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02 July 2023 - 13th 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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A paradox worth pursuing

BEING A PRIEST, I've had the frequent privilege of presiding at many weddings. When interviewing the couple, I usually ask the bride and groom about their relationship with Our Lord and each other; both are intrinsically tied together. Over the course of our conversation, it becomes quite clear that they are madly in love with each other and cannot wait to spend the remainder of their lives together. Sentiments frequently used are, 'I cannot imagine my life without you,' and 'Nothing compares to you.' This is echoed in the wedding rite when the celebrant questions the parties' unyielding love and devotion to each other for the duration of their lives. Clearly the loving relationship between bride and groom comes before all things. With this in mind, our Gospel for this Sunday shifts to the 'difficult teachings of Jesus' category. Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me.' Family, the earthly image of the Trinity, cannot come before love of God without seemingly severe consequences...how then do we understand Our Lord's instruction?



What does it mean to love? Our modern world understands love as an intense feeling of deep affection...period. It is not based on an objective good nor does it speak of duration; it is simply an intense feeling of deep affection that is as fleeting as the wind. Somewhat shallow, don't you think? As such love in modern terms falls short of the Christian understanding which employs St. Thomas Aquinas' definition: to love is to will the good of another. This definition goes beyond the emotional aspect of love for it requires a complete self-giving; in simple terms to love is to imitate the one who gave his very self for all to attain eternal life. In the Paschal Mystery Christ gives his very life for sinners so that all may have life. St. Paul speaks of this in our Second Reading when he says, 'When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.' Love is found in the imitation of Christ. In Christ we have love par excellence. With this in mind Christ's 'difficult' teaching does not seem as daunting as he provides us with the example of love. To love is give of oneself for the good of the other. Consequently, by reorienting our love and affection towards Christ we not only draw closer to Our Lord, but our relationships with others are also transformed for he sets the example for all. Throughout his life Christ sought to do the will of his Father by seeking to draw all peoples towards the Godhead - there is no greater love than this. Through the example of Christ husbands and wives imitate the love of the Trinity; children honour their parents as Christ did his Father; and the human person is configured to God. Conversely when others are preferred above God, the human person no longer has a perfect example of love to follow. Whilst it may seem paradoxical to love another in order to increase our love for those closest to us, in Christ we have the perfect example. In faithfully living out his mission from the Father, he exemplified the greatest act of love human history has ever seen - the Paschal Mystery.

Dear friends, this Sunday may we ask the Holy Spirit to stir up in our souls our love for God. By redirecting our love towards Him we find ourselves transformed slowly but surely into faithful witnesses of his Gospel. May our hearts be oriented towards Our Lord in order to bring Christ to those we encounter.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Chris



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LITURGY GUIDE

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession Christ is the King, O friends rejoice

1. Christ is the King! O friends re - joice;
2. Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord and raise
3. O Christ - ians wo - men, Christ - ian men,
4. Let love's all re - con - cil - ing might
5. So shall God's will on earth be done,

1. bro - thers and sis - ters, with one voice
2. an - thems of joy and ho - ly praise
3. all the world o - ver, seek a - gain
4. your scat - tered com - pa - nies u - nite
5. new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun,

1. let the world know he is your choice.
2. for all his saints of an - cient days.
3. the way his faith - ful fol - lowed then.
4. in ser - vice to the Lord of light.
5. and the whole Church at last be one.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia!

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Text: George K.A. Bell 1883-1958 alt. from *Enlarged Song of Praise* by permission of Oxford University Press

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(all strike their breast, three times)
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

13 Ordinary Year A

Focusing the Word



Key words and phrases

- Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.
- Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.
- If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.
- Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
- Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.
- For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

to the point

At the center of this gospel is Jesus' startling statement that the only way we have life is to lose it. We lose our life by choosing to love Jesus even above family and by serving others, even 'little ones.'

Connecting the Gospel...

• to the first reading

The Shunemite woman served the prophet Elisha and provided for his needs; by so serving she received in turn the gift of life.

• to culture

We all experience the impulse to express our love concretely, for example, by sending cards, flowers, inviting the beloved to dinner, etc. We concretely express our love for Jesus by serving others.

LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

The cantor intones then all repeat

Cantor *Au*

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor *All*

Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Cantor *All* *rall.*

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Kyrie 11:00am

Communion Service in F

H. Sumsion

Gloria

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and on earth peace to peo-ple 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 hea-ven-ly King, O God al-migh-ty Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Fa - ther.
You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
You take a-way 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 a-lone 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 of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

Gloria 11:00am Communion Service in F H. Sumsion

Sung by the Cathedral Choir. All SIT

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
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.

