

## ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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### 13 August 2023 - 19th 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 Facebook: credo.stpats Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au





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### The Storms in our Lives

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES have a very dramatic feel to them, especially the first reading and the gospel.

In the first reading Elijah is faced with hurricanes, fires and earthquakes, and in the gospel the disciples are faced with a storm at sea.

Every life has its storms and when you are in the middle of one of those storms it is the most natural thing in the world to cry out: "Where is God in all this?" or maybe: "Why has God done this to me?" So, let's reflect a little on what today's scriptures might tell us about all that.



In the first reading Elijah was led firstly to the holy mountain of Horeb and then led into a cave. After that there was a huge hurricane, followed by an earthquake and then a great fire. It was likely to have been a potentially terrifying experience but Elijah was not injured by any of it because he had been led to the safety of the cave. Elijah did not panic. He simply sat tight and allowed all these things to pass, listening always for the voice of God. We are told very clearly that God was not in any of these dramatic events. It was after these had passed that God came, in the gentle breeze.

Similarly, for the disciples, they found themselves out in the middle of the night, on the Sea of Galilee braving a storm. Once again we should notice that Jesus did not cause the storm, in fact he calmed it. While the storm was raging, Jesus was walking calmly towards them.

The storms in our lives are not caused by God. In fact, if we looked honestly at the storms of our lives, many of them are self-inflicted – just look at Peter. It was Peter who put himself in danger of drowning. It was his idea to try walking on water. Yes, Christ agreed to call him, but that was perhaps, like so many incidents in the gospels, because there was something important for us to learn...

Many storms are not of our own making; some are made by other people. That is an expression of free will, the gift that God has given us: if people were not able to do bad things, doing good would have no meaning. If people were not allowed to do foolish things, wisdom would have no value.

Sometimes things just happen – it's not down to us or someone else, they just happen, it's part of living in a dangerous and uncertain world. We know from reflecting on the Book of Job that God allows these things, but he does not cause them, and that is a huge distinction, one we need to ponder until we get it clear.

The messages from today's scriptures are that life will bring its storms, its dramatic events. The whole time the storm was raging Jesus was walking towards his disciples, He was always going to take care of them. Even as Peter sank into the waters, Jesus reached out and saved him. Let us take our example from Elijah and let us sit out these storms knowing always that these times will pass, and God is coming to us. Fear is a lack of trust in God, so in the middle of our storms, let us be brave and hold tightly to the words of Christ: "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Deacon David

# LITURGY GUIDE

### ENTRANCE RITE



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## 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.** 

### 19th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A Focusing the Word



### Key words and phrases

- Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side.
- Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I!
- Lord! Save me!' Peter cried.
- Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?
- Truly, you are the Son of God.
- I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

### to the point

Jesus reveals who he is by his command over nature ('walking on the sea') and his command to Peter ('Come'). Peter's doubt ('if it is you') results in disastrous fright. The good news of the gospel is that doubt doesn't lead to drowning but to homage.

### Connecting the Gospel...

### to the first reading

Revelation leads to homage. Elijah's response to God's revelation is to pay homage ('covered his face with his cloak').

### to culture

Nothing in our human experience leads us to expect that we will ever walk on water! But that is not the goal of faith. Worship is.

## LITURGY GUIDE



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

A reading from the first book of the Kings (19:9,11-13) Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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 (9:1-5)

### I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (14:22-33)

#### Command me to come to you over the water.

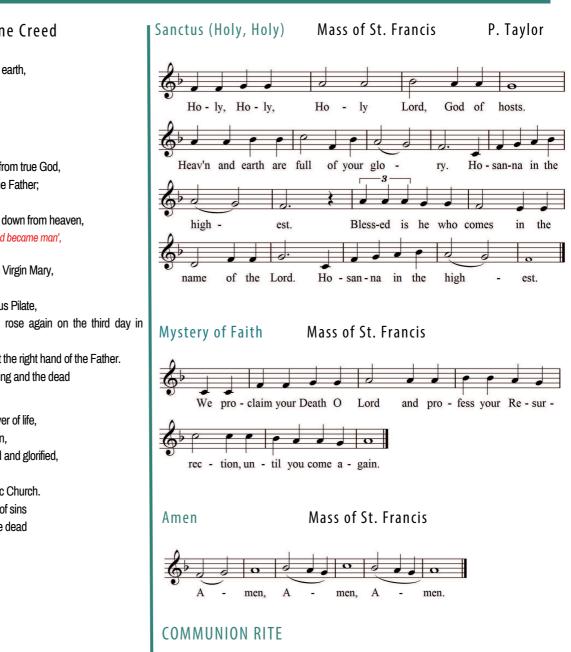
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

