



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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18 June 2023 - 11th Sunday (Year A)

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

7:30am Morning Prayer

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer

6:30am Mass

11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)

Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon

12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer

8:00am Mass

8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)

9:30am Mass (Old Rite)

5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation

Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary

Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (September - April)

Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact Fr Chris or find information on

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Labourers for the Harvest

OUR WORLD TODAY is not very different to the world that Jesus was looking at. All around us is a society full of people that are harassed and dejected. They run from one thing to the next - social media, alcohol, sex, substances, money. Each time they think '*This will fix me. This will make me happy.*' But nothing satisfies, and they have no clue where to find the healing they need. Truly, they are like a flock of sheep without a shepherd.

What an appropriate set of scriptures for us to reflect on as we continue our month of stewardship for our parish. In today's gospel Jesus says : '*The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.*'

So, are we to pray for more labourers? Of course we are, but it doesn't end there. We are not called to make this prayer: "Oh Lord there is a lot of work to be done. Please send more labourers - that doesn't include me!"

We are the consecrated nation from the first reading and we are told we are to be a "kingdom of priests." Every one of us is called to be a priest, in the sense of being called to minister to God and to minister to God's children.

So what is it we are called to do? You're probably thinking '*Surely he's not suggesting that I am to "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and cast out devils"?*'

Well, yes and no. We can't do these things, but Jesus can. But for this to happen, we must answer his call. He works through people. Ours must be the feet that bring him to these people. Ours must be the eyes that look at them with tenderness and love. Ours must be the arms that hold them and draw them closer to him.

Our whole society is "sick" from chasing things with no substance, in the belief that they will bring them happiness. We can offer them substance.

There are many people around us whose hearts are dead from a lack of love in their lives. We can raise them from the dead with love.

The lepers of Israel were people cast out of their society, forced to live isolated from their tribes and families. We have our own lepers - homeless people, refugees, people living with physical and mental disabilities, people wrestling with sexual, gender or identity issues. We can offer them dignity, accompaniment, community.

A healthy parish, a healthy church, is one where every person serves, and every person is served. Each and every one of us is shaped to serve in some way, and the beautiful thing about this is that it is through serving that we grow. If we are to become the person we were created to be, we must move out of our comfort zone.

So, what do we do from here? Well, we answer Christ's call. We get the bulletin and we sign up. We stop just attending Church, and we start becoming Church. It is time to stop complaining about the state of the world, and to start changing it, curing it, healing it.

'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few.' It's time to step up and take our place in all this!

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Deacon David



THE BULLETIN

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Check for exceptions. Family members and guests are requested to be present at the Cathedral at least fifteen minutes before the usual commencement time of 12:45pm.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

HIRING of ROOMS

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

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

Stewardship - Time, Talent & Treasure

Gratitude to God: A Motivation for Stewardship

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 -

Gratitude to God serves as a powerful motivation for practising stewardship. When we recognise that everything we have is a gift from God, our hearts are filled with thankfulness. By managing our time, talents, and treasures wisely and generously, we express our gratitude and acknowledge God's faithfulness.

As we embrace stewardship, let us cultivate an attitude of gratitude, honour God, and participate in his redemptive work in the world.



Treasure

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them"
(1 Corinthians 12:4)

Embrace Stewardship of Treasure: Support Your Church's Mission

As faithful followers of Christ, we are called to practise stewardship of treasure by recognising that our resources are gifts from God. Your generous contributions, regardless of its size, make a significant impact on the lives of others and help us fulfil our mission of spreading God's love.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to the ongoing work of our church. Your one-time or regular donations certainly make a difference and help us continue to build a strong and thriving Parramatta parish community.

To make your donation, please explore the various giving options available, such as online giving, envelopes, or direct deposit.

Fill the pledge card available in church and give this to Father or drop it in the collection plate this week or next week.



Thank you for your continued support and for embracing stewardship of treasure!

STEWARDSHIP - GIVING OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Talent

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."
(Matthew 9:37)*

Join us as a Steward of Talent!

Each of us has been blessed with unique talents and abilities, and now we invite you to be a part of our community as we cultivate and utilise these gifts for the glory of God.

