

# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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**16 July 2023 - 15th 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

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## God is not a genie

IN 1992 WALT DISNEY PICTURES released one of its most loved animated films, Aladdin. The film was based around the Arabic folktale of the same name and soon became a must-see for all ages. Personally, I have seen this movie numerous times growing up and can almost recite every lyric of every song in the movie. It's definitely a must-see! One of characters that makes this movie such a hit is the comedic genie. This supernatural character, voiced by the late Robin Williams, is a complicated creature; he is undeniably loyal to his master, regardless of who it is, yet desires to be free from his servitude. The imprisoned genie offers the one who rubs his lamp three wishes of whatever his/her heart desires...with a few T's and C's, of course! In the movie, both Aladdin and Jafar make full use of their wishes, with the latter being tricked into becoming a genie himself and thus being cursed with almighty power but itty bitty living space. Whilst this may seem like a random thought in the mind of Fr Chris, I found the genie somewhat associated with our Gospel this Sunday. If the sower goes out to sow, why doesn't he ensure the seed fall on rich soil? Is God culpable for the many souls who adamantly reject him and his teachings? How can we understand this Gospel?



'God is not a genie.' I've found myself using this particular phrase more and more of late as I encounter penitents in the confessional. With the struggle of sin an unfortunate reality in the human experience, more and more of the faithful are turning to God as a means of solace and strength. Unfortunately, some have taken this approach with the wrong understanding. In their desire to overcome particular vices and reach holiness, their prayer for strength is similar to a wish to a genie. 'Give me strength!' 'Help me overcome this!' 'Change my heart!' Whilst these prayers are good, they also require people to use their God-given gifts and talents; in short, they must freely choose to cooperate with God's grace. Our Gospel for this Sunday speaks of the different fields on which the seed (Word of God) falls. God is so generous that his Word reaches all people, even those who do not desire him. This entails that people are responsible for tilling the soil of their hearts to earnestly receive the Word of God and so yield a rich harvest. God, as powerful as he is, cannot interfere with people's choices, otherwise their response to follow Our Lord's will would not be authentic, it would not be free. As such God leaves the decision to follow his will to each individual; free will, the decision to choose right or wrong, is integral in following God's will.

Dear friends, at times we wish the spiritual life could be as easy as three wishes; we would be holy and obedient in an instant! God's Word transforms lives, it turns sinners into saints. We have this wonderful opportunity to be saints of today and so draw others to encounter Our Lord...however it does require effort on our part. May we ask for the grace to be active in our pursuit of Our Lord and so yield a rich harvest.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*

*Fr Chris*

# LITURGY GUIDE

## Entrance Procession Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the  
2. Praise to the Lord, let us of - fer our  
3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per our  
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is

1. King of cre - a - tion! O my soul, praise him, the  
2. gifts at the al - tar. Let not our sins and trans -  
3. work and de - fend us; sure - ly God's good - ness and  
4. in us a - dore him! All that has life and breath,

1. God of your health and sal - va - tion.  
2. gress - ions now cause us to fal - ter.  
3. mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend us;  
4. come now in prais - es be - fore him!

1. All you who hear, now to this al - tar draw near;  
2. Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast,  
3. pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,  
4. Let the "A - men", sound from his peo - ple a - gain,

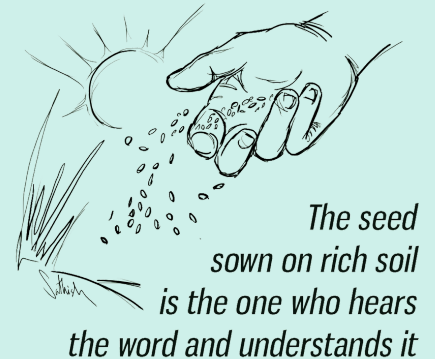
1. join in pro - found a - do - ra - tion.  
2. vic - tims with him on the al - tar.  
3. who with great love will be - friend us.  
4. now as we wor - ship be - fore him.