R. Amen.

SINGING THE GLORIA AT MASS



in excelsis deo!

The Gloria is a beautiful prayer that we sing towards the beginning of Mass, meant as a way to direct our praises to God in celebration of his coming as man 2000 years ago. We begin with the words of the angels in Luke 2, rejoicing that our Savior is born and has come to redeem us.

"And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'"
- Luke 2:13-14 | NABRE

When singing the Gloria during a Catholic Mass, it is customary for the entire congregation to participate. The priest or a cantor may lead the congregation in singing, and there may be musical accompaniment from an organ, choir, or other instruments. The hymn is typically sung in a joyful and celebratory manner, reflecting the praise and adoration being offered to God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the second book of the Kings (4:8-11, 14-16)

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

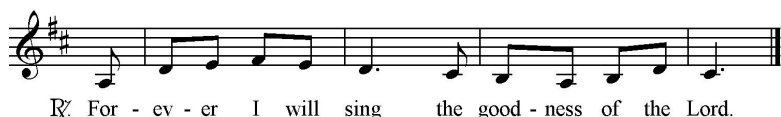
One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9



Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (6:3-4, 8-11)

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

G.Murray

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

R. Alleluia.

11.00am

Chant Mode 8



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (10:37-42)

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.

Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Profession of Faith Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man',
all bow.*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Universal Prayer

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

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 11:00am

Domine Deus in simplicitate

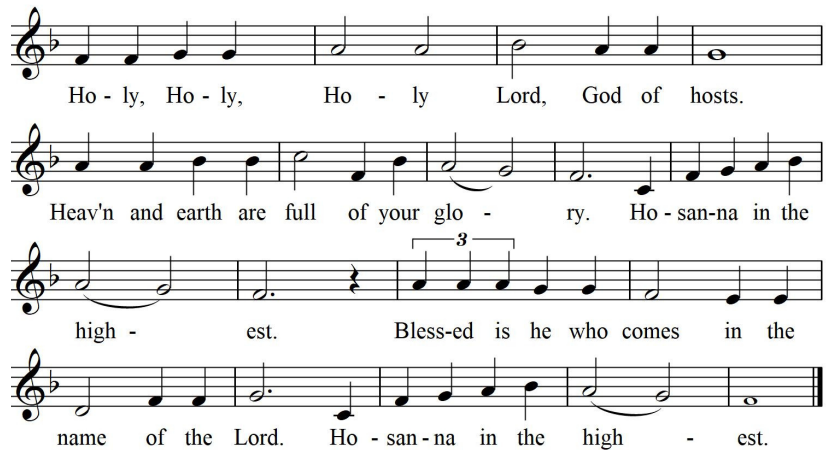
G. P. da Palestrina

O Lord God, in the simplicity of my heart I have joyfully
offered you all things; and have seen with great joy your
people gathered here. O Lord God, God of Israel, preserve
these willing desires and thoughts of your people. (1Chron
29:17-18)

Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

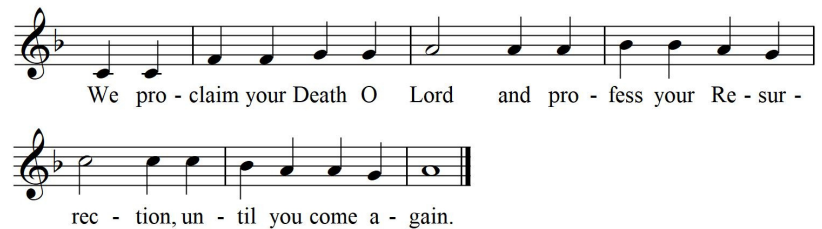
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Mystery of Faith

