



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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**20 August 2023 - 20th 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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## Scraps from the Master's Table

AN ISSUE THAT HAS confronted the Church since its inception has been that of membership: to put it rather crudely, who is "in" and who is "out". Even the apostles, those closest to Jesus, guarded their privileged status to the point of arrogance at times. Right to this day there are those who argue for tighter criteria for membership of the Church. Even if such people concede membership is open to a broader group of people than they would regard as ideal, they will construct a hierarchy of membership, holding that some people are "fuller" members than others. Having said that, this issue is certainly not restricted to religious institutions!



This weekend we witness Jesus entering territory that was populated by those on the "outer" as far as the Jewish people were concerned, the Canaanites. Jesus moves from the town of Gennesaret on the north-west shore of the Sea of Galilee and heads in a northerly direction to the district of Tyre and Sidon in what we know today as southern Lebanon. It is here, in foreign territory, that today's encounter between Jesus and the nameless Canaanite woman takes place. On the surface, this encounter paints Jesus in an unfavourable light. His language towards the Canaanite woman sounds insulting, to say the least. He refers to her as a 'house-dog', 'dog' being a term of derision used by the Jews of Gentiles. Whether or not Jesus was being offensive however, would depend on the tone he was using. Certainly, based on the way Jesus is generally portrayed in the Gospels, it is unlikely he was being offensive. We can easily pinpoint other wordplay incidents Jesus engaged in similar to this one; his conversation with the woman at Jacob's Well (John 4:1-42) being just one example. The dialogue between Jesus and the Canaanite woman would no doubt have been conducted equally playfully, though with an equally serious basis. The woman doesn't appear to take offence. In any case, her determination to have her child healed is paramount – nothing will dissuade her from her mission.

Perhaps as a means of testing the woman's determination and faith, Jesus announces that he "was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel" (which perhaps begs the question of why he travelled so far into foreign territory!). Nonetheless the woman persists and in the end gets what she wants. Her desire is neither selfish nor unreasonable: her innocent child is unwell and, like any parent, she is desperate to see her child healed. Through her persistence and display of faith ("Son of David"), her plea for her child's healing is granted.

The Canaanite woman in this weekend's Gospel is an example for all of us of the value of deep faith, humility and love, to say nothing of persistence. She has faith in Jesus as one able to heal, she is prepared to humble herself before him, and her love for her daughter moves Jesus greatly so that her persistence bears fruit. It is those qualities of faith, humility, love and persistence, and not an accident of birth, that ensure that she is treated as one of the "chosen ones".

May this be a lesson for us all.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*

*Fr Robert*



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# LITURGY GUIDE

## ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession Let all the peoples praise you, O God

**Refrain**



Let all the peo - ples praise you, O Lord, let all the  
peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples  
praise you, O Lord, let all the peo - ples praise you.

**Verses**



1. Na - tions shall fear the name of the Lord,  
2. Let this be writ - ten for a - ges to come,  
3. Si - on shall hear the name of the Lord,  
1. and all the rul - ers of earth your glo - ry,  
2. peo - ples un - born may praise the Lord,  
3. and God's praise in the heart of the ci - ty.  
1. when the Lord shall build Si - on a - gain,  
2. who has come down from the sanc - tuary on high  
3. Peo - ples and na - tions shall ga - ther to praise,  
1. com - ing in glo - ry. Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. to set the pris - 'ners free. Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. wor - ship - ping God our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

D.C.

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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.**

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Focusing the Word



### Key words and phrases

- A Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me'.
- 'Lord,' she said 'help me'.
- Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.
- Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity.
- God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

### to the point

In this gospel Jesus declares that his mission is only to 'the house of Israel.' Yet his compassion/pity for a Canaanite woman in urgent need compels him to heal the daughter of the foreigner. The encounter between Jesus and the woman reveals the mercy of Jesus, the power of faith, and the gift of salvation for all people - even those who do not belong to 'the house of Israel.'

### Connecting the Gospel...

#### • to the last Sunday

Whereas in last Sunday's gospel Peter first cries 'save me' and only then recognises who Jesus is and pays him homage, in this Sunday's gospel the Canaanite woman immediately recognises Jesus, pays him homage, and then begs for help. To Peter Jesus says, 'O you of little faith'; to this woman he says, 'great is your faith.'

