. Thank you in anticipation! *Caitlin*

## Cleaning of artwork

You may notice some activity around the chapel and cathedral in the coming weeks and some of our metalwork missing. Fear not! It is just getting a much-needed clean!



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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY ✨

## Parish Celebration

Sunday 19 March,  
St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta



### 01/ The Fun

Bring your family and friends and come out to enjoy St Patrick's Day in the Cloister. Stalls include a Pop-Up White Elephant Stall, Plants, Food, Gelato, Cakes, Drinks, ✨ Books Also a Jumping Castle etc.



### 02/ Food and drink

Food stalls will be running to support our World Youth Day pilgrims. Come and buy some Mauritian, Filipino or Italian food. Barbecue will be cooking too! Cool down with a gelato! ✨



### 03/ Music and dance

Irish dancers will be here to entertain the crowd. Dance along to Irish music.

### 04/ Get your clover

Wear something green and pick up a clover pin for \$2 from one of our stalls to show everyone that you are a parishioner of St Patrick's Parramatta.



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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:** Zakie Baysari, 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 Sajin, 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

**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:** James Murphy, 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 Lipek, 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...



**Isabella Jackson  
Julia Karam  
Samuel Mills-Attard  
Marcus Mills-Attard**

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 09 March*

"Every baptized person is sent to announce the Good News by loving and serving others. We cannot remain mere spectators. Apostolic zeal impels us to always seek new ways of proclaiming and witnessing to God's love."

## Saint of the Week

**18 March** - St Cyril of Jerusalem (315-386), Bishop

Cyril was born in 315 of Christian parents and succeeded Maximus as bishop of Jerusalem in 348. He was active in the Arian controversy and was exiled more than once as a result. His pastoral zeal is especially shown in his *Catecheses*, in which he expounded orthodox doctrine, holy Scripture and the traditions of the faith. They are still read today, and several of the Second Readings of the Church's Office of Readings are taken from them. He died in 386. He is held in high esteem by both the Catholics and the Orthodox, and he was declared a Doctor of the Church by the Pope in 1883.



(Information: Universalis)

## "Quote of the Week"

"...that means trying to see things, persons, and choices from the angle of eternity; and dealing with them as part of the material in which the Spirit works. This will be decisive for the way we behave as to our personal, social and national obligations. It will decide the papers we read, the movements we support, the kind of administrators we vote for, our attitude to social and international justice. For though we may renounce the world for ourselves...we have to accept it as the sphere in which we are to cooperate with the Spirit and try to do [God's] will."

**Evelyn Underhill**  
(1875-1941)  
English writer and mystic  
*The Spiritual Life*



## Getting to know.... Jenny from the RCIA

I am an older single lady who lives alone with my two therapy cats. Due to my health-related disabilities I am no longer able to pursue my two great loves, ie. playing ice hockey and running. I read voraciously mainly true crime and crime fiction and also the Bible. My only family is my foster daughter, 32, who is currently living overseas. I am uni educated with degrees in Ancient Rome History and have also studied comparative religions. My journey to faith and God has been one I never thought I would take due to events in my childhood and early life. I truly hated God and was full of anger. Several months ago I met a wonderful lady who truly loved God and slowly she showed me that I had been wrong to hate a God who loved me no matter what. I then met Father Matthew and the two of them completely changed my heart. I began to let go of the anger and hate and let God in. Each day I am amazed that he can love me and I ask his forgiveness. In embracing God and his love I have found a peace I have never known and ask for your prayers as I continue on my faith journey.