Mass of St. Francis



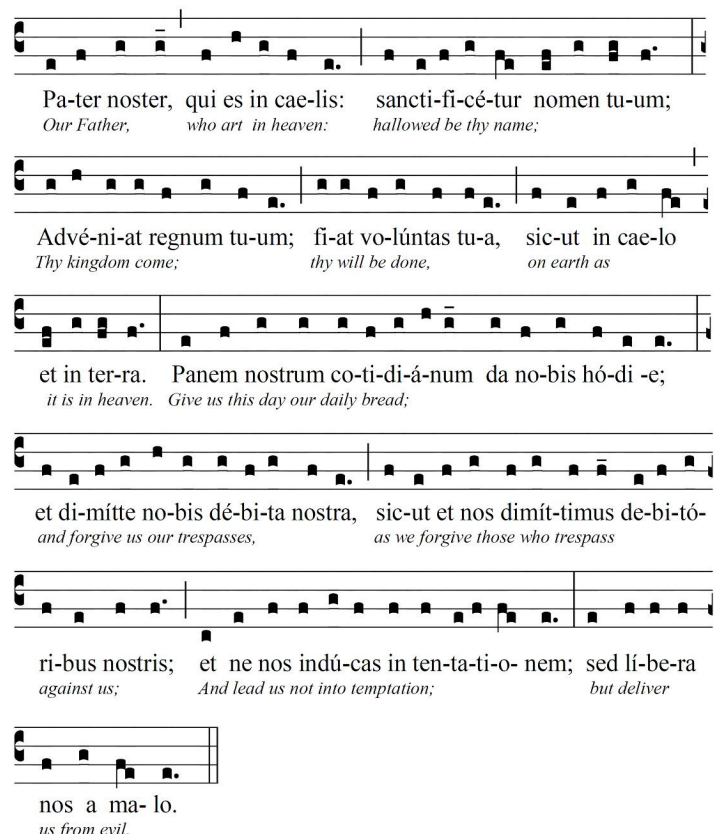
Amen

Mass of St. Francis



COMMUNION RITE

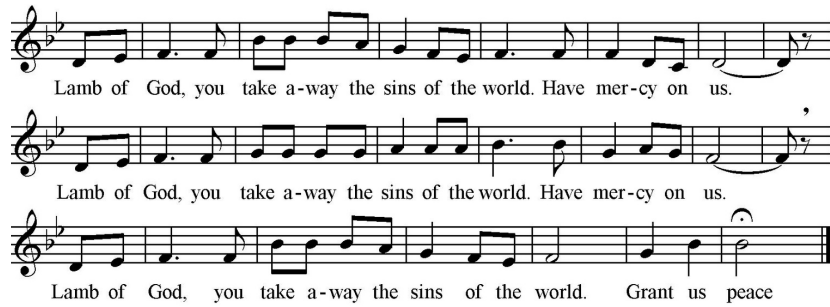
The Lord's Prayer



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei

Mass of St. Francis



Agnus Dei 11:00am Communion Service in F. H. Sumsion

Communion Antiphon Christus exurgens ex mortuis

Christus resurgens ex mortuis, iam non moritur, alleluia.
mors illi ultra non dominabitur, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, rising from the dead, dies now no more, alleluia;
death shall no longer have any dominion over him, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Hymn

Come to me all who labour



Text: Matthew 2:28-30; Psalm 23(22) Gregory Norbet, b.1940
Tune: Gregory Norbet © 1971, The Benedictine Foundation of the State of Vermont

Next Week's Readings:

14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Readings:

Zech 9:9-10: See how humbly your king comes to you!

Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14: R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Rom 8:9, 11-13: If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Mt 11:25-30: I am gentle and humble of heart.



8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10,14,17,33-35

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. R.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their
strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. R.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his
marvellous light.

R. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

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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

Thank you for your pledge!

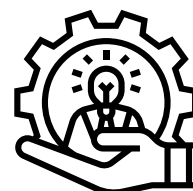
Our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for embracing the call to stewardship of time, talent and treasure within our parish over the last few weeks. We are grateful for your generous response and commitment to giving of yourselves in various ways.

Thank you for generously pledging your time and talent to enrich our Mass and liturgical services, support our ministries, and assist in spreading the Gospel within our community and to those outside our parish community.

Our heartfelt gratitude for your generous pledge of financial contributions. Your faithful giving through the stewardship of your treasure will allow us to continue providing spiritual guidance, support to those in need, and be a welcoming space for those searching for God.

May God bless you abundantly for your stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

For those who missed out on 'Pledge Sunday' - we kindly invite you to complete and return your pledge card as soon as you can. The pledge card is available at the entrance to the Cathedral. You can put the card into a collection bag or give it to one of the clergy or office staff.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

Registration for Confirmation is now open for children 10 years or older who have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

The online registration form can be found on St Patrick's Cathedral website <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>. Go to the "Sacraments" tab in the section titled "Confirmation".

