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14 May 2023 - 6th 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

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What's all this talk about a Synod?

THOSE OF YOU reading this will be aware that the Diocese of Parramatta will be hosting a synod later this year, 12-15 October, concluding with a gathering towards the middle of 2024. Over the past couple of weeks, the bulletin has featured some material on the synod, including the prayer that was specially composed for this important event in our diocese. We have also been praying for the success of the synod in our Sunday intercessory prayers. More information is contained further on in this bulletin, particularly about the gathering to be held here at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 03 June.



But what exactly is a synod and why are we having one in our diocese?

Whilst we could look at the vast history of the Church and see the various occasions when it has held synods, or similar events, to help decide how to move the Gospel most effectively into the future, the inspiration for the Parramatta synod surely has a more recent history – the influence of Pope Francis. Pope Francis has been instrumental in seeking to consult widely throughout the Church to garner the views of people apart from clerics and others in positions of power. He has sought to give more prominent positions to women and has emphasised the necessity for pastors to “have the smell of the sheep”; that is, to know well the people they are called to serve.

The Parramatta Diocese website notes: “A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life.” A synod is a coming together of the Body of Christ with the intention of listening to one another respectfully as a means of furthering the mission Christ has entrusted to us as a baptised and eucharistic people.

Bishop Vincent is seeking to hear the voices of as many people as possible. Of course, it is not possible to get every person who is interested in contributing their views in a room at the same time, and so there will be a series of smaller events held at a deanery level (as mentioned above), as well as the opportunity to contribute individually. A visit to the diocesan website will assist those of you wanting to know more.

Some of you may remember the landmark 1991 ABC television series “Brides of Christ”. For those not familiar, I suggest you do yourself a favour and seek it out. It is about a group of young female religious novices working at a Catholic girls' school in the mid to late 1960s, soon after Vatican II and at a time of social upheaval. In all the talk of synodality of late, I am reminded of one scene in this series. An older religious sister, finding it difficult to cope with the changes that have taken place in religious life, has a breakdown and exclaims, “Just tell me what to do and I will do it!” She had been formed at a time when obedience was emphasised above all else and found it difficult to deal with the freedoms and responsibilities that came with changes to religious life.

May we instead make the most of the opportunity the diocesan synod gives us to help shape the future of the local Church, exercising our responsibility as a baptised, priestly people.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Fr Robert



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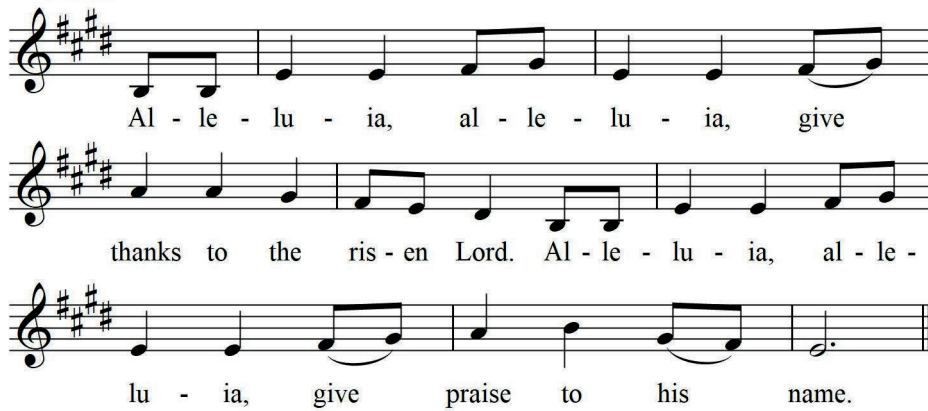
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LITURGY GUIDE