Text: *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König*; Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.  
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14 14.4 7 8; Later form of a chorale melody in the *Stralsund Gesangbuch* 1665;

## 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.**

## 15 Ordinary Year A Focusing the Word



### Key words and phrases

- Imagine a sower going out to sow.
- Some seeds fell ... some seeds fell ... some seeds fell
- Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty
- Listen, anyone who has ears!
- Happy are your eyes because they see.
- The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
- The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

### to the point

Keep sowing! Scatter God's word with abandon! Even though only a small portion of what is sown bears fruit, nonetheless God assures an abundant harvest.

### Connecting the Gospel...

#### • to first reading

The promise that God makes through Isaiah is that God's word will achieve 'my will and succeed in what it was sent to do.' The harvest is promised to be fruitful and abundant.

#### • to culture

We are so inundated with words - for example, multi-sectioned daily newspapers, twenty-four hour radio and TV broadcasting, internet spam and text messaging - that it takes great care to attune ourselves to God's word.



# LITURGY GUIDE

## Kyrie

Mass Shalom

C.D.Smith

*The cantor intones then all repeat*

*The cantor intones each petition; All repeat.*



## Kyrie 11:00am

Missa Brevis

G.P.da Palestrina

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

## Gloria

Mass Shalom

Smith/Mason

*Refrain (All)*



*The choir sings:*

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

*R. Glory to God.....*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world: receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

*R. Glory to God.....*

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

*R. Glory to God.....*



## Gloria 11:00am

Missa Brevis

G. P. da Palestrina

*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.

O God, who show the light of your truth  
to those who go astray,  
so that they may return to the right path,  
give all who for the faith they profess  
are accounted Christians  
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ  
and to strive after all that does it honour.  
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.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55:10-11)

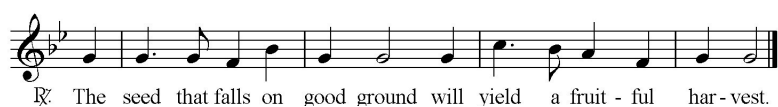
*The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 64:10-14)



## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:18-23)

*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

G. Murray

*The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat*



**Cantor** The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

**R. Alleluia.**

11:00am

Chant Mode 2



## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (13:1-23)

*A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them.

For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding.

So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,  
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,  
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,  
for fear they should see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their heart,  
and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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  
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## Offertory Motet 11:00am

From the rising of the sun F. Ouseley

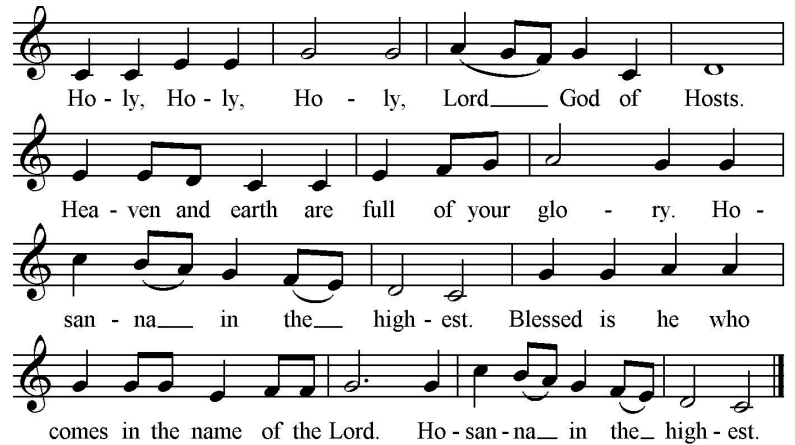
From the rising of the sun  
unto the going down of the same  
my name shall be great, among the Gentiles;  
and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name:  
for my name shall be great among the pagans,  
thus saith the Lord!.

