



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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**17 September 2023 - 24th 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  
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## How often must I forgive those who wrong me?

THE ENGLISH POET Alexander Pope, in his poem "An Essay on Criticism" wrote "To err is human, to forgive, divine." This famous line highlights the truth that whilst all of us are prone to sin because of our frail humanity, to forgive another for their sin requires, at times, superhuman effort, something we would consider as having its source in the Divine.

Before looking into this weekend's Gospel passage, which is focused on forgiveness, let us spend a moment examining the context in which we find it. Two Sundays ago, we witnessed some stunning dialogue between Jesus and Peter, when Jesus called Peter "Satan" for Peter's refusal, because of his frail humanity, to acknowledge what must happen to Jesus as the Messiah. This Gospel passage was taken from chapter 16 of Matthew. We skipped over all of chapter 17 (the Transfiguration and Jesus prophesying his suffering, death, and resurrection for the second time), and last weekend heard a few verses from chapter 18, a chapter which is focused on life within the community of believers. Jesus informs his disciples about the best manner of dealing with a member of the community who does wrong.

As outlined above, our Gospel passage this weekend, following on immediately from that of last weekend, highlights the importance of forgiveness. After hearing Jesus' words from last weekend, Peter approaches Jesus and asks: "How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Bearing in mind that for the Jewish people seven was regarded as the "perfect number," Peter is suggesting that to forgive someone seven times is, in fact, perfect forgiveness. Jesus, not surprisingly, goes deeper and talks of forgiving another "seventy-seven times," sometimes translated as "seventy times seven times." What Jesus means is that we should be prepared to forgive another who is genuinely repentant an infinite number of times. Jesus then illustrates his point with the parable often referred to as the Parable of the Unforgiving, or Wicked, Servant.

What then is the purpose of forgiveness? What does it achieve beyond stymying an impulse for vengeance? Forgiveness is not about forgetting a wrong against us, nor condoning bad behaviour. Nor does it mean that the perpetrator does not deserve punishment. Forgiveness is about opening up new possibilities for the future. In essence, forgiveness, when it happens (and it may take considerable time for the perpetrator to seek forgiveness) sets both the perpetrator and the one wronged free to embrace possibilities for the future beyond one marked by a lack of communication and bitterness. It means the possibility of a future not characterised by resentment constantly bubbling beneath the surface, each party waiting for an opportunity to attack the other. This truth is equally applicable whether we are speaking of large-scale international conflicts or petty squabbles that occur on a daily basis within a personal relationship.

Forgiveness is about making manifest Jesus' most radical phrase from the Sermon on the Mount: Love your enemies. (Matthew 5:44) We all want to know the joy of salvation, but we put that at risk if we fail to want that for all others we encounter, whether we like them or not.

Yes, to err is indeed human, and to forgive is divine. Let us call on the Holy Spirit to assist us to be forgiving, setting us and others free to co-create with God a better future for humankind.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*

*Fr Robert*



# LITURGY GUIDE

## ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Procession

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

1. O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts,  
2. Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood;  
3. We taste you, Lord, our liv - ing bread,  
4. For you our rest - less spi - rits yearn  
5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay;

1. the fount of life and our true light,  
2. you save all those who heed your call;  
3. and long to feast up - on you still;  
4. un - til your face we see at last;  
5. make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

1. we seek the peace your love im - parts  
2. to those who seek you, you are good,  
3. we drink of you, the foun - tain - head,  
4. glad, when your pre - sence we dis - cern,  
5. O cast the night of sin a - way,

1. and stand re - joic - ing in your sight.  
2. to those who find you, all in all.  
3. our thirst - ing souls to quench and fill.  
4. blest, when our faith can hold you fast.  
5. shed on the world your ho - ly light.

after v.5  
A - men.

Text: *Jesu, dulcis memoria*; anon, attr. to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1155; trans. paraphr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1897 in *Sabbath Hymn Book* 1858, ;  
Tune: JESU DULCIS MEMORIA 8 8 8 8; Chant mode 1

## 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.

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### Focusing the Word



#### Key words and phrases

- Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?
- The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants.
- Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?
- I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.
- Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
- The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.
- Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

#### to the point

The servant who had been forgiven by the master fails in two ways: not only does he fail to deal compassionately with his fellow servant, but in so doing he betrays his master's standard of conduct. Similarly, life in the Church demands that we forgive not only because it is the compassionate thing to do but because this is how God acts and expects us to act.