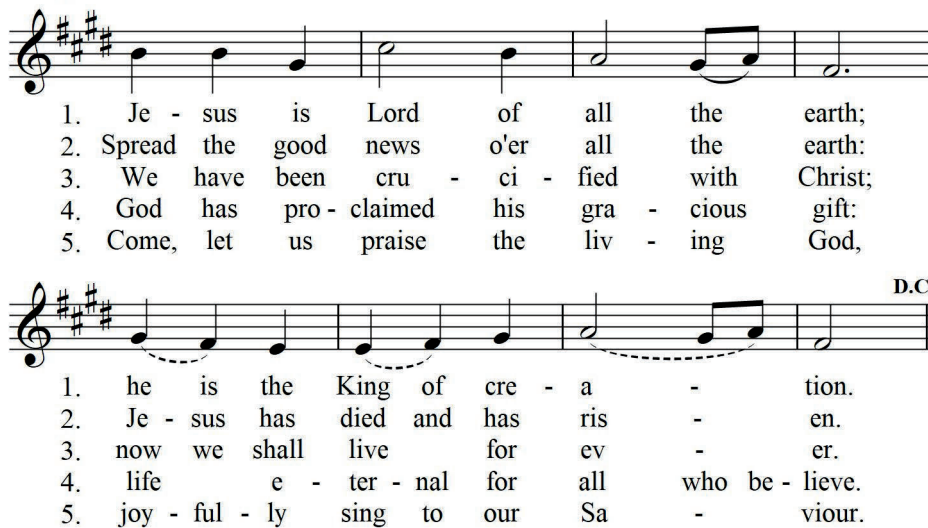
ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Refrain



Verses



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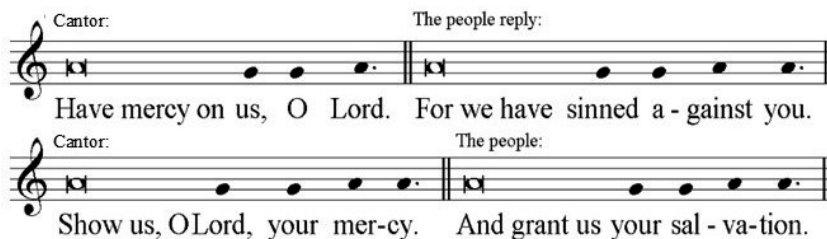
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PENITENTIAL ACT

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



The Priest gives the absolution:

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

Kyrie

Mass Shalom

C.D.Smith

The cantor intones each petition; All repeat.



6th Sunday of Easter - Year A



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

- If you love me you will keep my commandments.
- I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.
- I will not leave your orphans.
- All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
- Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

to the point

Even after his death and resurrection Jesus' work is not finished. In this gospel Jesus promises to ask the Father for an Advocate for us, not to leave us orphans, to love us, and to reveal himself to us. Neither is our work finished: we are to receive his promise and live in its hope.

Connecting the Gospel...

to the Easter season

The Sixth Sunday of Easter continues to unfold the 'great joy' of Easter Sunday itself. This joy of the resurrection characterises all of Christian life.

to culture

In our society today promises often do not have the same binding power as once was customary. Jesus' promises, however, are sure.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Kyrie 11:00am

Missa Paschalis

G. Gorczycki

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

Gloria

Mass of the Resurrection

Smith/Mason

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace,
peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo - ry, Lord God, heaven ly King, O God, almighty
Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
you take away the sins of the world, have mer cy on_ us;
you take away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on_
us. For you alone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry, the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - - men. A - - men.

Gloria 11:00am

Missa Paschalis

G. Gorczycki

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.

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of
joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 (8:5-8, 14-17)

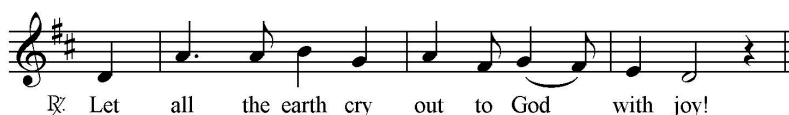
Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. R. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

(65:1-7, 16, 20)



Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. R.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. R.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. R.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (3:15-18)

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord. R. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia.

Cantor:

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. R.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:15-21)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave your orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

If ye
Love
Me
KEEP my
Commandments
-JOHN 14:15

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

At this time, gifts of offering are brought to the altar and collection plates are passed along the pews.

