



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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07 May 2023 - 5th Sunday of Easter (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

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"To have seen me is to have seen the Father."

"YOU HAVE THE Dowling nose" is something I have been told a number of times. I'm sure they mean it as a compliment. When we look at babies we look for physical family traits but as children get older we often see it more in their behaviour. "She got that beautiful maternal nature from her mum." "He's a deep thinker, just like his dad." My daughter's personality is entirely different to both my wife's and mine but she is very, very like my wife's sister.



As we get older we grow to realise that some of these traits come through their underlying nature and some are learned from living within the family. While it seems to be a normal aspect of children's growth that they may push back on their parents' values and behaviours at some point in their lives, in the longer run, children from functional families seem to generally live with similar values to those they were brought up with.

All of us belong to two families: we have our natural family - the family we were born into, and our spiritual family - the one we choose to be part of. Each of us may be recognisable as part of our natural family, but how recognisable are we as part of our spiritual family?

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." One way we can understand Jesus as the "Way", is that we can only come to the Father through him, and that is correct, but there is also another way to understand this: in Jewish wisdom literature, the "way" was a way of living - the "way" of the wicked, the "way" of the wise.

Phillip asks Jesus to show him the Father, and Jesus tells him: "To have seen me is to have seen the Father." In other words, "If you pay attention to what I do and what I say, you will see the Father in me." The traits of the Father - love, mercy, forgiveness, truth - are all obvious in the Son. In a later passage, Jesus will go on to say "...I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you". So these family traits that come from the Father, and were lived out by Christ, should be obvious in our lives. They should be obvious in our individual lives, and also in how we operate together as a community, a Church.

St Peter tells us that we have been specially chosen to be a "royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God". He tells us we are to be "living stones making a spiritual house." The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows us how the early Christians lived out this calling. They were making daily distributions of food and charity to widows. A complaint arose because a particular group was being left out. The Apostles held a meeting, the community chose seven people to help, the issue got solved and the community continued to grow. They conducted all this with the kind of character that was recognisably Christian.

This week let us ask ourselves two questions. First, "Am I recognisable as a Christian?" And as we move towards our diocesan synod, let us reflect on the early Church and ask ourselves: "Are we recognisable as a Christian community?"

Wishing you an abundance of blessings throughout Easter,

Deacon David

LITURGY GUIDE

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession

At the Lamb's high feast we sing



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -
2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel
3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, Pow'rs of hell be -
4. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, Sin a - lone can



1. to - rious King; Who has washed us in the tide
2. sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
3. neath you lie; Death is bro - ken in the fight,
4. these des - troy; From sin's death now set us free:



1. Flow - ing from his o - pened side. Praise we him, whose
2. Through the wave that drowns the foe. Christ the Lamb, whose
3. You have brought us life and light. Vict - 'ry's ban - ner
4. Souls re - born, O Lord, we'll be. Hymns of glo - ry,



1. love di - vine Gives his sac - red blood for wine,
2. blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread!
3. you now wave, Conqu - 'ring Sa - tan and the grave;
4. songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to you we raise;

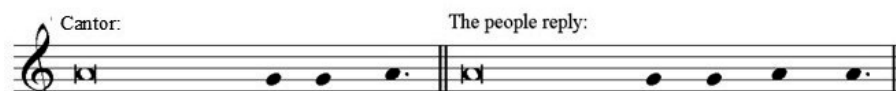


1. Gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
2. With sin - cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove.
3. See the prince of dark - ness quelled, Heav - en's gates are o - pen held.
4. And to you, our ris - en King, With the Spir - it, praise we sing.

Text: *Ad regias agni dapes*; Latin 4th century; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868.
Tune: SALZBURG 77.77D; Melody from Jakob Hintze 1622-1702
Harmony by J.S. Bach 1685-1750

PENITENTIAL ACT

Cel: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.



Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned a - gainst you.