## 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.

# Pentecost Retreat Day

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

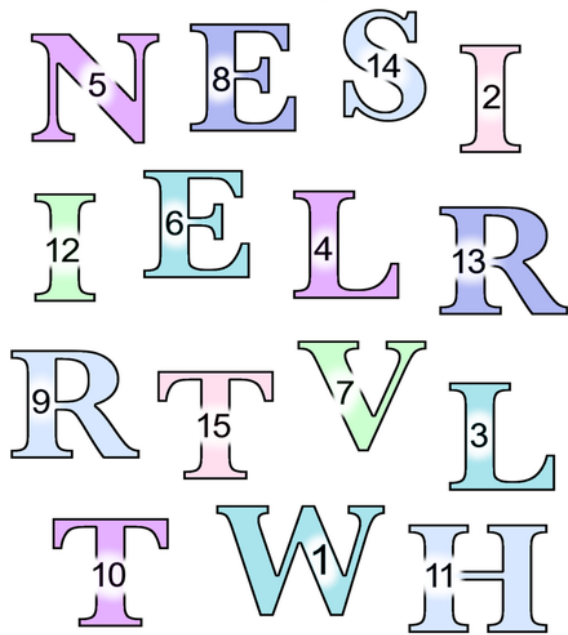
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Venue: Cathedral

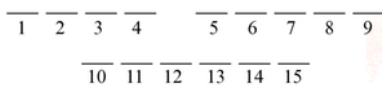


# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 12th, 2023



Jesus says that if we drink  
His living water, we



## Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.

Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.



When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



Answer to puzzle inside: because, hearts, spirit, given, still, time, difficulty, might, courage, God. "Christ died"

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## Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box.  
Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

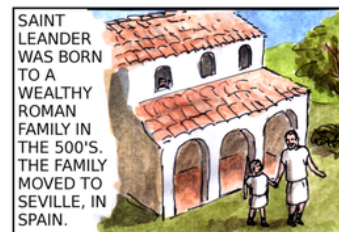
And hope does not disappoint,  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ the love of God has  
been poured into our 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
through the Holy 3. \_\_\_\_\_ who  
has been 4. \_\_\_\_\_ to us. For  
Christ, while we were 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
helpless, died at the appointed  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ for the ungodly. Indeed,  
only with 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
does one die for a just person, though  
perhaps for a good person one  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ even find  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ to die. But  
10. \_\_\_\_\_ proves his love for us in that...  
...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR US.  
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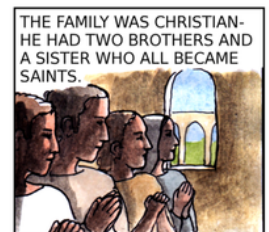
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## Saint Leander of Seville

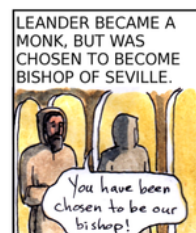
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SAINT LEANDER WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY ROMAN FAMILY IN THE 500'S. THE FAMILY MOVED TO SEVILLE, IN SPAIN.



THE FAMILY WAS CHRISTIAN. HE HAD TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER WHO ALL BECAME SAINTS.



LEANDER BECAME A MONK, BUT WAS CHOSEN TO BECOME BISHOP OF SEVILLE.



So you see, Jesus isn't really God.

AT THAT TIME MANY PEOPLE AND LEADERS BELIEVED IN THE ARIAN HERESY.



LEANDER HELPED CONVERT THE KING'S SON, BUT WAS SENT INTO EXILE.

Send that bishop away!



IN EXILE IN BYZANTIUM HE MET AND BECAME FRIENDS WITH POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT.

Your holiness!



I believe in one God, the Father Almighty...

SAINT LEANDER WROTE AND PREACHED AGAINST THE HERESY, BRINGING MANY BACK TO THE TRUE FAITH. HE STARTED USING THE NICENE CREED IN THE MASS.

SAINT LEANDER DIED AROUND THE YEAR 600. WHEN HE DIED HIS BROTHER BECAME THE NEW BISHOP. BECAUSE THE LEADERS HATED THE TRUTH, BISHOP LEANDER HAD RISKED HIS LIFE TO TRY TO CONVERT PEOPLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FAITH.

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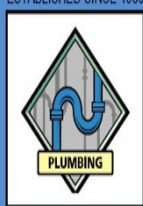
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