#### • to culture

Recent decades have made us sensitive to the cry of women for justice. The experience of women today helps us understand and empathise with the marginalised woman in this gospel.

# LITURGY GUIDE

## Kyrie

Belmont Mass

C. Walker

*The cantor intones then all repeat*

Cantor/Choir All

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

Cantor/Choir All

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor/Choir All

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

Kyrie 11:00am

Mass in Re

L. Bevenot OSB

## Gloria

Chant Mass XV

ICEL

Celebrant (or Cantor) Cantors Gloria XV—ICEL

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

Assembly Cantors Assembly C

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you.

A C

we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, hea-ven-ly King,

A

O God, al-might-y Fa-ther, Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son,

C A

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther. you take a-way the sins of the world,

C

have mer-cy on us. you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer,

A C

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer- cy on us. For you

A C

a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most Hig-

A

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - - ther.

A - - men.

Gloria 11:00am

Mass in Re

L. Bevenot OSB

*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 have prepared for those who love you  
good things which no eye can see,  
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,  
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,  
we may attain your promises,  
which surpass every human desire.  
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 (56:1, 6-7)

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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 (11:13-15, 29-32)

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Belmont Mass

C. Walker

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



**Cantor** Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

**R. Alleluia.**

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (15:21-28)

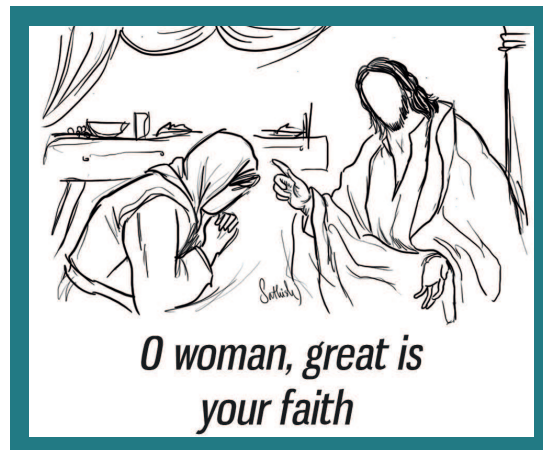
*Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

Like as the hart

H. Howells

Like as the hart (deer) desireth the waterbrooks :  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night :  
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?  
(Psalm 42)

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Missal Tone

ICEL

*Cantors \* All* *Mass XVIII*

HO - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-sán-na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-sán-na in the high-est.

## Mystery of Faith

Missal Tone

ICEL

WE pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rec-tion  
un-til you come a-gain.

## Amen

Missal Tone

A - men

## COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

### Agnus Dei

Belmont Mass

C. Walker

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
(repeat as necessary)  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei 11:00am

Mass in Re

L. Bevenot OSB

Communion Antiphon

Domus Mea

My house will be called a house of prayer, says the Lord;  
everyone who asks here, will receive, and whosoever seeks, will find,  
and to those who knock, it will be opened.  
(Mt: 21:13)

Communion Hymn

Your hands, O Lord

1. Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were  
2. And then, your touch brought life and health, gave  
3. O be our might - ty heal - er still, O

1. strong to heal and save; they tri - umphed o - ver  
2. speech; and strength and sight; and youth re - newed and  
3. Lord of life and death; re - store and strength - en,

1. pain and death, fought dark - ness and the  
2. health re - stored, claimed you, the Lord of  
3. soothe and bless, with your al - migh - ty

1. grave. To you they went, the blind, the mute, the  
2. light: and so, O Lord, be near to bless, Al -  
3. breath; on hands that work and eyes that see, your

1. pal - sied and the lame, the le - per set a -  
2. might - y now as then, in ev' - ry street, in  
3. heal - ing wis - dom pour, that whole and sick and

1. part and shunned, the sick and those in shame.  
2. ev - 'ry home, in ev - 'ry trou - bled friend.  
3. weak and strong may praise you e - ver more.

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## Next Week's Readings:

21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

### Readings:

Is 22:19-23: I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Ps 137:1-3,6,8: R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Rom 11:33-36: From him, through him, and in him are all things.