Show us, O Lord, your mer - cy. And grant us your sal - va - tion.

The Priest gives the absolution:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

5th Sunday of Easter - Year A



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

- Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.
- I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
- Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
- You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God.
- The Lord is the living stone.

to the point

When asked 'how can we know the way?' Jesus does not provide a roadmap. Instead Jesus' answer is a surprisingly personal one: 'I am the way and the truth and the life.' In turn Jesus' disclosure requires an equally personal response from us: 'have faith . . . in me.' Easter faith is more than creed; it is relationship.

Connecting the Gospel...

to Pentecost

Precisely because faith is such a struggle, Jesus sends the Spirit as our Consoler and Advocate.

to our religious experience

Here it is, already the Fifth Sunday of Easter and the Lectionary confronts us with the continuing struggle to know and understand the person of Jesus.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Kyrie

Mass Shalom

C.D.Smith

The cantor intones each petition; All repeat.



Kyrie 11:00am

Missa "Stelliferi conditor"

Chant Mass XIII

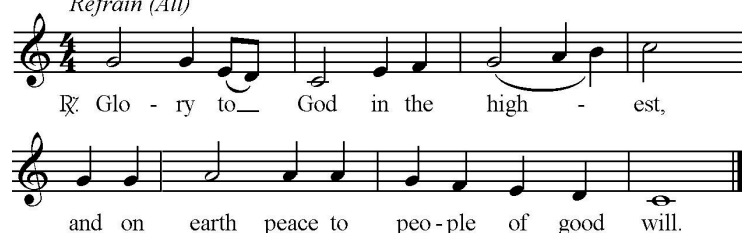
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Gloria

Mass Shalom

Smith/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.....



Gloria 11:00am Missa "Christ lag in todesbanden" F.Zachow

Sung by the cathedral choir. 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.

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.

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**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7)

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19)



Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (2:4-9)

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



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Cantor:

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me. **R.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-12)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Homily

Profession of Faith

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.

Universal Prayer

PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS



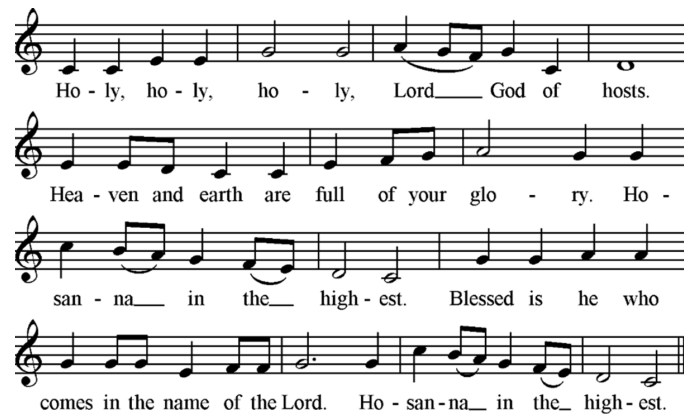
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Offertory Motet Christus resurgens J. Richafort

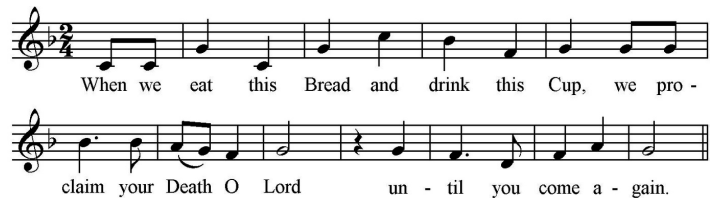
Christ, rising again from the dead, dies now no more.
Death shall no more have dominion over him.
For in that he died to sin, he died once:
but in that he lives, he lives unto God. Alleluia.
He died for our sins and rose again for our justification,
who lives unto God. Alleluia.