#### Connecting the Gospel...

##### • to Matthew's context

This gospel selection is taken from Matthew's most distinctive sermon (18:1-35), that on the internal life of the Christian community, the Church.

##### • to Christian experience

Placing this gospel within the context of Matthew's sermon on the Church, we need not be scandalised or discouraged that sin is part of the life of the Church. But, so too does this gospel bring home our need both to receive and extend forgiveness.

# LITURGY GUIDE

## Kyrie

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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

Cantor All rall.  
Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

## Kyrie 11:00am

Mass of St. Alphonsus

A. Moortgat

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

## Gloria

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and on earth peace to peo-ple of good - will. We  
praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for  
your great glo-ry. Lord God hea-ven-ly King, O God al-migh-ty Fa - ther.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Fa - ther.  
You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
You take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on  
us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit in the  
glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

## Gloria 11:00am Chant Mass XIII - Stelliferi conditor

The Gloria is sung alternating between Cantor (C ) and Assembly (A)

Gloria in excelsis De-o. Et in terra pax ho-mi-ni-bus bonae vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Be-ne-dí-cimus te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gi-mus ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae-lé-stis, De-us Pa-ter omni-pot-ens. Dó-mi-ne Fi-li u-ni-gé-ni-te Ie-su Chri-ste. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus De-i, Fí-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mundi, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mundi, sú-s-ci-pe de-pre-ca-ti-ó-nem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexte-ram Pa-tris, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Quo-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus Dó-mi-nus. Tu so-lus Altis-simus, Ie-su Chri-ste. Cum Sancto Spi-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

## Collect

Let us pray.  
Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
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 book of Ecclesiasticus (27:30 - 28:7)

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-  
will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps102:1-4, 9-12



## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
(14:7-9)

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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



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**Cantor** I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
**R. Alleluia.**

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
(18:21-35)

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Profession of Faith

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

Panis Angelicus

C. Casciolini

The bread of the angels becomes the bread of the people;  
the bread of heaven is given in this wondrous form!

The poor, the slave and the humble  
feed on their lord.

Of you, threefold and one God, we ask:

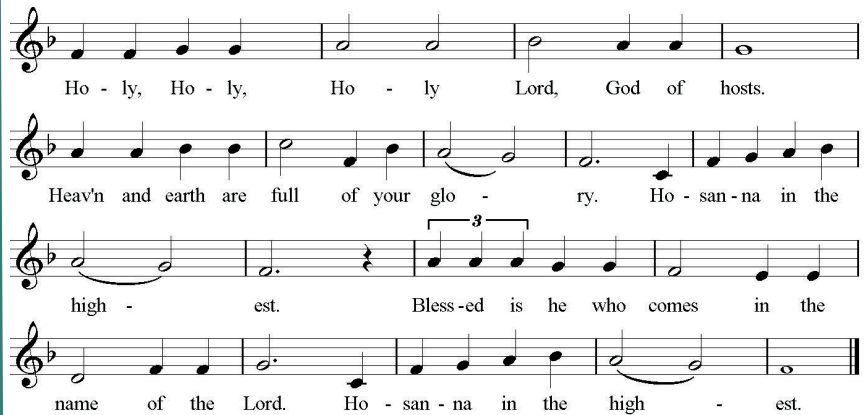
Come to visit us as we worship you;

lead us on your paths to where we want to go:  
to the light in which you dwell.

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor



## Mystery of Faith

Mass of St. Francis



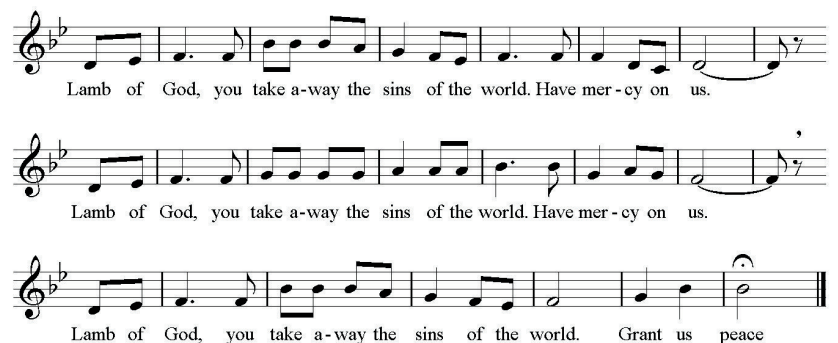
## Amen

Mass of St. Francis



## Agnus Dei

Mass of St. Francis



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei 11:00am Mass of St. Alphonsus A.Moortgat