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Offertory Motet

If ye love me

Th. Tallis

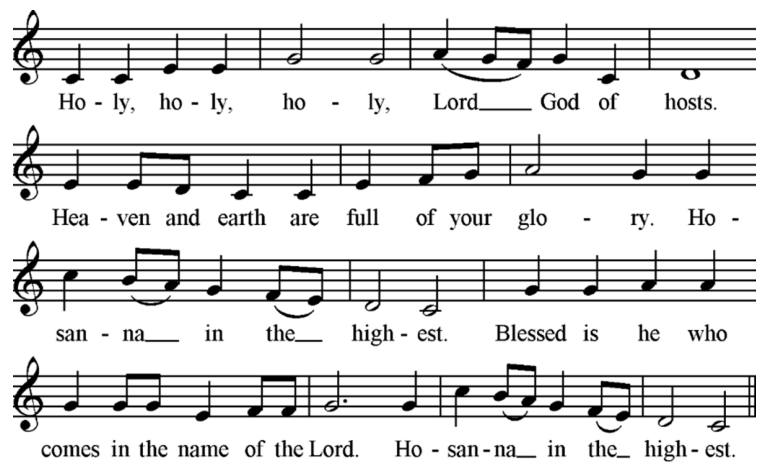
If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever; e'en the spirit of truth;



Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Mass Shalom

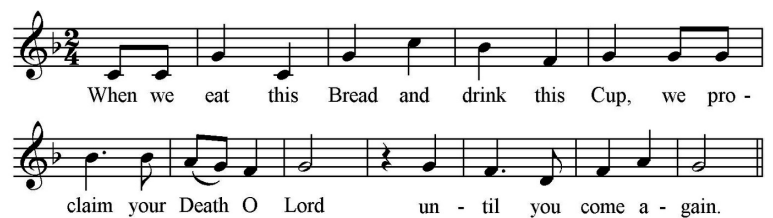
Smith/Mason



Mystery of Faith

Congress Mass

A. Rees



Amen

Congress Mass

A. Rees



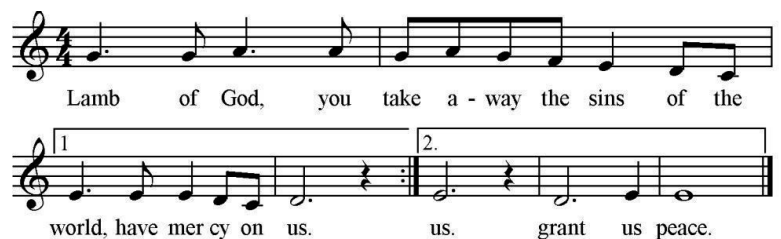
COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Mass of the Resurrection

R. deBruyn

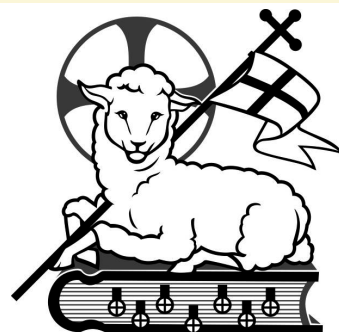


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Agnus Dei

Missa Paschalis

G. Górczycki



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Communion Antiphon

Non vos relinquam orphanos

I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you again, Alleluia,
and your hearts will rejoice, Alleluia.

Communion Hymn

Holy Spirit, come confirm us



1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, con - firm us
2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, con - sole us,
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, re - new us,
4. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, pos - sess us,



1. in the truth that Christ makes known;
2. come as Ad - vo - cate to plead,
3. come your - self to make us live:
4. you the love of Three in One,



1. we have faith and un - der - stand - ing
2. lov - ing Spi - rit from the Fa - ther,
3. ho - ly through your lov - ing pre - sence,
4. Ho - ly Spi - rit of the Fa - ther,



1. through your help - ing gifts a - lone.
2. grant in Christ the help we need.
3. ho - ly through the gifts you give.
4. Ho - ly Spi - rit of the Son.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11: Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9: R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23: He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.



"If you love me
you will keep my
commandments..."



8:00AM MASS PROPER

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

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

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. R.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. R.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. R.