Anyone who has seen me
has seen the Father...
John 14:9

Sanctus (Holy, Holy) Mass Shalom Smith/Mason



Mystery of Faith Congress Mass A. Rees



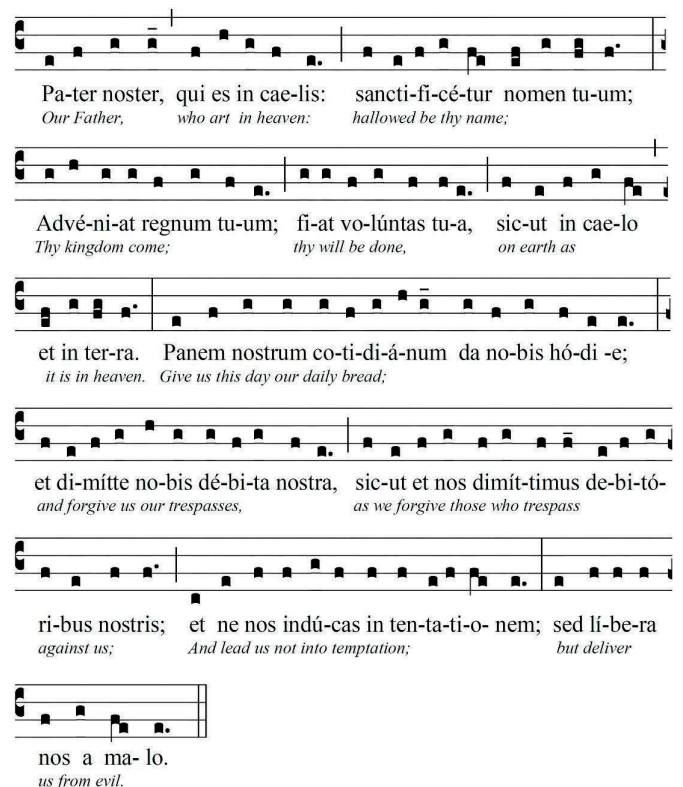
Amen Congress Mass A. Rees



COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

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

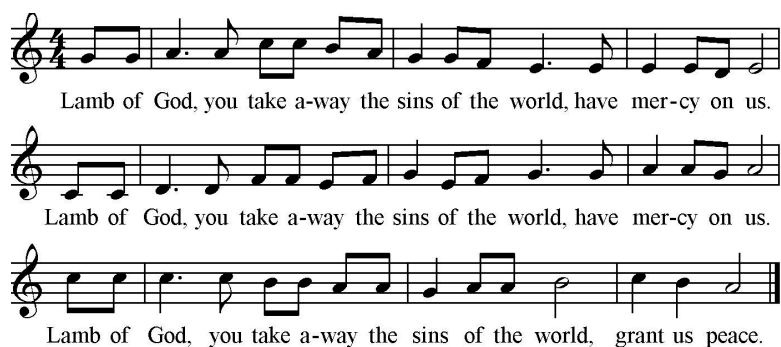


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Agnus Dei

Missa "Christ lag in todesbanden" F. Zachow

Communion Antiphon

Ego sum vitis vera

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Communion Hymn

You are the way, in you alone



Text: George Washington Doane, 1799-1859; alt. 1977 Becket G. Senchur, b.1946
Tune: TALLIS' ORDINAL 86.86; Thomas Tallis, c.1505-1585

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

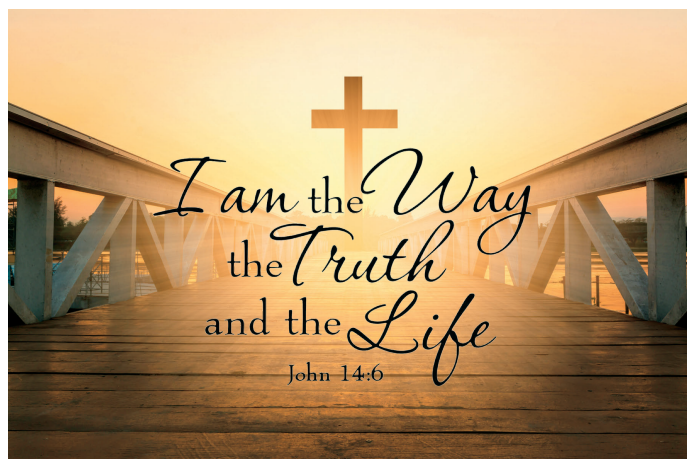
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17: They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20: R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

2nd Reading: 1 Pet 3:15-18: In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel: Jn 14: 15-21: I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.