The calendar of mandatory preparation sessions is as follows:

Confirmation 1: Tuesday 18 July, 7:30pm - Parent Session

Confirmation 2: Tuesday 25 July, 7:30pm - Parent Session

Confirmation 3: Saturday 5 August, 4:30pm - Parent and Children Session

Confirmation 4: Saturday 12 August, 4.30pm - Parent and Children Session

Practice for Confirmation: Saturday 19 August, 4:30pm followed by the 6:00pm Vigil Mass - Parents and Children

Confirmation: Saturday 26 August at 11:00am

PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Readers' & Servers' Formation

Those of you who so generously offer your gifts and talents to the parish as readers or servers (altar servers, acolyte and senior 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

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

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

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 next weekend, but it is expected that we will have an evening meeting and a daytime meeting, probably sometime in mid-July.

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

Diary Claimer

Parish Annual General Meeting

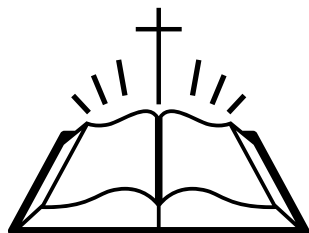
Advance notice of the next Annual General Meeting AGM) which will take place in the Parish Hall on **Sunday 20 August at 12.30pm.**

All are welcome to come along and be a part of the AGM.

Mark it in your diary!

The Bible Timeline

If you are still debating whether or not to attend, the fourth out of 24 sessions takes place on **Saturday 1 July**. Participants are entrenching themselves in this program, purchasing material to take them through. You are all welcome!



St Pat's Matters - Extra Good News!

The long awaited edition, Issue 116 is available this weekend!

Please take one issue per family.

A quick note to say 'thank you' to the many, many wonderful parishioners and friends who shared their stories.



Are you a new parishioner?

At the Cathedral parish we often get new parishioners coming to Mass, be they people who have just moved into the area or people coming in from surrounding parishes. You are very welcome!

One issue that many parishioners new to the parish have is that they can feel a little lost in a parish this size. Of course, as an inclusive parish, we want to make everyone welcome and so we urge all new parishioners to make contact with the parish office to register and receive a welcome pack which we hope will ease that transition into the Cathedral parish.

We urge you to make yourself known to us and look forward to welcoming you in person. Don't forget that if you come to either the 9:30am or 11:00am Mass on Sundays you can always come and say hello at the morning tea that is on offer after both of these Masses.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming you in person!

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander 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

Free webinar series on The Voice: Thursday 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

Prayer Intentions

We pray for our beloved dead...

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

Recently Deceased: Cecilia Jung, Robert Hanssen, Aurea Halasan, Rolando Mercado, Edward Ngu Lia Ting, Teresa Gaffney, Grandma Chan, Dionisio Quirante, Teresa Gaffney, Paul Canh, Teresa Mau, Ike Brooks

Deceased: Dr Therese Gaudrey, Abraham Patacsil, Dra Julia Lee, Franz Tito, Yolanda & Donald Muir, Mercy Palisoc, Fidel Perez, Epifania Herrera, Rebecca Patacsil, Artemio Patacsil, Edgardo Perez, Y.T. Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Rebecca Patacsil, Fr Augustu Patacsil, Artemio & Abraham Patacsil, Edgard Perez,

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We also pray for...

Sick: Rachael Sumagu, Nivola Senjak & family, Miguel-Angel Soto-Figuero, Belinda & John Mull, James Sampey, 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, Daniel & Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

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BAPTISMS

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

**Lianna Javier
Naiya & Henry Saengdara
Aydin Aslan**

WEDDINGS

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

Erika Zafra & Nicolas Castillo Niuman

Please pray for them and their families.

POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for July



For a Eucharistic life...

"We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening them to an encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 27 June*

"God looks with joy upon all those who serve the needy. This is how goodness grows: in the simplicity of hands and hearts stretched out to others and in the courage of the small steps that approach those who are most vulnerable in the name of Jesus."

Saint of the Week

07 July - Blessed Peter To Rot (1912-1945), Martyr

Peter To Rot was born in 1912 at Rakunai, a village on the Melanesian island of New Britain, today part of Papua New Guinea. His parents belonged to the region's first generation of Catholics. He was a pious boy and the parish priest thought that he should study for the priesthood, but his father felt that the tradition of Catholicism in the region was too short and none of the people were yet ready for the priesthood, so Peter became a catechist. He married in 1936 and had three children.

When the Japanese occupied the island during the war, all the missionaries and mission staff were imprisoned in a concentration camp and Peter was the only spiritual guide that Catholics had. He organized prayer services, gave religious instruction, baptized children, preserved the consecrated Hosts and administered them to the sick and dying, and gave help to the poor. The Japanese had destroyed the church when they arrived, so Peter built a new one out of the branches of trees.