Malachai 1:11

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Mass Shalom

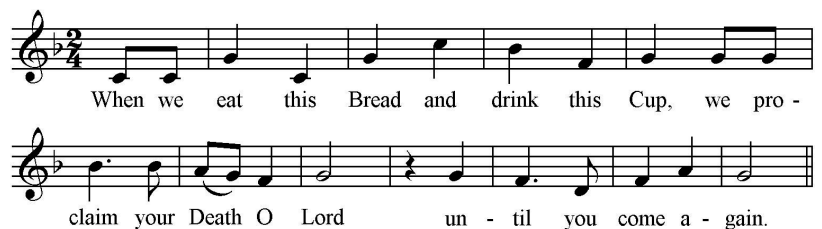
C. Smith



## Mystery of Faith

Congress Mass

A.Rees



## Amen

Congress Mass



## COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei

Mass Shalom

C. Smith



Agnus Dei 11:00am

Missa Brevis

G. P. da Palestrina

Communion Antiphon

Passer invenit

The sparrow finds herself a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

## 8:00am Mass Propers

### Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Communion Hymn

For the fruits of all creation



### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14

**R.** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. R.

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. R.

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R.

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat,  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.

### Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

R. Alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

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## Next Week's Readings:

16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

### Readings:

Wis 12:13, 16-19: In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16: R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Rom 8:26-27: The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Mt 13:24-30: Let them grow together until the harvest.



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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](mailto:enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au)

### Material for Bulletin

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

## Parish Synod Gatherings

As you are aware, a few weeks ago the Eastern Deanery 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.

To enable us to formulate a submission we have two dates set aside to meet. Both meetings will take place in the Cloister Function Room (hall) at St Pat's.

**Saturday 22 July at 3:00pm**

**Monday 24 July at 7:00pm**

**Please contact the Parish Office to register.**

I am hoping that we get a good response with a diverse range of voices!

Of course, there may be some of you who can't make it to one of these gatherings but still want to offer your response as an individual or as a household. You can do this several ways:

- Pick up one of the forms available at the doors of the cathedral, either for a household response or for children;
- Go online to the Parramatta Diocese website and submit your response electronically;
- Produce a handwritten response which can be emailed or submitted personally.

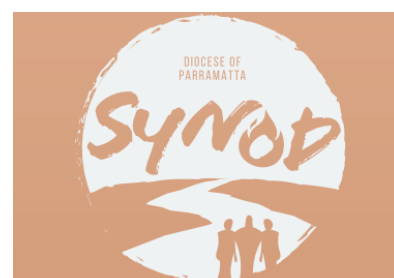
The focus question for your response is:

**“In what ways can we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal Church in the Diocese of Parramatta?”**

There are some accompanying questions on the areas of Communion, Participation and Mission which will assist you to respond to the fundamental question above.

Responses need to be submitted by **31 July**.

Thank you for taking an interest in the future of our vibrant and growing diocese!



# PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

## WYD - Farewell Mass & Barbecue

Today the parish will be holding a farewell barbecue for the World Youth Day pilgrims after the 11:00am Mass. A barbecue will also be in operation for the 9:30am Mass-goers.

Apart from Stacie Touche, Caitlin Bernado and Kayleigh Figueredo, the parish will also be represented by three pilgrimage leaders; Genevieve Lee, Mindy Mercado and our very own Fr Chris who is one of the chaplains.

Come and give the pilgrims your support and good wishes as they embark on a journey that hopefully brings them closer to their spirituality.

## WYD - Prayer Intentions

*We warmly invite you to join us in spirit during our World Youth Day (WYD) pilgrimage.*

To facilitate this, we are curating a Book of Prayer Intentions, which we will carry with us on our journey. This book represents our commitment to intercede on behalf of those who cannot join us physically.

If you wish to be a part of this spiritual journey and desire for us to offer prayers on your behalf as we visit sacred sites and participate in Masses at WYD, come and add your intentions directly into our Book of Prayer Intentions after the 9:30 am or 11 am Mass this Sunday.

Alternatively, you may choose to send your intentions digitally. For this, please forward your prayer requests via email to [genevieve.lee@parracatholic.org](mailto:genevieve.lee@parracatholic.org).

Remember, your intentions will be held with respect and will accompany us throughout our pilgrimage. As we experience the blessings of WYD, know that you will be with us in thought and prayer.

## WYD - Many Thanks



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our cherished parish family for the significant role you've played in enabling our journey to World Youth Day (WYD). Your unyielding support in our various fundraising initiatives has been an immense blessing.