### Homily



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,

Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



### Profession of Faith Niecene 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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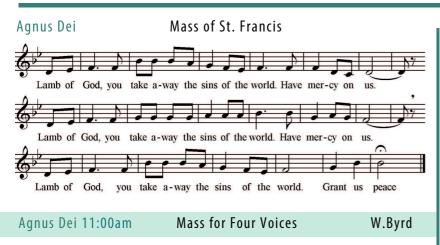
### Offertory Motet 11:00am

### Tu pauperum refugium

J. Des Prez

You are refuge of the poor, relief of the weak, hope of the refugee, strength of the afflicted, path for the wayward, truth and life, and now Lord Saviour, only in you do I seek solace, I adore you, true God, I hope in you, I trust in you, my salvation, Jesus Christ, help me, never forsake me in the hour of the death of my spirit

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



### Communion Antiphon Panis quem ego dedero

The bread which I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. (John 6: 52)



The cantors sing the verses from Ps.26

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness, in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and be strong. Hope in the Lord.

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### Next Week's Readings:

20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

### **Readings:**

s 56:1, 6-7: I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain. Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8: R. O God, let all the nations praise you! Rom 11:13-15, 29-32: The gifts and call of God are irrevocable. Mt 15:21-28: Woman, you have great faith. Hours of the Sunday, Te Deum



### 8:00am Mass Propers

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. R.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

R. Alleluia, alleluia. I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

R. Alleluia.

### **Communion Antiphon**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

# 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!

### World Youth Day 2023 - Lisbon, Portugal



Our pilgrims are on the home stretch. They will be flying to Rome followed by a retreat in Assisi and back home on Saturday.





Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal

Frs Jack Green, Adam Carlow, Chris del Rosario, Andrew Rooney & Sam French

### **Assumption Masses**

Mass times for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Tuesday 15 August** are:

### 6:30am, 12:30pm and 7:30pm

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.

Please note that the 7:30pm Mass will be a sung Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Vincent.

# JRS AUSTRALIA

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia provides vital support to over 150 families seeking asylum and refugees every week through our Toiletries and Food Bank program. These families, who are largely unable to access Federal Government assistance, have expressed that JRS is their only safety net. With your assistance, we can ensure that these families no longer face the difficult choice between having dinner and keeping warm this winter.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**



PLEASE DROP ITEMS IN THE CHAPEL AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

Dear St Pat's parishioners. My name is Aidan Pospischil and I am a parishioner at St Pat's, usually attending the 9.30am Mass on Sundays. I have chosen to support JRS with their Food Bank Drive as part of my volunteering for the D of E Award.

The timeframe is four weeks starting from next week. I hope you can help support this very worthwhile cause.

Many thanks, Aidan Pospischil

JRS ---

## **PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES**

### In our prayers...

Sadly, Peter Jackman died earlier this week. His funeral will take place on Thursday 17 August at 10:00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please keep Margery and her family in your prayers.

> Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

### **Good Works**

Ian Goldthorpe (attends 8:00am Mass) collects used aluminium scrap candle holders from the Cathedral to avoid disposal into landfill.



The candle holders are regularly received in plastic bags from numerous parishioners. I then remove the wax from within the candle holder, generally while watching television.I am seeking help with this task and also put out a call if you would like to leave your used candle holders in the sacristy, it would be much appreciated. Every little bit helps.

Please ring Ian Goldthorpe on 0414716005 for any enquiries.