After a quiet start, repression grew violent. The Japanese banned all Christian worship, public and private, and decided to reintroduce polygamy among the people. Peter was arrested in April or May 1945 and savagely "questioned" by officials. He was sentenced to two months in prison. A Japanese doctor came and injected him with poison, stuffed his ears and nose with cotton wool, and held him down and suffocated him until he died.

An immense crowd attended Peter's burial, at which no religious rite was permitted. He has been increasingly revered as a martyr ever since that day.

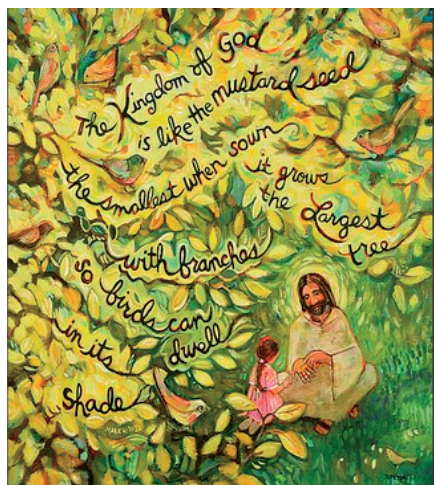
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"Quote of the Week"

"The purpose, the excuse for the church and all it involves is to make the kingdom of God visible and audible, to let God's presence and love be evident, to ensure that God's word is preached and heard. The church is not the kingdom of God, the situation where God is the centre and guide of every life, but she exists to point us in that direction. Overdevelopment of the structures of the church obscures the real purpose of the church. Recalling that the pope is also called pontiff, a word from the Latin meaning bridge-builder, reminds us that he, the bishops, the priests, the whole structure of the church, are meant to be a bridge to the kingdom of God. All of us play a part in preserving and restoring the proper function of the church by keeping our eyes and hearts on its real purpose, our becoming like Christ."

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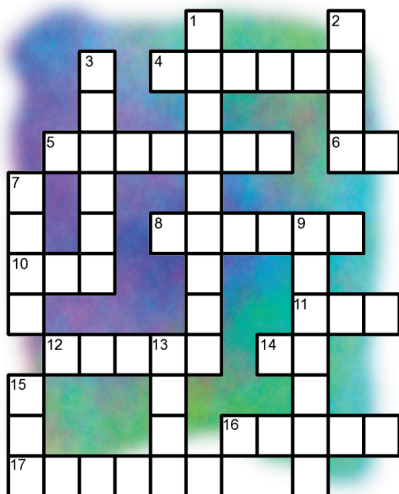
The Kids' Bulletin

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2nd, 2023



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!

A Gospel Crossword



Fill in the missing words in today's Gospel reading to find the answers to this crossword!
A=Across
D=Down

He who loves father or _____ (17A)
more than me is not worthy of me; and he who _____ (16A)
son or daughter

more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his _____ (12A) and follow me is not _____ (3D) of me. He who finds his life will _____ (7D) it, and he who loses his life for my _____ (13D) will find it. "He who receives you receives _____ (14A), and he who receives me receives _____ (15D) who _____ (2D) me. He who receives a prophet because he is a _____ (5A) shall _____ (9D) a prophet's reward, and he who receives a _____ (1D) man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's _____ (8A). And whoever gives _____ (6A) one of these _____ (4A) ones even a _____ (11A) of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I _____ (10A) to you, he shall not lose his reward."

Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love

GOOD MORNING, Jesus!



anyone more than we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws-making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

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The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.

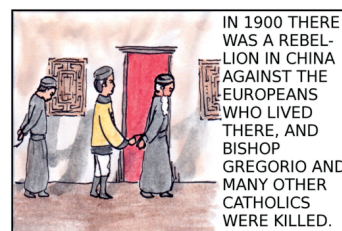
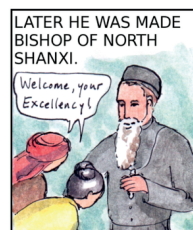
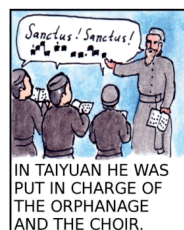
What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 4 little, 5 prophet, 6 to, 8 reward, 10 say, 11 cup, 12 cross, 14 me, 16 loves, 17 mother, DOWN: 1 righteous, 2 sent, 3 worthy, 7 lose, 9 receive, 13 sake, 15 him

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JULY 8



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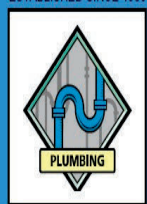
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