8:00AM MASS PROPERS

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
R.

For 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.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

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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!

WYD Fundraising

Our sincere gratitude to all parishioners for your support of the World Youth Day Fundraising for the three pilgrims from the parish.

Trivia Night

Thank you to all who attended the Trivia night last Saturday in the hall. Despite the cold and wet weather, the event was blessed with a great turn out. Trivia was a lot of fun with suggestions from some that 'we should do this often'.

Thank you to the pilgrims and their families for cooking various dishes sold on the night and for organising a fun night for the parish.

Raffle

Many thanks for your support of the raffle for World Youth Day. The raffle was drawn last weekend and the winners are:

- 1st prize - Mark Slee
- 2nd prize -Yvonne Silveira
- 3rd prize - Michael Guillema
- 4th prize - Jodie Matta
- 5th prize - Michael Guillema
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- 6th prize - Alister Lawrence
- 7th prize - Marian Polizzi
- 8th prize - Josephine Romanos
- 9th prize - re donated

A few photos from the night....



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:

Preparation for First Eucharist - 2023

Preparation sessions for Eucharist for children 7 years or older who have completed Reconciliation will be continuing in Term 2 2023.

The calendar of remaining sessions of preparation is as follows:

Eucharist 2: Tuesday 16 May @ 7:30pm - Parent Session

Eucharist 3: Saturday 27 May @ 4:30pm - Parent & Child Session

Practice for First Eucharist: **Saturday 3 June 2023 @ 4:00pm**

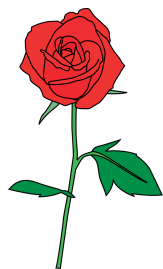
(followed by the 6:00pm Vigil Mass with Presentation of Lord's Prayer and Mass Book).

Please keep in mind that all sessions are **mandatory**.

For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for children already baptised, please contact St Patrick's Cathedral team at secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

First Holy Communion - Sunday 11 June

To encourage participation of all members of our parish family in liturgy in the parish, Family Mass is celebrated on Sundays at the 9:30am Mass. At this Mass, on 11 June, a number of children of the parish will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. It is hoped that this will be a great way of encouraging young members of our parish to actively participate in parish liturgies and other activities.



Mothers' Day roses

Mothers' Day is not too far away (14 May) and so we want to let you know that this year, as a small fundraiser for our three World Youth Day pilgrims, we will be selling single roses for **\$10.00** as a beautiful gift for mothers. Please support this beautiful enterprise and bring a smile to our mothers' faces, to say nothing of the smiles we will also bring to our WYD pilgrims!

Legion of Mary

Many of you may not be aware that the Cathedral parish has a small Legion of Mary group which meets on Tuesday evenings in the Cloister Cafe. In order to make themselves better known, and to build up a larger, more solid group, the Legion will be having a promotional stand on display over the weekend with members there to answer questions and chat with you about their activities. Say hello to them!



"The Healing and the Caring"

The modern healthcare professional is not just a technician, for this is the thinking of a body-mechanic. To explore the relationship between the healing and the caring, there will be a formation session at the Cathedral Hall from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Register at MET@parracatholic.org. There will be a "bring a plate" lunch after the session.

Annual Leave

Please note that Fr Robert will be on annual leave from next weekend and will return on Saturday 27 May.