Our gratitude extends to everyone who contributed towards our cause, whether by indulging in a BBQ sandwich, participating in the raffle, purchasing Trivia tickets, or contributing through numerous other means. Your actions have made this pilgrimage possible for us.

A special note of thanks is extended to our parents, families, and friends. Your willingness to roll up your sleeves, cooking, preparing, and assisting with the organization of our fundraising events truly propelled our cause forward.

*Thank you once again for your unmatched generosity and support!*



## Fr Chris on leave

As we farewell our three World Youth Day pilgrims, we also farewell Fr Chris at the end of this week as he joins our diocesan pilgrims as a chaplain in Lisbon, Portugal. Following the WYD experience, Fr Chris will be taking some much-deserved annual leave and will return to the Cathedral towards the end of August.

Please keep Fr Chris and all the pilgrims in your prayers in the coming weeks, that all will return renewed and reinvigorated in their faith and with a burning desire to make Christ known to all whom they meet.

## Thanks from the Hospitality Coordinator

Last Sunday, two 'mystery' parishioners donated supplies to the Cloister Café: one lot in a brown paper carrier in the kitchen; the other left on the chair outside the café. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

Thanks also to new recruit, Udaya. It was her first café duty and she brought homemade Indian sweets, called laddu. Delicious! They went like hot cakes!

## Formation Sessions

Thank you to those who made it to the recent formation sessions for Readers and Servers. We will be holding some in a couple of months' time for those who could not make it to those offered last week. We will also be offering some formation sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion around that time. Thank you!

## Book Launch - Featuring George Manassa & Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

**The Art of Practical Catholicism 2**

**FREE ENTRY**

Date: Thursday 20 July

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Marymount Mercy Centre - 36 David Road, Castle Hill

## Diary Claimer - AGM

Parish Annual General Meeting - Sunday 20 August at 12.30pm in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome!

## 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](http://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:** Michael Judowikrama, Cecilia Jung, Robert Hanssen, Aurea Halasan, Rolando Mercado, Edward Ngu Lia Ting, Teresa Gaffney, Grandma Chan

**Deceased:** Florentino & Petra Cabezas, Vicente Cabuenos, Sr., Antonina Cabuenos, Dulcie & Leo Tobin, Alban Fonseca, Robert Hanssen, Deanna Hsu, Dr Therese Gaudrey, Abraham Patacsil, Dra Julia Lee, Yolanda & Donald Muir, Mercy Palisoc, Fidel Perez, Epifania Herrera, Artemio Patacsil, Edgardo Perez, Y.T. Hsu, Rebecca Patacsil, Fr Augustus Patacsil, Artemio & Abraham Patacsil

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Sarah Edgar, Patrick Robert Edgar, Marie Saldanha, Norbert Saldanha, Rebecca Patacsil, Emy & Fe Masangkay, Sam Talisayon, Maximo Caneda Sr., Benny Fonseca, Alban Fonseca, Paul Mahoney

**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:** Betty Tobin, Sandrella Toubia, Vincent Rowan, John Lowe, Stephen Senjak, David Mannall, Rachael Sumagu, Nivola Senjak & family, Miguel-Angel Soto-Figueroa, Belinda & John Mull, James Sampey, Ashley & Debbie Brown, Emerlinda Sarreal, Habib Nohra, Susan Rodricks, Leonard Close, Daniel & Sharon Webb

**Special Intentions:** Raveen, Tian, Warren Pimenta, Marcel Melik, Anita Denis & family, O'Neill family, Turner family, Fardell family, Rachel Lawrence, Cathleen Donovan, Shane, Luisa, Virginia Ayuste, Jorge, John, Agnes & Napoleon Patacsil, Franz Tito, Jake Brennan, Julie Perrottet, Nicole Desouza, Elizabeth Perrottet, Elizabeth Perez, Vina Ayuste, Elena Patacsil, Carmelita Perez, Agnes Patacsil, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Michael Perez, Leonardo Perez close, Elmer Patacsil Ayuste, Napoleon Patacsil, Jasmine Olivera, Joseph Sadaka, Mini Harb, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Stephen Senjak, Maria Perugini, Fatima, rohan, Dan & Sidney Rodricks, Bernadette Khalil

## BAPTISMS



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

**Ellery Bernardo  
Sevana Veloso  
Cerena Guajardo**

## WEDDINGS



We also welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following couple 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  
date 09 July*

"The little ones are those who, like children, feel their need and are not self-sufficient. They are open to God and allow themselves to be amazed at his works. They know how to read the signs, to marvel at the miracles of his love!"