Whether you have skills in teaching, music, administration, hospitality, technology, or any other area, there is a place for you to serve. Together we can create a community where everyone is welcomed to experience the love and compassion of Christ.

Here is a list of opportunities to offer your talent. You may also suggest other ways you can use your talent to spread the gospel and grow our community.

- Liturgical Ministry
 - Reader (Lector)
 - Acolyte
 - Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
 - Altar server
 - Sunday Children's Liturgy teacher
 - Choir member
- Pastoral Outreach
 - Communion to the Sick
 - Visitation to the sick and housebound
- Hospitality
 - Serving at Sunday Morning tea
 - Church Welcomers
 - Church Wardens (Sunday collectors)
- Social and Fundraising
 - Events Co-ordinating
- SRE - Scripture Teachers
- Youth Ministry Co-ordinators
- Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery
- Seniors' Ministry

We will pray for you as you discern the best way you can use your talents to promote the Gospel at St Pat's.

Fill in the pledge form once you have made a decision.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Team!



***We are God's co-workers...
God's building.
~1 Corinthians 3: 9 ~***



STEWARDSHIP - GIVING OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Time

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them" (1 Corinthians 12:4)

Make Time for God: Embrace Stewardship of Time

In our fast-paced and busy lives, it is easy to get caught up in the demands and distractions of the world. However, it is crucial that we prioritise our time and invest it wisely, especially when it comes to nurturing our relationship with God and growing in faith.

By making time for God, we open ourselves to his presence, guidance, and transformative power. Our relationship with him becomes the foundation for all other aspects of our lives, enabling us to navigate challenges, find peace amidst chaos, and discover purpose and meaning.

As you consider how to invest your time, remember that nurturing your faith is a lifelong journey. Let us commit together to prioritising God in our schedules, allowing his grace to shape our lives and relationships.

Take a step towards stewardship of time today. Carve out moments to be with God, grow in faith, and experience the abundant blessings that come from deepening your relationship with God.

If you need guidance or resources to help you on this journey, please reach out to Fr Chris or Fr Robert. May God bless you abundantly as you embrace stewardship of time and draw closer to him.

Apart from daily Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation, the parish offers these groups as ways of growing in faith:

- Daily Rosary
- First Friday Adoration
- Youth Groups
- Children's liturgy
- Christian Meditation
- Cenacle group
- Online rosary group
- Lenten and Advent Reflection Groups

***Remain in me, for
without me you can
do nothing....
~ John 15: 5 ~***



PARISH NOTICES

Sacraments of Initiation - Preparation for Confirmation

Registration for Confirmation is now open for children 10 years or older who have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist. While this is the minimum age for children to join in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important to note that there is no maximum age for children who have been baptised as infants to complete their Initiation into our Faith Community.

Sessions begin on **Tuesday 18 July** through to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 26 August**. Further details at first session. All sessions are compulsory.

The online registration form can be found on St Patrick's Cathedral website, www.stpatscathedral.com.au under the Sacraments tab in the section titled Confirmation.

Alternately, please contact Pat Preca, Parish Secretary, at secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au.

Readers' & Servers' Formation

Those of you who so generously offer your gifts and talents to the parish as readers or servers, will be aware that in doing so you commit to developing those gifts to better serve the parish.

We will be running formation sessions in the **cathedral** next month. Please note that these sessions are **obligatory** for those who are readers or servers.

For your convenience, **two** sessions will be offered for each ministry. Of course, you need only attend **one** of these.

READERS

Thursday 06 July, 7:00pm - 8:30pm; OR

Saturday 08 July, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

SERVERS

Thursday 04 July, 7:00pm - 8:30pm; OR

Saturday 08 July, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Deacon David on leave

Deacon David will be on leave from the end of this month and will return at the beginning of August. We wish him a relaxing time and trust that he will return refreshed!

Long Overdue Thanks

Baldo and I thank God for all the St Pat's Prayer Warriors who have accompanied us on his recovery from his operations in late January and then late March.

We were overwhelmed, not only by your spiritual support, but your constant readiness to render help if needed.

Wonderful witnesses of parish community caring. God bless you all! *Marian Polizzi*

Seniors' Ministry: 20 June

The next seniors' ministry gathering will take place in the hall next **Tuesday, 20 June**. Morning tea provided starting at 10:00am.