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R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

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Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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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!

JUNE IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH!

Prayer, Gratitude and Discipleship

The last three years have been challenging for the Church as the impact of Covid has affected the 'usual' way of doing ministry. Images of closed churches and feelings of isolation from those days continue to affect our attitude towards Church and mission in this post-Covid year.

Thanks to the generosity and faith of many of our parishioners, we were able to jump back into full church attendance and ministry from the latter half of 2022. However, our Covid experiences have been an important catalyst that has shifted our missionary focus as a parish as well as dictating how our church resources are allocated.

This year, the month of June is being designated as the Cathedral Parish's **Stewardship** month. The word stewardship is normally tied to donations, but this is a very narrow definition of a much larger teaching of the Catholic faith. In fact, stewardship is essentially about how we offer grateful prayers and gratitude for the gifts we have been given by God.

There are many things to be grateful for in this post-Covid year: fullness of life, a family to go home to, friends to share with and the freedom to worship, are amongst the many things for which we can be grateful.

Gratitude needs to begin with prayer which hopefully, will lead to action of service and discipleship. As we move towards the **Stewardship Month**, we ask for your prayers as we reflect as a parish on how we can be a blessing to others in our community by cultivating a culture of good stewardship of the gifts we have received.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Generous and loving God,
You call us to be disciples of Your Son Jesus
and good stewards of all Your many gifts.
Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness
and deeper appreciation of Your countless blessings.
Transform us through the power of Your Spirit
to nurture a stewardship way of life
marked by faith-filled prayer,
service to our neighbor,
and generous sharing.
Teach us to be faithful servants of Your gifts.
With Mary's help,
may we return ten-fold
the gifts entrusted to us.
We pray through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Cloister Café open today

Regulars and recent arrivals, come for a cuppa and seize the chance to meet and chat with someone new.

The Coordinator says THANKS to Angelo, a regular donor, for the shopping bag of biscuits he brought to the café last Sunday, Deidre Dowling for her generous cash donation some weeks ago and to Jessy Sebaratnam for hers last Sunday.

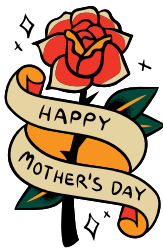
Such wonderful role models of generosity - a blessing to the parish community!



Happy Mother's Day

To all our wonderful mothers, wishing you a blessed and joyful day!

Take care of the carer. Looking for a very last minute gift for mum, we have roses for sale for \$10 after Mass today. Support the WYD pilgrims fundraising efforts. Thank you for your support.



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@stpatricscathedral.com.au

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.

Pentecost Retreat Day - Register NOW

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 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@stpatricscathedral.com.au or 8839 8400.

Annual Leave

Please note that Fr Robert is currently on annual leave and will return on Saturday 27 May.

Seeking Submissions for St Pat's Matters

Regrettably, Issue 116 for a variety of reasons has been delayed. All going well it might go to print in June or July. Some articles are already on file.

The stories in your faith journey matter. Please share them!

Topics to consider:

- Why you love being a St Pat's Parishioner.
- Sharing your involvement in Ministry.
- How Faith in God shapes daily life for you and your family.
- Articles and archival photos relating to the longstanding history of our remarkable parish — its priests, people and events.
- Seniors' Morning Tea - your take on the talk.
- Questions for Fr Robert's column, Knowledge of Our Rituals Matters and
- Mothers' Matter: share memories of your mother's influence in your lives.

Email submissions to M Polizzi: balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office marked for St Pat's Matters.

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023

Safe Parishes Week 2023 – Safeguarding Renewal Mandatory Training Opportunities!

Did you complete your 6 points of mandatory training in 2021?

Are you due for renewal training?

These Renewal Mandatory Modules will be offered face to face at Bishop Bede Heather Centre on:

Tuesday 6th June at 10:00am - 1:30pm, **OR**

Wednesday 7th June at 10:00am - 1:30pm

Please register for the renewal modules on the day of your choice at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.edu.au

"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 on **Saturday 20 May** from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Register at MET@parracatholic.org. There will be a "bring a plate" lunch after the session.

