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23 July 2023 - 16th 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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Bible Sunday

Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

(Psalm 119:105)

"Those divinely revealed realities which are contained and presented in Sacred Scripture have been committed to writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit." (Dei Verbum, n. 11)



The Church has designated today as Bible Sunday. We hear the Word of God proclaimed at every Mass and today we are urged to deepen our relationship with the scriptures, to help us reflect on the importance of the scriptures in our lives, and to be inspired to live in accordance with God's will for us.

The scriptures tell a wonderful story about the deepest relationship that exists, a story of great love between God and humanity. We learn about who God is by reading the accounts of God's encounters with individuals and communities throughout history. For us, all these accounts culminate in the wonderful mystery of the Incarnation – God became one of us in Jesus. Jesus shows us, more than any other revelation, who God is. His life, actions and teachings make it clear that God loves us, even to the point of dying. The Gospels have a preeminent place in the scriptures because they give us an account of the deepest mysteries of our faith – the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and the giving of the Holy Spirit.

The scriptures teach us how to pray, how to live, and how to love. God's actions in the Old Testament, and Jesus' life in the New Testament give us a model for our own lives. God has established an unbreakable covenant with us, is faithful to us, and delivers us from oppression and the consequences of our sin, by offering forgiveness. God also corrects us and calls us to repent and to open ourselves to grace. The prophets call us to question our ways and to turn our lives around. Jesus teaches us the great commandments – love God and love each other. In the scriptures, we see the working of the Holy Spirit throughout history and in the early church.

The bible is a source of great inspiration. We learn that, in creating the world, God looked upon it and 'saw that it was good'. Approach the scriptures from the place of your heart. Read the inspired words and allow God to speak to you in your heart. The scriptures can be a powerful instrument for the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They inspire us to follow Jesus and to love as he loved. If we are serious about being a disciple of Jesus and following God's will for us, reading the scriptures, especially the Gospels, needs to become an important part of our lives. Meditating on the scriptures can be a source of comfort and inspiration in times of distress. There is much wisdom to be gained from spending time reflecting on the scriptures.

May you be blessed and inspired by spending time with God in the scriptures.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Jeff Hood (Seminararian)

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!

Parish Synod Gathering

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 a date set aside to meet. This meeting will take place in the Cloister Function Room (hall) at St Pat's.

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 a meeting 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.

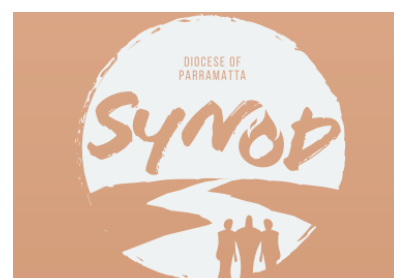
The focus question for your response is:

“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 - 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

We have now farewelled our three World Youth Day pilgrims and Fr Chris as they head off to Lisbon for World Youth Day, after visiting some other significant holy sites in France and Spain. 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.

Formation Sessions

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

First Friday Devotions

Join us on **Friday 04 August** for our monthly First Friday holy hour, beginning in the chapel at 7:00pm.

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.

Sick and Housebound

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

Diary Claimer - Parish AGM

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

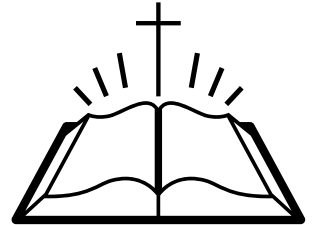
Dates for July/August/September:

July 29;

August 05, 12, 19 & 26;

September 02, 09, 16 & 23.

You are all welcome!



Assumption Masses

An early notification of Mass times for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Tuesday 15 August**.

A reminder that the Assumption is one of two Holy Days of Obligation in the Latin Church in Australia (apart from Sundays, of course!) The other Holy Day of Obligation is Christmas Day.

Mass times on the day will be **6:30am, 12:30pm and 7:00pm**.

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.

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: Flor Ocampo, Fr Carl Ashton, Milagros Bobier, Terry Gorman, Michael Judowikrama, Cecilia Jung, Robert Hanssen, Aurea Halasan, Rolando Mercado, Edward Ngu Lia Ting, Teresa Gaffney, Grandma Chan

Deceased: Sr Lina Hagele, Dulcie & Leo Tobin, 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

Anniversaries: Len Larrado, Frank & Umberto Papagna, Daisy Neroy, Luz Arcilla, Elizabeth Sarah Edgar, Patrick Robert Edgar, Marie Saldanha, Norbert Saldanha, Rebecca Patacsil, Emy & Fe Masangkay, Sam Talisayon, Maximo Caneda Sr.

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: Buenaventura Zafiro Jr., 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, Daniel & Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Naleen, 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...

**Alayna Panelo & Maja Gibbs
Zoe Brazel & Romeo Arguedas**

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 16 July*

"Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces a new life in those who receive it."