Pentecost Sunday - Solemn Mass

Bishop Vincent will be celebrating the 11:00am Solemn Mass on Pentecost Sunday (28 May) and will be convoking the Diocesan Synod at that Mass. This will mean that the Mass will last a little longer than usual but also that there will be a considerable number of extra parishioners at that Mass from around the Diocese. All are welcome to come to this Mass as usual, of course, but please be aware of the changes outlined.

Good Samaritan Appeal

The next Diocesan appeal will take place on the weekend of **20-21 May**. The focus of this appeal is raising awareness and funds for our Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton, supporting First Nations people, and anyone in need. More information next week.

Sick and Housebound

A reminder to please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of someone living in the parish who can't get to Mass due to illness or restricted mobility and would like a visit from the clergy or from a minister of communion. It is our duty to care for ALL parishioners!

Pentecost Retreat Day

You are all invited to share and join with us in a day of REFLECTION, RENEWAL and CELEBRATION. It is a reminder about the importance of sharing our faith with others.



Date: Saturday 27 May

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Place: Cathedral Hall



Refreshments will be available. Please note any dietary requirements by email.

RSVP by **Wednesday 24 May** to: secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au or 8839 8400.



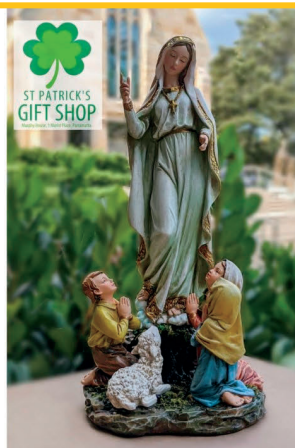
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Prayer Intentions

We pray for our beloved dead...

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

Recently Deceased: Mary-Ann B. Frani, Rachael Kee Xin Wei, Domenic Long, Colin B Linwood, Tony Dahlen, Nancy Perry, Jack McCarthy, Ishander Singh, Poh Yeen Log

Deceased: Vittoria Tuema, Julia A Cruz, Awanda, Elie Hindy, Robert Dearie, YT & Deanna Hsu, Vincent Monteiro, Deanna Hsu, Dr Armando & Dr Jacinta Reyes, Doyle D'Costa, Lauretta Reid, Rita Bayliss, Newman & Phua families, Filomena Nubla, Josefa Manubay, Lucy D'Mello, Cedric Cunningham, Purification Guillermu

Anniversaries: Joseph Tuema, Aidrian Pol O'Dombnaill, John & Danny Doolub, Lucy D'Mello, Baptist Coelho, Fernando Guillema, Marietta Pasquin Tumabini, Anna-Lena Lopez, Eddy Chung, Susana Evening, Vincenza Debono

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We also pray for...

Sick: Barbara Younis, Cyril, Angela & Ostelio, Lilly Risk, Jerome Nyambane, Jeffrey Mousley, George Abela, Patrick Marion, Flavia, Baldo Polizzi, Michelle & Ryan, James Murphy, Louie Wehbe, John Lowe, 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, Maria Lipec, Mounira Epenian, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: Madeleine Suttie, Francesca Ryan, Helen Perrottet, Elizabeth Nubla, Luise, Naleen, tian, Raveen, Raveen, All mothers living & deceased, Antonio Gatmaitan, Victoria Antonio, Ankica, Nikola, Mara, Bozo & Stephen Senjak, Chmielewski Ruzica, John Anare, Rafael Senjak, Melina & Joe, Santos family, James Attard, Sayed Epenian, Sayed Khalil, Mounira Epenian, Eddie Epenian & family, George Epenian & family, Rita Eerz, Frs Robert, Chris, Joseph and Bishop Vincent, Bernadette

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...



**Phillip Barry
Olivia Ta**

Please pray for them and their families.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May



For Church movements and groups

"We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world."

From Pope Francis...