We have a wonderful 'mystery' guest speaker lined up to guide conversation and there will be plenty of time to catch up with old and new friends. All seniors are invited. \$5 donation at the door. RSVP is required for catering purposes.

To register, please call Pat or Donna in the office on 8839 8411 or email secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

Submissions for St Pat's Matters

All going well, the next edition of St Pat's Matters will be out in June or July. Some articles are already on file.

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

Topics to consider:

- First Holy Communion - share your child's/family's journey to receiving their First Holy Communion.
- 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.



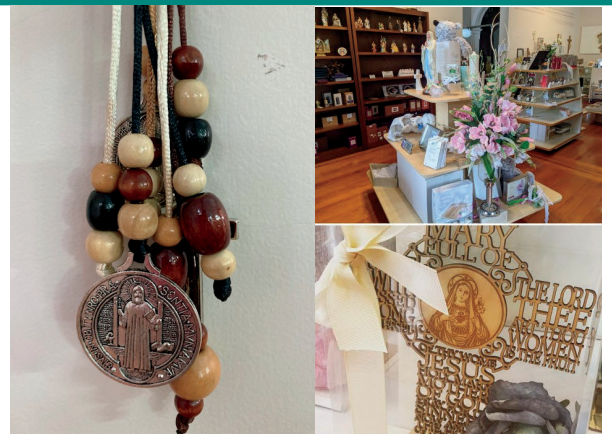
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Christian Meditation

Come for one hour per week and enjoy meditative prayer with like minded people, currently held in the Parish Office on Tuesdays at 9.30am.

We are pleased to say the numbers are increasing and the group ranges from young adults to seniors.

It is a safe, welcoming space where friendships are made and support is found if it is needed.

If you would like to 'feel the water', no obligation, just turn up. Hope to see you some time soon.

Parish Synod Gatherings

As you are aware, the Eastern Deanery recently had its Synod Listening Session, hosted by us here at the Cathedral. It was great to see the Cathedral parish well represented at this gathering of people from around the Deanery.

Being a Deanery-wide gathering, there was not an opportunity for individual parishes to give their voice to this important process. This being so, it is proposed that as a Cathedral parish, we organise a couple of meetings to enable us to formulate a submission. More details will be coming soon, but it is expected that we will have an evening meeting and a daytime meeting, probably sometime in early to mid-July.

I am hoping that we get a good response with a diverse range of voices! *Fr Robert.*

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday Sunday 02 July

A message from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council...

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. As we approach the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, it has never been more important for Catholics to come together and listen to Australia's First Peoples.

In Australia we are blessed to be home to the world's oldest continuing Culture and the resources that we have created and collated will assist you to celebrate this very important day on our Liturgical Calendar.

Go to www.natsicc.org.au



Vinnies Sleepout

Unfortunately, due to a lack of interest, we have had to cancel the Vinnie's Sleepout planned for this Thursday, 22 June.

Though this is disappointing, this does not mean that you can't support the work of Vinnies both prayerfully and practically. Should you wish to donate, please go to www.ceosleepout.org.au.

Let's pray for a better response in 2024!



Holy Hour for Vocations - 21 June

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

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

- an increase of all vocations
- renewed fidelity in one's vocations and
- give due honour to Our God.

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

Fr Chris

Anyone for Mahjong?

Mahjong is a tile-based game originating from China. This game is gaining popularity, hence this notice.

A parishioner (Lynn) who has been learning this game would like to gauge the interest in having a group play here on a regular basis.

If this is something that interests you, contact the parish office and we will pass on your details.

"Good health is not something we can buy. However, it can be an extremely valuable savings account." – Anne Wilson Schaefer

The Bible Timeline

The first session was held last Saturday with a good roll up of keen participants. If you would like to attend but missed the first session it's not too late. The dates for the rest of the month are 17 & 24 June. Contact the parish office or just turn up. Flyers available in church.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Parramatta Tribunal

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person, via Zoom and telephone interviews are available for those unable to attend the office. Please contact the Tribunal office on 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Save Calvary Hospital

There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: www.savecalvary.com.au



Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, scan the QR code or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org.