### Jam Preserving at the Parish

Keep Thursday 24 August free, 5:00pm. Details next week.

### **Thanks from Hospitality Coordinator**

People's generosity just keeps on keeping on!

Thanks to whoever left a bag of supplies in the Donations Basket in the Café last Sunday; and to Angelino, a regular giver for the biscuits he dropped into the office last Wednesday.

The parish is blessed - and God bless you for contributing to Sunday Morning Tea.

### Seeking Submissions for St Pat's Matters

The next issue is due out in early September.

- What can I write about, you ask? Some suggestions:
  - Why you love being a St Pat's Parishioner.
  - Sharing your involvement in Ministry.
  - How faith in God shapes daily life for you and your family.
  - Always keen to receive stories from anyone who has become a Catholic.
  - Articles and archival photos relating to the longstanding history of our remarkable parish its priests, people and events.
  - Any topics you think worth publishing.

Want to know about Ritual Matter? Email questions to Fr Robert: frrobert@stpatscathedral.com.au and he will happily enlighten you in his column, "Why we do what we do".

### **Special Invitation**

To the children preparing for Confirmation in late August: you could write about what you are learning in the preparation sessions, the Saint's name you've chosen and why.

Parents, share why this sacramental milestone is so important in your children's lives.

Email submissions to M Polizzi - balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office marked for St Pat's Matters. Deadline: **21 August.** 

### Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery, Parramatta

A committee has recently been formed to advocate for and participate in the preservation and promotion of the oldest Catholic Cemetery in Australia. St Patricks Cemetery received Catholic burials from 1824 to 1972 and so contains a rich history of the Catholic Church in Australia. Following closure in 1972 it was eventually transferred from the Catholic Church to the City of Parramatta in 1975. Parramatta City Council has since had responsibility for the maintenance and preservation. The cemetery was listed on the NSW State Heritage Register in 2012. Council also has responsibility for several other historic cemeteries and funds are limited.

We are inviting all parishioners with an interest in learning more about our Catholic history to join with us in working with and advising Council on looking after this unique historic icon and advocating for more funding through Heritage Grants. Our next meeting will be held in the Cloister Hall on **Wednesday 16 August at 7:00pm.** 

## Clergy Support Foundation - Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

### 02 and 03 September

Note from the Diocese: Through your parish's partnership and leadership; and our faith community's generosity, we have raised \$200K towards our Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton, supporting First Nations people, and anyone in need. Thank you so much for your support!

Please support the Father's Day Appeal coming up in a few weeks' time. Your tax-deductible donations will help care for those many aged and sick clergy who have served so faithfully for many decades. Thank you!

### Parish AGM - Next Sunday

The Cathedral's Annual General Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on **Sunday 20 August at 12.30pm**.

This is a great opportunity to hear how the parish has been travelling over the past year and comparable to previous years. Do not miss this opportunity to ask questions or query something that may have been on your mind. Hope to see you there!

### **Bulletin by email**

Recently we stopped sending the bulletin via an app as we were looking at another source. As yet this is still in the pipeline. So, in the meantime, if you would like the bulletin sent to your inbox, please email **secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au** and in the subject line type 'Bulletin'. Don't forget to visit our website from time to time. You never know what useful information you may find there!

### 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!

## **Prayer Intentions**

### We pray for our beloved dead...

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

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Jackman, Heather Louden, Charles Vas, Dr Anna Petronille, Kenneth W Brown, Pat Andrews, Mirjana Sardelich, Rachel Deguara, Terry Gorman, Patty Andrews, Roselyn Mudliar, Flor Ocampo, Fr Carl Ashton

**Deceased:** YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Pasquale Altamore, John & Bernadette Rapa, Jorge Guimaraes, Trinidad Llanillo, 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

**Anniversaries:** Celestino Bumactao, Juan Montesco, Eustaquio Garcia, Maximina Manlangit, Maria McGale, Filomena Nubla, Anna Thach, Margaret Russo, Deery Tait, Maria Truol, Vincent Monteiro, Edgardo Perez, Sophie Ellis, Joseph Tinh Yu