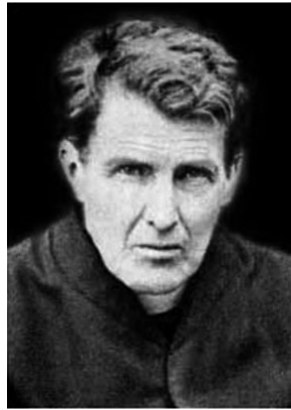
*From a tweet
dated 01 May*

"Self-knowledge means to be able to recognise our limitations and to curb the presumption of self-sufficiency. This proves beneficial because, once we realise that we are creatures, we become creative. We learn to immerse ourselves in the world instead of attempting to dominate it."

Saint of the Week

08 May - Bl. John Sullivan (1861-1933), Priest

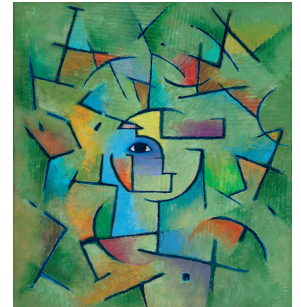
John Sullivan was born into a wealthy Dublin family and baptised in the Church of Ireland. He was received into the Catholic Church in 1896, at the age of thirty-five. Four years later, he entered the Jesuits. He was known for his life of deep spiritual reflection and personal sacrifice; he is recognised for his dedicated work with the poor and afflicted; during his lifetime, cures were attributed to his intercession, though he himself did not accept this. He spent much of his time walking and riding his bike to visit those who were troubled or ill in the villages around Clongowes Wood College school where he taught from 1907 until his death.



(Information: Universalis)

“Quote of the Week”

"Being holy...does not mean being perfect but being whole; it does not mean being exceptionally religious or being religious at all; it means being liberated from religiosity and religious pietism of any sort; it does not mean being morally better, it means being exemplary; it does not mean being godly, but rather being truly human."



William Stringfellow
(1928-1985)
Theologian & Social Critic

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“Behold, I am doing a new thing”
Isaiah 43:19

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O God, who always walks with us
on the journey of life, we call upon you
to lead us forth united.

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Keep us anchored in your love.
Open our hearts as we listen and discern.
Reveal to us the way we are called
to go out into the deep.
Give us the courage to pursue
the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local
Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,
who in the power of the Holy Spirit
continues to guide your Church, to the
fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

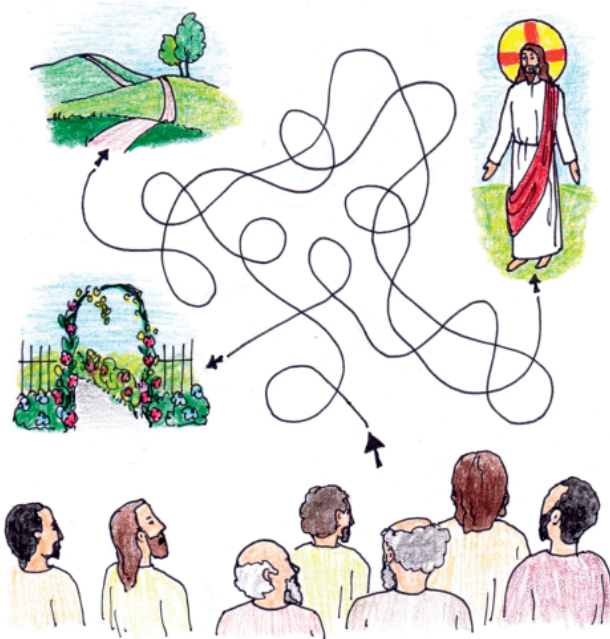
Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.