## Saint of the Week

**20 July - St Thorlak (1133-1193), Bishop, Patron of Iceland**

Born in 1133 at Hlíðarendi in the see of Skálholt in southern Iceland, Thorlak was from an agrarian family. He was ordained a deacon before he was fifteen and a priest at the age of eighteen. He studied abroad at Paris with the Victorines, where he learned the Rule of Saint Augustine from roughly 1153 to 1159, and then studied canon law in Lincoln. Returning to Iceland in 1165, Thorlak founded a monastery of Canons Regular at Þykkvabær after refusing to marry a rich widow. There he devoted himself to a strictly religious life, refusing to marry (many other Icelandic priests were married) and devoting himself to reciting the Our Father, the Creed, and a hymn, as well as fifty Psalms.

Thorlak was consecrated a bishop by Augustine of Nidaros and worked to regulate the Augustinian Rule in Iceland, as well as eradicate simony, lay patronage, and clerical incontinency.

Thorlak was officially recognised as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church on 14 January 1984, when John Paul II canonised him and declared him the patron saint of Iceland.

(Information: Wikipedia)



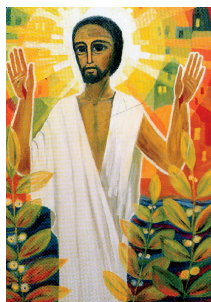
## "Quote of the Week"

"The Christian is not...the person who has accepted a particular set of theories about the universe but the person who lives by the power of the joy that is laid bare in the event of the resurrection of Jesus."

**Rowan Williams**

(b.1950)

Former Archbishop of Canterbury  
Sermon at Canterbury Cathedral,  
Easter 2011



## Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

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

The online registration form is now available on the Sacrament tab of our website <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>.

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



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# The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 16th, 2023

Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some of the  fell on on the , and  came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the  rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of . Some  fell among , and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some  fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty, or thirty-fold.

## Isaiah 55 Unscramble

Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!

Thus says the \_\_\_\_\_: [DRLO]  
Just as from the heavens  
the \_\_\_\_\_ [NIRA] and \_\_\_\_\_ [OWNS]  
come down  
and do not return there  
till they have watered the \_\_\_\_\_, [HRATE]  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
giving \_\_\_\_\_ [EDSE] to the one who sows  
and \_\_\_\_\_ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,  
so shall my word be  
that goes forth from my \_\_\_\_\_; [TOUMH]  
my \_\_\_\_\_ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,  
but shall do my will,  
achieving the end for which I \_\_\_\_\_ [NTSE] it.



## God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.



What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?

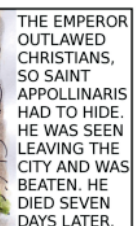
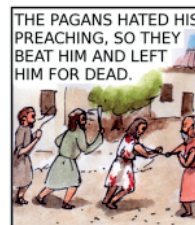
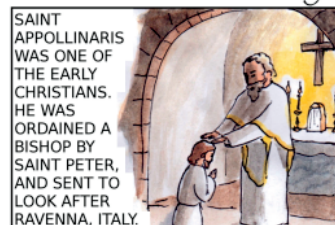


Lord, rain, snow, earth, seed, bread, mouth, word, sent

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle:

www.thekidsbulletin.com

## St. Appollinaris of Ravenna July 20



SAINT APPOLLINARIS WAS A TRUE HERO FOR THE FAITH. HE KEPT GOING BACK TO HIS PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH HE KEPT GETTING BEATEN AND TORTURED. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US TO NEVER QUIT HELPING PEOPLE COME TO GOD EVEN WHEN OTHERS KEEP FIGHTING AGAINST US.

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