Mt 16:13-20: You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.



## 8:00am Mass Propers

### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. R.

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

### Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

R. Alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption

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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!

## Clergy Support Foundation

## Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal

02 and 03 September

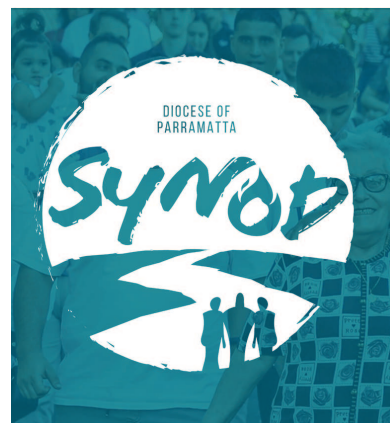
Please support the Father's Day Appeal in two weeks' time. Your tax-deductible donations will help care for those many aged and sick clergy who have served so faithfully for many decades.

Thank you!

Envelopes will be available for you to take home and return on Fathers' Day weekend. Of course, feel free to contribute online via the Parramatta Diocese website.

## Novena for the Diocesan Synod







As our Diocesan Synod draws nearer, Bishop Vincent is encouraging us to enter into a novena of prayer. Booklets are available in the usual spots and a PDF and PPT of the novena prayers are available through the Parramatta Diocese website. As well as encouraging us as individuals to pray the novena in our personal prayers time, I would encourage all of our various prayer groups to pray the novena when they meet over the next couple of months. *Fr Robert*



## JRS AUSTRALIA FOOD BANK

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?

		<b>COOKING OIL</b> 1L - 2L BOTTLES	<b>LONG LIFE MILK</b> 1L BOTTLES
		<b>BASMATI RICE</b> 1KG - 5KG BOTTLES	<b>PANTRY ESSENTIALS</b> SUGAR, SALT, INSTANT COFFEE & TEA BAGS
		<b>TUNA IN OIL</b> 425G CANS	<b>LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT</b>

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# PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

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## Parish AGM - Postponed till Sunday 17 September

The Cathedral's Annual General Meeting will now take place in the Parish Hall on **Sunday 17 September 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!

## Jam Preserving at the Parish

Preserving night is back! On Thursday 24 August between 5:00pm-8:30pm a preserves-making session will run in the presbytery kitchen. No experience or equipment required. All preserves made on the night will be donated to local food banks, including the current JRS collection drive.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:balmap5@bigpond.com) or leave at the parish office marked for St Pat's Matters. Deadline: **21 August**.

## Bulletin by email

Recently we stopped sending the bulletin via an app as we were looking at another source for communication. 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](mailto: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!

## Social Justice Statement

Each year the Australian Bishops publish a Social Justice Statement, a tradition that has extends back over eighty years. This year's statement, released last Thursday, is titled *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. Social Justice Sunday is marked next Sunday, 27 August.

## 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 0414 716 005 for any enquiries.

## Vinnies Sleepout at WSU Rydalmere - Friday 25 to Saturday 26 August.

If you didn't get the chance to support Vinnies at a 'sleepout', it's not too late! Organisers have reached out to our parish seeking parishioners looking to attend or help support running the event. Please contact the parish office in the first instance so a level of interest can be gauged. There's an option of registering a parish team which would be great!

## Concert at St Finbar's Glenbrook *A Glimpse of the Sublime...*

A Concert of delightful music featuring – Stephanie Zammit (Soprano) & Michael Taylor (Organ) and the heritage-listed Hele organ.

**Date:** Sunday 27 August **Time:** 2:00pm

Entry by donation: \$15 and \$10 (conc.)



## 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!

## Annual Leave

Please note that Fr Robert will be on annual leave from **Monday 28 August through to Saturday 09 September**.

We welcome Fr Chris back next **Saturday 26 August** after his time at World Youth Day and enjoying some well-earned annual leave.

## Refugee "Table Talk"

Our Peace, Justice and Environment Group is planning this event for November. More details to come over the next couple of weeks. There is no peace without justice...

## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

In a few weeks' time the parish is seeking to recommence the RCIA process for those adults who are seeking initiation into the Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know, is seeking more information on this, please contact the Parish Office.

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# Prayer Intentions

**We pray for our beloved dead...**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Mark Beard, Alan Overton, Jo O'Brien, Edmund & Anthony Fernandes, Epifania P Etueni, Alan Overton, Peter Jackman, Heather Loudon, Charles Vas, Dr Anna Petronille, Kenneth W Brown, Pat Andrews, Mirjana Sardelich, Rachel Deguara, Terry Gorman, Patty Andrews, Roselyn Mudliar

**Deceased:** Edgardo Perez, Rebecca, Artemio & Abraham Patacsil, Donald Muir, Yolanda Muir, Fr Augustus Patacsil, Newman & Phua families, Jec Tong Phua, Trinidad Llanillo, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Pasquale Altamore, John & Bernadette Rapa, Jorge Guimaraes, Sr Lina Hagele, Dulcie & Leo Tobin

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Nethercott, Celestino Bumactao, Juan Montesco, Eustaquio Garcia, Maximina Manlangit, Maria McGale, Filomena Nubla, Anna Thach, Margaret Russo, Deery Tait, Maria Truol, Vincent Monteiro

**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:** Serg M., Habib Nohra, 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:** Michael Perez, Leo Perez Close Tito, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Elmer Ayuste, Manuel Patacsil, Jorge, John, Naoleon & Agnes Patacsil, Dra Julia Lee, Elizabeth Perez, Franz titio, Zayne Bumactao, Naleen, Tian & Raveen, Roberto, Miguel, Fojas, Magsarili, Lynm, Delilah, Dwaine, Daniel, Nelle, Summer, Leann, Harley, Zelig Rose, Fetui, Tvetc, Robert Osei Kyei, Daniel Lovett, Raveen, Paul & Mouzel Carson, Charlotte Perrottet, Joseph & Alice Suttie, Veronique Brennan, Philip & Elizabeth, Arthur & Genevieve Lopez, Daniel Lovett, Harrison, Warren Pimenta, Marcel Melik, Anita Denis & family, O'Neill family, Turner family, Fardell family, Rachel Lawrence, Cathleen Donovan, Shane, Luisa, Virginia Ayuste, Jorge

## BAPTISMS

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

**Georgina Nieto  
Ava Nieto**

## WEDDINGS

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

**Taina Lee and Tan Le  
Janine Perez and Gabriel Reyes**  
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 17 August*

**"Those who love do not stand around doing nothing. Those who love serve. They hurry to reach others to serve in the name of Jesus. We love through our deeds and love makes us happy!"**

## Saint of the Week

**26 August - Blessed Dominic Barberi (1792-1849), Priest**

Dominic Barberi was born near Viterbo, Italy, in 1792 and joined the Passionist Order, urged on by an inner assurance that God called him to work as a missionary in England. He was ordained a priest in 1818 and worked in Italy and Belgium before coming to England in 1841. His first foundation was at Aston Hall in Staffordshire; he established four Passionist houses in all, and received many Anglicans into full communion, the most famous being John Henry Newman, who was received at Littlemore near Oxford on 9 October 1845. Blessed Dominic was noted for the personal warmth of his approach to non-Catholics and for his zeal in preaching; he drew crowds in spite of his strong Italian accent. He favoured a higher profile for the small Catholic body in England; he went around in his Passionist habit and, while at Aston Hall in 1844, organised a Corpus Christi procession through the streets of the neighbourhood, which is believed to have been the first public procession of its kind in England in modern times. Blessed Dominic died at Reading on 27 August 1849 and was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1963.



(Information: Universalis)

## “Quote of the Week”

'The hunger for God can only be satisfied by a love that is face to face, person to person. It is only in the eyes of another that we can find the Icon of Christ. We must make the other person aware we love him. If we do, he will know that God loves him. He will never hunger again.'