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Communion Antiphon Tollite et hostias Ps.95:8,9

Bring up your sacrifices and come into his courts;  
adore the Lord in his holy temple.

Communion Hymn Forgive our sins as we forgive



1. "For - give our sins as we for -  
2. How can your par - don reach and  
3. In blaz - ing light your Cross re -  
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our

1. give" you taught us, Lord, to pray; but  
2. bless the un - for - giv - ing heart that  
3. veals the truth we dim - ly knew; how  
4. souls and bid re - sent - ment cease; then,

1. you a - lone can grant us grace to  
2. broods on wrongs and will not let old  
3. small the debts are owed to us, how  
4. bound to all in bonds of love, our

1. live the words we say.  
2. bit - ter - ness de - part?  
3. great our debt to you.  
4. lives will spread your peace.

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## Next Week's Readings:

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

### Readings:

Is 55:6-9: My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18: R: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Phil 1:20-24, 27: For me to live is Christ.

Mt 20:1-16: Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Holy See WORLD REFUGEES & MIGRATION DAY



## 8:00am Mass Propers

### Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

**R.** The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. R.

### Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, **alleluia.**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

R. **Alleluia.**

### Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter  
in the shadow of your wings.

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**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.

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## 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!

## Extra Good News!

Issue 117 of St Pat's Matters is available this weekend.

Take a copy home and enjoy over a cuppa and discover the variety of stories that feature between its covers.

There are stories covering a variety of topics, including reflections from our three WYD pilgrims, past parishioners, historical articles and even a story about the blessing of a future tunnel!



## Novena for the Diocesan Synod

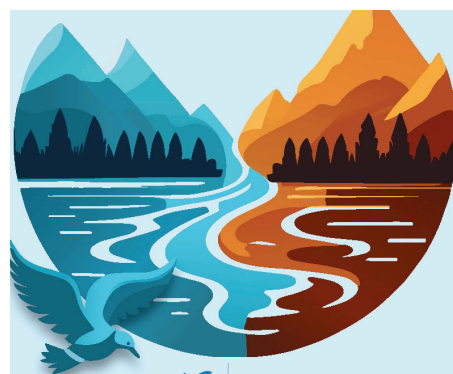
As our Diocesan Synod draws nearer, Bishop Vincent is encouraging us to enter into a novena of prayer. Booklets are available in the usual spots and a PDF and PPT of the novena prayers are available through the Parramatta Diocese website. As well as encouraging us as individuals to pray the novena in our personal prayer 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*

## Refugee "Table Talk"

The cathedral parish and the Jesuit Refugee Service will be hosting a Table Talk event on the evening of **Wednesday 08 November** in the parish hall. The event will have refugee speakers address attendees on their experiences as refugees and the opportunity for small group table discussions. A meeting to start planning the TableTalk event was held last week and we will relay the fruits of the discussion next week. Thanks from the Peace, Justice and Ecology Group.

## JRS Australia - Food Bank

A final note of thanks for all the donations left for the Jesuit Refugee Service. Their cupboards will be very well stocked thanks to all of you! God bless you for your generosity.



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### Season of Creation Sharing

Join Peace, Justice and Ecology to pray, discern and celebrate Season of Creation.

Wednesday Nights During Season of Creation  
(Sept 7, 14, 21, 28) Thursdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm

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**2023 SEASON OF CREATION** *Mass*  
(followed by refreshments)

**Saturday, September 23 at 9.30am**  
St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church Marayong



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# PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

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## Special Religious Education (SRE)

Our SREs will be conducting a recruitment drive this weekend. Have you ever thought about sharing your faith with children in our public schools? You will have the chance to chat with some of our SREs today. In the meantime, say a prayer for our SREs and the children they impact in such a significant way.