Good Samaritan Appeal

The next Diocesan appeal will take place **next weekend, 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. Thank you for your generosity!



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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: Ike Brooks, Mary-Ann B. Frani, Rachael Kee Xin Wei, Domenic Long, Colin B Linwood, Tony Dahlen, Nancy Perry, Jack McCarthy

Deceased: Cedric Cunningham, Family members, Michael Perez, 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

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

Perpetuals: Paul Mahoney, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, 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: David Mannall, 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, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: Emerlino Sarreal, Melaia Lakai, Leonardo Close, Mary Rose Tito, Michael Perez, 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.

BAPTISMS

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



**Christopher Rac
Charlie Jeffries**

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 10 May*

"In our daily mission as baptised Christians, may the love of Christ push us toward the peripheries of our societies to meet our brothers and sisters who have been cast aside and abandoned, to show them the Lord's tenderness."

Saint of the Week

15 May - St Carthage (c.555 - 637), Priest

Carthage is also known as Mochuda. He was born in what is now County Kerry, in Ireland. After being a swineherd he joined a monastery and was ordained a priest. In 580 he determined to lead a hermit's life, but after a few years his hermitage had become a place of pilgrimage and he was expelled from it by the local abbots or bishops. After some time spent travelling and founding churches, he settled at Rahan near Tullamore and in 590 set up a monastery composing a rule for his monks to follow. In 653 Carthage and his monks were expelled from Rahan at the instigation of jealous neighbours. He founded a new monastery at Lismore, and was the first bishop of the town that grew up round it.



(Information: Universalis)

"Quote of the Week"

"The world would become better off if people tried to become better. And people would become better if they stopped trying to become better off."

Peter Maurin

(1877-1949)

Co-founder of the Catholic Worker



What is a Diocesan Synod?

A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church.

Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life.

Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023.

Our Synod will gather clergy, religious, and the laity across our Diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the People of God in Western Sydney and The Blue Mountains.

From May to July 2023, in the lead up to the Synod, all are invited to participate in deanery and parish listening consultations, organising time to discuss with family and friends, and engaging in opportunities to dialogue.

Submissions from these consultations and conversations will be collected and can be provided online, in person, or via mail.

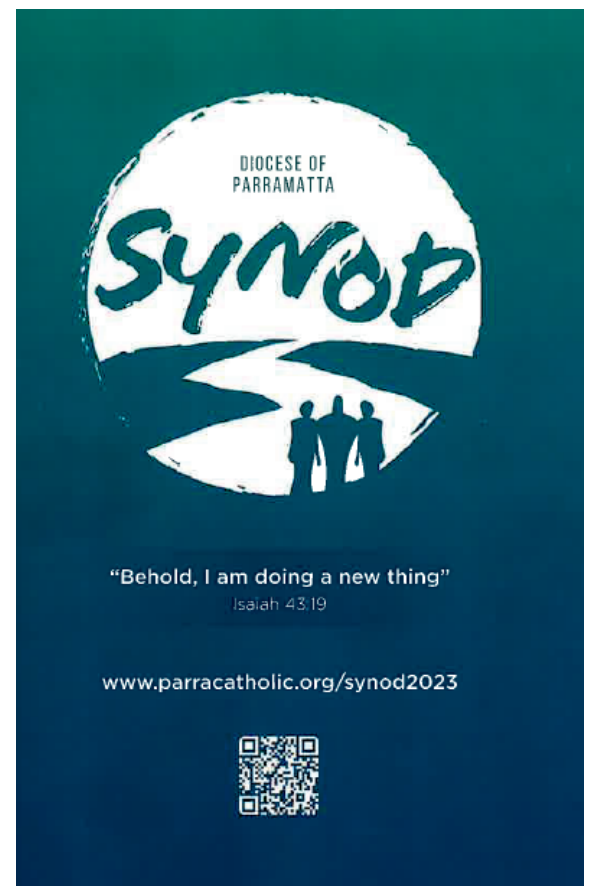
The submissions will be reviewed and synthesised by a Synod working group, and will inform the development of agenda for the Synod.