**Catherine de Hueck Doherty**

(1896-1985)

Russian baroness and founder of houses for the poor and spiritual retreat centres



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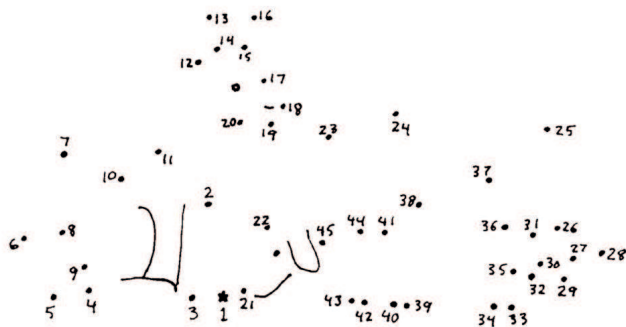
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# The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 20th, 2023



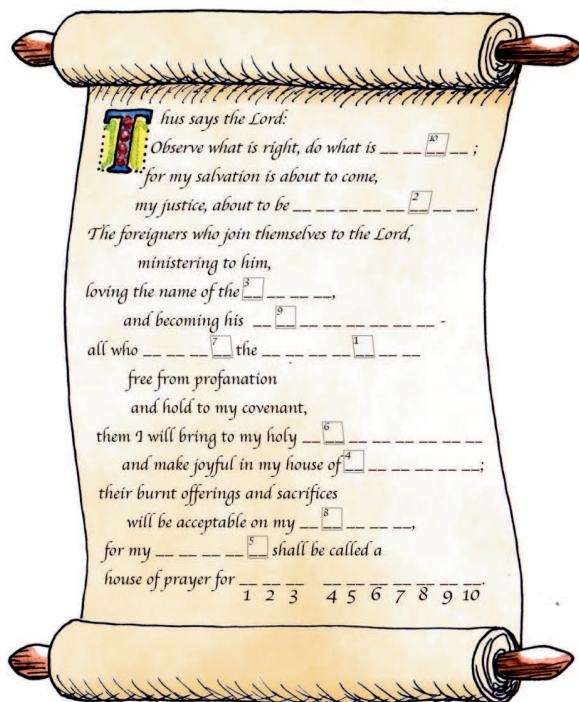
In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.

The woman replied to Jesus,  
"But even the \_\_\_\_\_ eat the scraps  
that fall from their master's table!"

What did she say she was like?  
Connect the dots to find out!

## Isaiah 56 Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.  
Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.



ALTAR  
HOUSE  
PRAYER

REVEALED  
MOUNTAIN  
SERVANTS  
SABBATH

KEEP  
JUST  
LORD

## Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

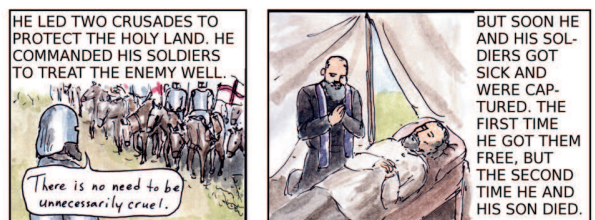
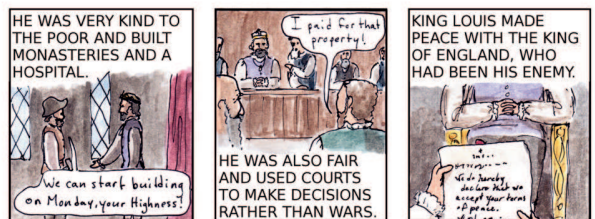
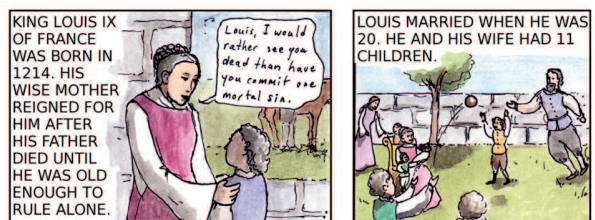
Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.



Dot to dot: dogs, servants, keep, sabbath, mountain, prayer, revealed, Lord.

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## Saint Louis of France August 25



KING SAINT LOUIS SAID THAT LOVING GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE. IT WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN RULING WELL! BECAUSE HE PRAYED AND ATTENDED MASS SO OFTEN AND SO WELL HE WAS GIVEN THE GRACE TO RULE HIS PEOPLE JUSTLY. PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS!

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