## Parish Annual General Meeting

The Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held **this Sunday** and below is why your presence is crucial.

1. **Voice:** This is a golden opportunity for every member to voice opinions, ask questions on important parish matters. Your input can shape the future of our parish community.
2. **Community Building:** The AGM fosters unity and fellowship. By participating, you contribute to strengthening our community bonds and fostering a spirit of collaboration.
3. **Transparency & Accountability:** Attend to receive updates on parish financials, activities, and plans. It's an occasion for transparency and for the leadership to be held accountable to its congregation.
4. **Informed Membership:** Knowledge is power. By attending the AGM, you'll be informed about past achievements, current happenings, and future directions of our parish.
5. **Spiritual Growth:** Our parish isn't just about logistics and finance. It's a living community of faith. The AGM serves as a reminder that each of us plays a role in the spiritual and communal growth of our parish.

Your participation matters. Let us come together to share, discuss, and pave the way for a prosperous year ahead for our parish community.

## Sacraments of Initiation - Reconciliation & Eucharist - 2023/2024

We are holding an Information Evening on **Tuesday 10 October** at 7:30pm in the Cloister Function Room (hall) for those interested in registering a child/ren for the Sacramental Process for children already baptised. This will be followed by the Commitment Mass on Sunday, 22 October at the 9:30am Mass.

To be eligible for preparation children should be 7 years or older before 01 July 2023.

Registration is now open online via our website.

For your information, part of the registration process will include uploading a copy of your child's Baptism certificate. For any enquiries, please contact [secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au) or call Pat on 8839 8412.

## Arise Women's Retreat: 16 September

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a day of reflection, inspiration and encounter with Christ at this year's Arise Women's Retreat: 'Arise – Talitha Koum – Little girl, I say ARISE' on Saturday 16 September from 8:30am to 8:30pm. The retreat will include Mass, meditation, talks, praise and worship, creative expression, spiritual direction and healing, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. All meals are included. For bookings and more information, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1078404>

## Ordination of Deacon Tom Green

Deacon Tom began his seminary formation in 2015. It has been a long journey and is finally coming to fruition.

You are invited to attend the Ordination of Deacon Tom:

**Date:** Thursday 21 September 2023

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Following the ordination, refreshments will be served in the Cloister Cafe. Please join us for this very special occasion.



## Speaking of Fr Tom Green...

Many of you have naturally been wondering who will be replacing Fr Chris as Assistant Priest here at St Patrick's Cathedral. I am delighted to announce that the newly-ordained Fr Tom Green will be taking up that position as of Monday 02 October, straight after Fr Chris moves to Springwood.

We are fortunate to have a young, newly-ordained priest appointed here, as Fr Chris was a few years ago. Please keep Fr Tom in your prayers as he takes up ministry here - and be kind to him! *Fr Robert*

## Farewell for Fr Chris

After five years of service to the Cathedral we are sadly about to say farewell to Fr Chris.

**Date:** 01 October after the 11:00am Mass

**Venue:** Cloister Function Room

### What to do?

Add your name to the RSVP list for attendance that is available at the entries to the Chapel and Cathedral.

Bring a dish or two to share with the community. Please write on the list if you are bringing a main dish or something for dessert. As usual, contact the Cathedral office for more information.

## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The parish will be recommencing the RCIA process for those adults who are seeking initiation into the Catholic Church on **Tuesday 26 September at 7:30pm**, meeting in the presbytery meeting room. If you, or someone you know, is seeking more information on this, please contact the Parish Office.

## Catholic Mission Appeal - 24 September

Lend a hand to make a difference! The Catholic Mission Appeal is our collective effort to spread Christ's love to the farthest corners of our world. Your support aids the church's global mission in uplifting the less fortunate, spreading the Gospel, and making disciples in all nations. Let's support Catholic Mission and be the change. Every prayer, every penny makes a difference...

## Bulletin by email

If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please email: [secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au) and in the subject line type 'Bulletin'. Also available on our website.