Saint of the Week

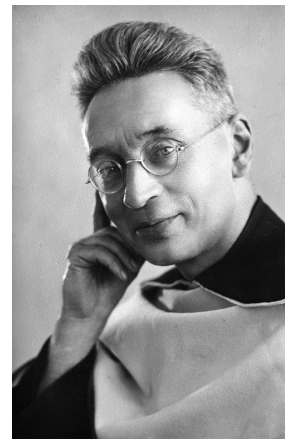
27 July - St Titus Brandsma (1881-1942), Priest, Martyr

He was born in Bolsward in the Netherlands. He was baptised Anno Sjoerd Brandsma. He joined the Carmelites at Boxmeer in 1898 at the age of seventeen, and took the religious name Titus. He was ordained a priest in 1905. Following his ordination, he went to Rome and studied for a doctorate in philosophy at the Gregorian Pontifical University, which he was awarded in 1909. Returning to Holland, Titus pursued the career of a teacher and writer. He taught at a number of schools before taking on the position of Professor of Philosophy and the History of Mysticism at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, where he was later appointed Rector Magnificus in 1932. At the same time he was active in journalism. He was vehemently opposed to Nazi ideology and spoke out against it many times before the Second World War.

Underlying his career as a teacher and writer was his deeply personal search for the God of Jesus who was the centre of his life. He lived out this mission in a practical way giving to all who needed his help. It was from this deep relationship and conviction that he would argue against the National Socialist ideology, as Holland came under Nazi occupation. As adviser to the Bishops on the Catholic Press, Titus defended the right to freedom of education and of the Catholic Press. Titus believed such freedoms were implicit to the message of the Gospel.

He was arrested in January 1942, when he tried to persuade Dutch Catholic newspapers not to print Nazi propaganda (as was required by the law of the Nazi German occupiers). He had also drawn up the Pastoral Letter, read in all Catholic parishes, by which the Dutch Roman Catholic bishops officially condemned the German anti-Semitic measures and the deportation of the first Jews. After this Pastoral Letter, the first few thousand Jews to be deported from the Netherlands were all Jewish converts to Roman Catholicism, including St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein).

Amidst the suffering of Titus's imprisonment, prisoners and jailers spoke of his ability to bring an awareness of peace amidst the horror of the prison camps. Eventually he was transferred to Dachau where he was killed by lethal injection on the 26th July 1942. The witness of his life is an example of prophetic action arising from a commitment to the Gospel and revealing the merciful presence of God, even in the most horrific of times.



(Information: Universalis)

"Quote of the Week"

"Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction."

Pope Benedict XVI
(1927-2022)
Deus Caritas Est (2005)



Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

The calendar of remaining mandatory preparation sessions is as follows:

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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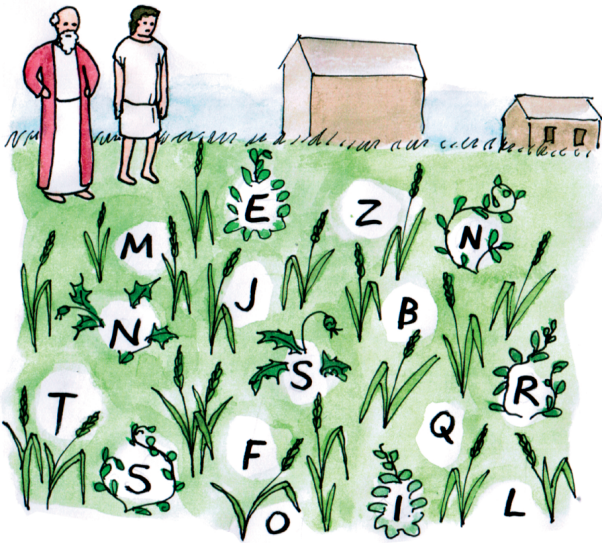
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The Kids' Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23rd, 2023



What did the weeds in today's parable represent?
Find all the letters that are in the weeds and
unscramble them to find out.



The weeds are any plant
that doesn't look like this.

Sort Out the Pictures: The Weeds and the Wheat

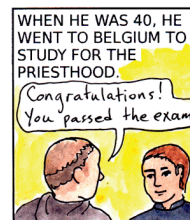
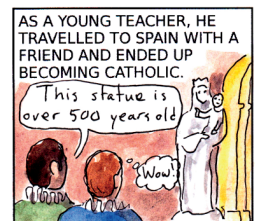
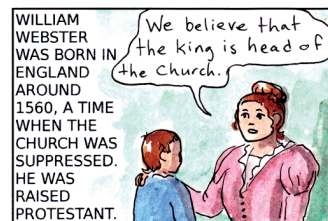
What happened in today's parable?
Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes
to show the order in which the story went.



Colour me in!



Blessed William Ward July 26



BLESSED WILLIAM CHOSE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE BEING PERSECUTED. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US OF DOING WHAT YOU KNOW IS RIGHT EVEN IF OTHERS, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT, TELL YOU NOT TO. YOU CAN PRAY TO BLESSED WILLIAM IF YOU NEED COURAGE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

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