The Eastern Deanery Consultation will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral hall on:

Saturday, 03 June

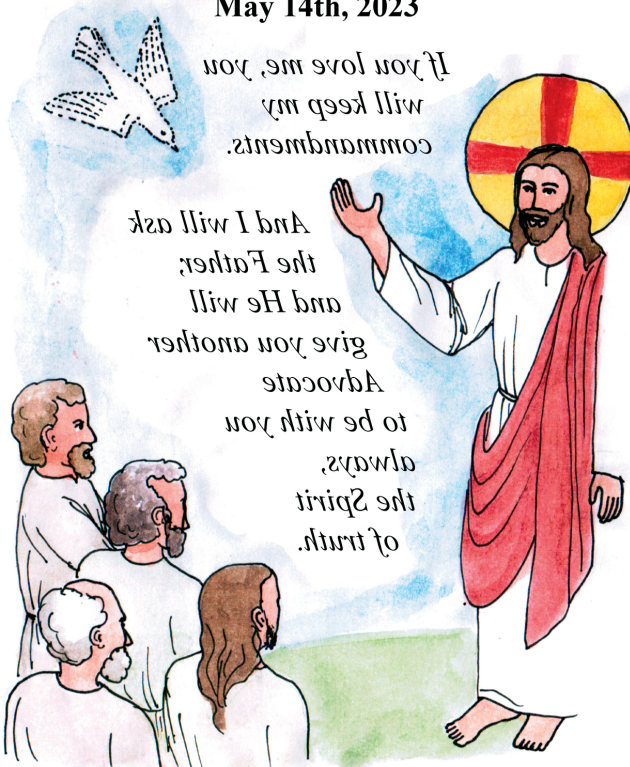
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To register go to: https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_deaneryreg/



The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14th, 2023



What did Jesus say to the disciples to prepare them for His departure? Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

An Acts of the Apostles Word Find

PHILIPETER
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ENAMEOCWHJ
ALYMSOAO
CHRISTMRNI
HOPRAYEDDC
ELTAGODPSI
DYHCEIJOHN
OWELCOMING
WRRECEIVED
NIESPIRITT

Today's first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. See if you can find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

PHILIP went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the

CHRIST to them. The people united in WELCOMING the MESSAGE Philip PREACHED, either because they had heard of the MIRACLES he worked or because they saw them for themselves. THERE was great REJOICING in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that SAMARIA had accepted the WORD of GOD, they sent PETER and JOHN to them, and they went DOWN there, and PRAYED for the Samaritans to receive the HOLY SPIRIT, for as yet he had not COME down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the NAME of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid HANDS on them, and they RECEIVED the

Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.



We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world, though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.



The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:



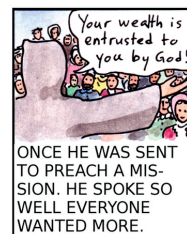
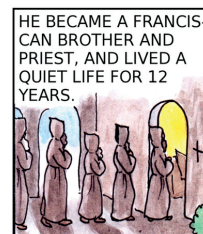
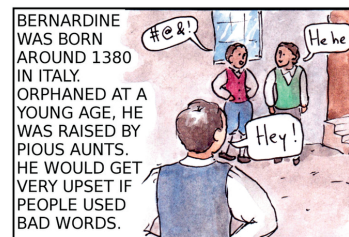
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Holy Communion
Marriage
Holy Orders
Sacrament of the Sick



Answer to Word-Find: Holy Spirit

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Saint Bernadine of Siena May 20



ONE POPE SAID THAT ST. BERNARDINE WAS LIKE ANOTHER ST. PAUL BECAUSE OF HOW HE PREACHED. WHEREVER HE WENT PEOPLE CAME BACK TO THE FAITH AND MADE PEACE WITH THEIR NEIGHBOURS. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO USE OUR WORDS TO DO GOOD AND TO RESPECT THE NAMES OF JESUS AND MARY.

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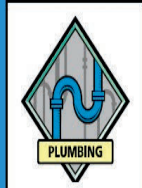
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