Free webinar series on The Voice: 29 June and 27 July

Catholic Social Services Victoria, in conjunction with Catholic Social Services Australia, is pleased to invite you to join them for a series of webinars to learn more about the upcoming referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Learn from legal, historical and theological experts and hear from Indigenous people about their experiences, hopes and concerns for The Voice referendum. To book tickets, please visit www.trybooking.com/CHXKH

Diocesan Synod 2023

Join Bishop Vincent at a listening event!

Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese and listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him at one of these locations to have your say. Events start at 6:30pm with light refreshments:

- o **Saturday 24 June** at Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair.

To register for your local consultation and to learn more about the Diocesan synod, visit parracatholic.org/synod2023

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is offering English and citizenship classes at its All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Courses are subsidised by the New South Wales Government. Please register to participate in the program by phoning 0477 952 024. You can also contact Nepean Community College on (02) 4724 9000.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

Penrith Parish Room for Rent

St Nicholas of Myra Parish in Penrith is renting out an upstairs office space next to Catholic Care, Penrith. Contact Rodney (Office Manager) at enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or call (02) 4721 2509 for photos and more information.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship. Applications close 04 August.



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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: Rolando Mercado, Edward Ngu Lia Ting, Teresa Gaffney, Grandma Chan, Dionisio Quirante, Teresa Gaffney, Paul Canh, Teresa Mau, Ike Brooks, Mary-Ann B. Frani, Rachael Kee Xin Wei, Domenic Long

Deceased: Rebecca Patacsil, Fr Augustu Patacsil, Artemio & Abraham Patacsil, Yolanda & Donald Muir, Edgard Perez, Liberto, Leonisa & Leonica Antonio, James & Elizabeth Kovejic, Bonifacia Mabalut, Vivencia Salvador

Anniversaries: Juliet Noronha, Deanna Hsu, Paul Fung, Ma Susan Goldthorpe, Maria & Moises Villadegado, Paul Waldemar Drankowski, Maria Truoc Nguyen, Umberto & Anton Basa, Paul Mahoney, Felipe Manubay, Josefa Manubat, Peter Van Tilburg, Joseph Tuema, Aidrian Pol O'Dombnaill, John & Danny Doolub,

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: Ashley & Debbie Brown, Emerlinda Sarreal, Habib Nohra, Susan Rodricks, Leonard Close, 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 & Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: Joseph Sadaka, Mini Harb, Raveen, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Stephen Senjak, Maria Perugini, Fatima, rohan, Dan & Sidney Rodricks, Bernadette Khalil, Kathleen, Rachel & Shane, N.N., Masu, Mary Issac, Anne & Natasha Perrottet, Claudia Suttie, Audrey Perrottet, Julien & Alexander Perrottet, Anne & John Perrottet, Heidi Perrottet, Kathleen Donovan, Rachel Lawrence, John Patacsil, Michael Perez, Peter Newman, Emerlino Sarreal, Melaia Lakai, Leonardo Close, Mary Rose Tito, Michael Perez, Madeleine Suttie, Francesca Ryan, Helen Perrottet, Elizabeth Nubla, Luise, Naleen, Tian, All mothers living & deceased, Antonio Gatmaitan, Victoria Antonio

BAPTISMS

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

Azalea Mercado-Libunao

WEDDINGS

We also welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following couples who were recently married here...

Emily Feszczuk & Joshua Neville

Amelia Mailangi & Kelly Marka

Andrea David & Aldrin Clores

Please pray for them and their families.

POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for June



For the abolition of torture

"We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 14 June*

"Jesus is the hand of the Father who never abandons us,
the strong and faithful hand of the Father who always and
only wants our good."

Saint of the Week

23 June - St Paulinus of Nola (355-431), Bishop

Paulinus was born in Bordeaux, in France, to a rich and powerful family. He was well trained in poetry and rhetoric, and had a successful political career, culminating in the governorship of an Italian province. Returning to France, he married a Spanish lady, who shared with him her ideal of living a strictly evangelical life. He was baptised in 389 and



moved to Spain, where after the death of his son he gave away all his property and began to live a monastic style of life. He was ordained in 394, in Barcelona, at the urgent insistence of the people there; but then moved back to Italy, to Nola, in the province where he had once been governor. There he began to live the monastic life and set up a hospice for the sick and for poor visitors to the shrine of St Felix. He became bishop, by popular request, in about 409, and died some twenty years later.