**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: Mary Rose Perez, Buenaventura Zafiro Jr., Betty Tobin, Sandrella Toubia, Vincent Rowan, John Lowe, Stephen Senjak, David Mannall, Rachael Sumagu, Nivola Senjak & family, Miguel-Angel Soto-Figuerdo, Belinda & John Mull, James Sampey, Ashley & Debbie Brown, Daniel & Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Robert Osei Kyei, Daniel Lovett, Raveen, Naleen, Tian & Raveen, Paul & Mouzel Carson, Charlotte Perrottet, Joseph & Alice Suttie, Veronique Brennan, Philip & Elizabeth, Arthur & Genevieve Lopez, Daniel Lovett, Harrisson, 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



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



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

Janine Perez and Gabriel Reyes Anthony Ventra and Samantha Bekiaris Please pray for them and their families. POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for August



### For World Youth Day...

"We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives."

From Pope Francis...

From a tweet dated 08 August

"Our outlook changes when we place Jesus at the centre of our lives. And despite all our struggles and difficulties, we feel wrapped in His light, comforted by His Spirit, encouraged by His Word and sustained by His love."

## Saint of the Week

### 19 August - St Ezekiel Moreno (1848-1906), Bishop, Missionary

Ezekiel Moreno was born in Alfaro in Spain on 09 April 1848. He joined the Recollect Congregation of the Augustinian Order in Monteagudo (Navarra) in 1864. He was sent to the Philippines, where he was ordained in 1871 and where he worked for 15 years. He then returned to Spain to serve as prior in Monteagudo for three years, after which he gave all of his energy to various forms of ministry in Colombia until shortly before his death. He was a leader in the restoration of the Augustinian Recollect Province of La Candelaria in Colombia. In 1899 he became bishop of Pasto.

His life as bishop was not easy due to the horrors of a cruel civil war, a period of rising anticlericalism, and persecution of the Church. Nevertheless, through his simple spirit of openness and rigorous defence of the rights of the Church, he showed himself a faithful pastor whose concern was the well-being of the Church entrusted to his care. Struck by cancer, he returned to Spain at the insistence of his priests in order to receive treatment, and died there at Monteagudo on August 19, 1906 at the age of 58.

He was beatified in 1975, and canonised in the Dominican Republic by Pope John Paul II in 1992 at the close of the 5th Century Celebration of the Evangelization of Latin America.



(Information: Universalis)

### "Quote of the Week"

'Joy is not to be found in a locked library, even though study is necessary! Joy lies somewhere else. It is not kept under lock and key, but must be sought, must be discovered. It has to be found in dialogue with others, where we share these roots of joy that we have received. And this, at times, is tiring. Let me ask you a question: do you sometimes get tired? Think about what happens when we become tired: we have no wish to do anything; we throw in the towel (as we say in Spanish), because we have no desire to carry on and we give up, stop walking and fall. Do you believe that those who fall in life, who have experienced failure, who even commit serious or grave mistakes, that their lives are over? No! So what are they to do? They are to get back up! Now there is something very profound that I would like you to take away with you and remember: those who come from the Alps, who like to climb mountains, have a very beautiful song that goes like this: "In the art of climbing the mountain, what matters isn't not to fall, but not to remain fallen". This is beautiful!



### **Pope Francis**

(b.1936) Excerpt from World Youth Day Vigil Mass homily 05 August 2023





## **The Kids' Bulletin**

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13th, 2023

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them. What was it? Use the code to find out!

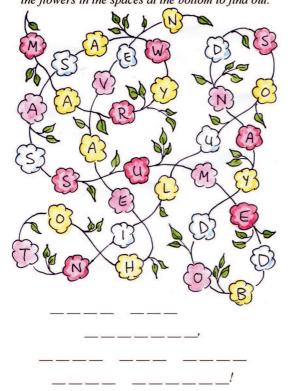


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## Flowers for Our Lady

This Tuesday, August 15th, is a feast day of Our Lady. What are we celebrating? Follow the line, starting at M, and put the letters from the flowers in the spaces at the bottom to find out.



## Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think

about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answer to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!

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