The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7th, 2023

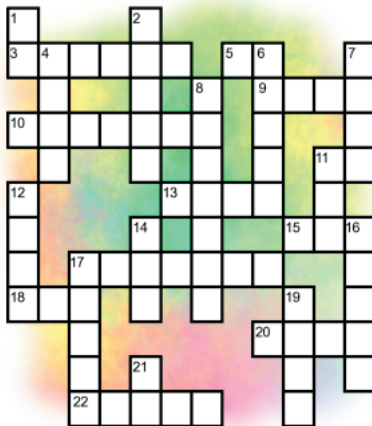


In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples the way to the Father in Heaven. Do you know which is the way? Follow the squiggly line to find out!

"Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

IS WHOEVER
OF BECAUSE
ON BELIEVE
ME FATHER
YOU WORKS
AND DOING
WHO SPEAK
WILL AMEN
OWN JESUS
TIME THAN
SHOW STILL
KNOW SEEN



_____ (2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a _____ (9a) and you _____ (6d) do not _____ (12d) me, Philip? _____ (17a) has seen me has _____ (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' _____ (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in _____ (21d) The words that I _____ (22a) to you I do not speak _____ (11a) my _____ (11d). The Father _____ (18a) dwells in me is _____ (16d) his works. _____ (8d) me that I am in the _____ (3a) and the Father _____ (5a) in me, or else, believe _____ (10a) _____ (1d) the works themselves. _____ (4d) amen, I say to _____ (14d), whoever believes in me _____ (13a) do the _____ (17d) that I do, _____ (15a) will do greater ones _____ (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."

Jesus is the Way to Heaven

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way to the Father in Heaven.

Jesus is the way for us to go to Heaven. But how can a person be a way to get somewhere? Jesus is always with the Father in Heaven, so the closer we are to Jesus the closer we are to Heaven!

How can we be close to Jesus? Here are some ways:

Pray to Jesus. Prayer is talking with God. When we want to be friends with someone we talk with them a lot.



Try to be like Jesus. Always do the right thing. When you need to decide what to do, think: "What would Jesus do in this situation?" Stay close to Mary, His mother. She will keep you close to Jesus.



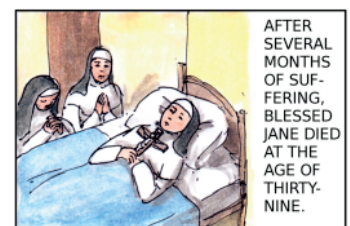
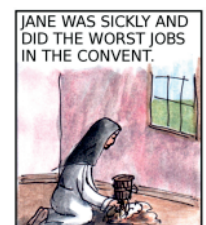
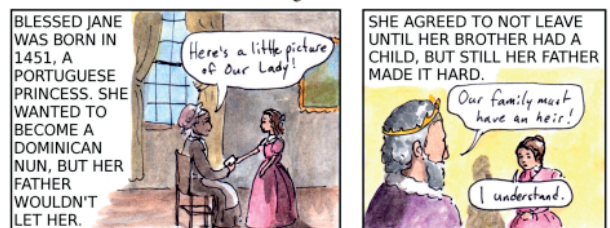
Receive Jesus in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an amazing gift. It is Jesus coming to us so that we can receive Him into our bodies and souls. Communion is the closest we can be to Jesus until we get to Heaven.



Answers to Cross-Word-Across: 3.Father 5.is 9.time 10.because 11.on 13.will 15.and 17.whoever 18.who 20.than 22.speak Down: 1.of 2.Jesus 4.amen 6.still 7.seen 8.believe 11.own 12.know 14.you 16.doing 17.works 19.show 21.me

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Blessed Jane of Portugal May 12



BLESSED JANE COULD HAVE HAD A RICH EASY LIFE AND MARRIED AN IMPORTANT MAN, BUT INSTEAD SHE CHOSE TO FOLLOW HER HEART AND LIVE FOR GOD ONLY. SHE DIED BECAUSE THE WOMAN SHE HAD CORRECTED DID NOT LIKE TO HEAR THAT SHE HAD DONE WRONG. LIKE JANE, WE MUST BE READY TO SUFFER FOR THE TRUTH.

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