(Information: Universalis)

"Quote of the Week"

"...our service to God does not mean that we provide him with anything for he does not need our submission to him. He gives life beyond death and eternal glory to those who follow and serve him. He does this for his servants because they serve him, for his followers because they follow him, but he receives nothing in return. He is rich in everything, he is perfect, he needs nothing from us."

St Irenaeus
(c.130 - c.202)
Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Against the Heresies



Stewardship Timeline

Last Sunday 11 June, the parish launched a stewardship renewal program with the purpose of not only increasing financial resources but to create a culture of gratefulness and discipleship.

The program is as follows:

18 June - Witness talk

25 June - Pledge

01 July - Thank you

Please note that giving envelopes for those who are currently giving by envelope will be available today, **Sunday 18 June**.



**"THE HARVEST
TRULY IS
PLENTIFUL, BUT
THE LABORERS
ARE FEW."**

The Kids' Bulletin

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 18th, 2023



Jesus sent His Apostles to the surrounding towns to preach and heal. Can you find the way to the nearby town for the Apostles?

Jesus Sends out the Apostles Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS hidden in the puzzle.
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The names of the twelve apostles are these:
first, Simon called PETER, and his brother ANDREW;
JAMES, the son of Zebedee, and his brother JOHN;
PHILIP and BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS and
MATTHEW the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus,
and THADDEUS; SIMON from Cana, and JUDAS Iscariot
who betrayed him.

JESUS sent out these twelve after INSTRUCTING them
thus, "Do not go into PAGAN territory or enter a
SAMARITAN town. Go rather to the lost SHEEP of the
HOUSE of ISRAEL. As you go, make this
PROCLAMATION: 'The KINGDOM of heaven is at hand.'

I P KINGDOM A J P
S A B N T H O M A S E O
R G A S S H E E P A S D
A A R T I G I V E M U E
E N T R C S J T P A S M
L D H U K M A H E R H O
P R O C L A M A T I O N
H E L T E T E D E T U S
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Cure the SICK, raise
the dead, cleanse
LEPERS, drive out
DEMONS.
Without cost YOU have
received; without cost
you are to GIVE."



Jesus Sends Us to Do His Work

Today's Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus sending out His twelve apostles to do His work in the nearby towns. He was teaching them to do His work: healing the sick, raising the dead, and even driving out demons. Do you think they might have been a bit nervous, or even scared, to do this work?



Did you know that you are also called to be a disciple of Jesus? Some people are called to be missionaries and bring Jesus' word to far away places, but most of us - especially when we are young - are called to do Jesus' work close to home.

What are some of the ways you can be an apostle for Jesus? Maybe you can pray for sick or hurt people that you know of. You can tell people the stories of Jesus that you know. And did you know that even by being a good example to others, you are teaching them about the love of Jesus by your actions?

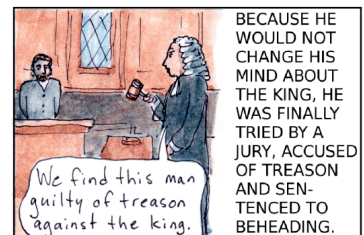
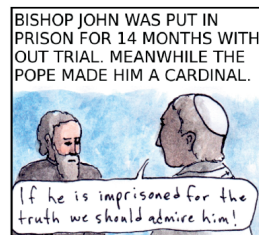
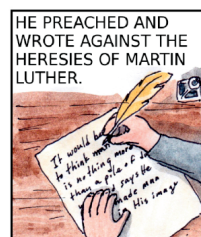
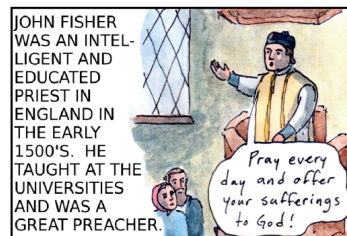


Don't be scared - do Jesus' work for the people around you today!

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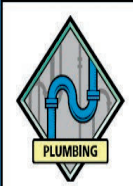
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