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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:** Angela Tantini, Peter Noronho, Angela Tantini, Heather Loudon, Fr Mark Beard, Alan Overton, Jo O'Brien, Edmund & Anthony Fernandes, Epifania P Etueni, Alan Overton, Peter Jackman, Heather Loudon, Charles Vas

**Deceased:** Paul Crozier, Judy Boreham, Peter Wood, Eric & Cynthia McDonald, Anthony Ba Doui, Cinam Younan, Kulee, Lewis & Nazar Nissan, Salvatore Agostino, Giuseprina Agostino, Lucy D'Mello, Cedric Cunningham, Edgardo Perez

**Anniversaries:** Robert Attard, Stephen Bergin, Joseph Fung, Thomas Edattel, Louisa Garcia, Mary Kotty Chacko, Maria Megale,

**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:** Stephen Senjak, Debra Thomas, Ashley Brown, Martina Soh Tin Thio, Michael D'Penha, 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, Daniel & Sharon Webb

**Special Intentions:** Jayvee Kallukaran, Raveen, Beatrice & Josephine Perrottet, Gabrielle Perrottet, Edward Suttie, Felicity Royals, Amelia, Dominic & Ava Perrottet, Nikola Senjak & children, Maria & Girish Fernandez, Shane, Kathleen & Rachel, Raveen, 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 tito, Zayne Bumactao, Naleen, Tian, Roberto, Miguel, Fojas, Magsarili, Lynm, Delilah, Dwaine, Daniel, Nelle, Summer, Leann, Harley, Zelig Rose, Fetui, Tvetc, Robert Osei Kyei, Daniel Lovett

## BAPTISMS

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

**Eric Lee, Gisele Sedicol  
Hudson Madden**

## WEDDINGS

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

**Bianca Calarco & Joseph Samaan  
Chelsea Valentin & Nathan Chan**

Please pray for them and their families.

## POPE FRANCIS'

### Prayer Intention for September



#### *For people living on the margins*

"We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance".

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet  
dated 11 September*

"Proclaiming Christ unites, not divides. The shared proclamation of our Lord evangelises the ecumenical journey itself. Let us journey together in prayer which purifies us, in charity which unites us, in dialogue which brings us closer together."

## Saint of the Week

**18 September - St Edith of Kemsing (961-984), Religious**

She is also known as Edith of Wilton.

She was the daughter of King Edgar, who abducted Wulfthryth, her mother, from her convent at Wilton, in Wiltshire. (For this act St Dunstan imposed on him the penance of not wearing his crown for seven years). Wulfthryth returned to her cell as soon as she could escape, and Edith was born there. She became a nun with Edgar's consent, and refused his offers of the abbacy of three different communities, remaining in the cloister under her mother, now Abbess of Wilton.

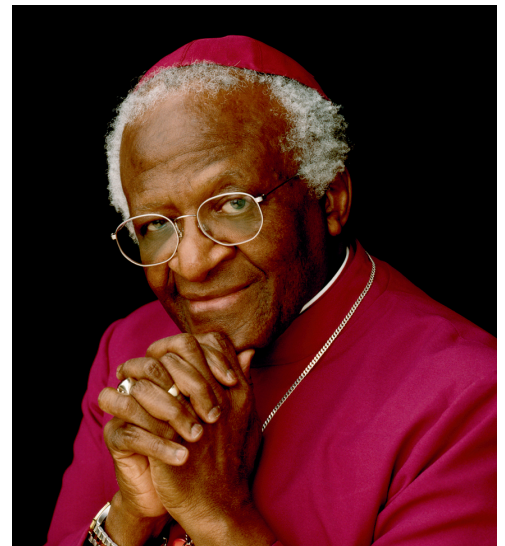
In 978, after the murder of her half-brother, Edward the Martyr, certain magnates wished her to become Queen, but she refused. She was conspicuous for her personal service of the poor and fondness for wild animals. She had a church of St Denis built at Wilton, and died, at the age of 23, three weeks after its dedication.

*Information: Universalis*



## "Quote of the Week"

'In forgiving, people are not asked to forget. Forgiveness does not mean condoning what has been done. It involves trying to understand the perpetrators and so have empathy, to try to stand in their shoes and appreciate the sorts of pressures and influences that might have conditioned them. Forgiveness is not sentimental. Forgiveness means abandoning your right to pay back the perpetrator in his own coin, but it is a loss that liberates the victim.'



**Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

(1931-2021)

Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, theologian and anti-apartheid activist



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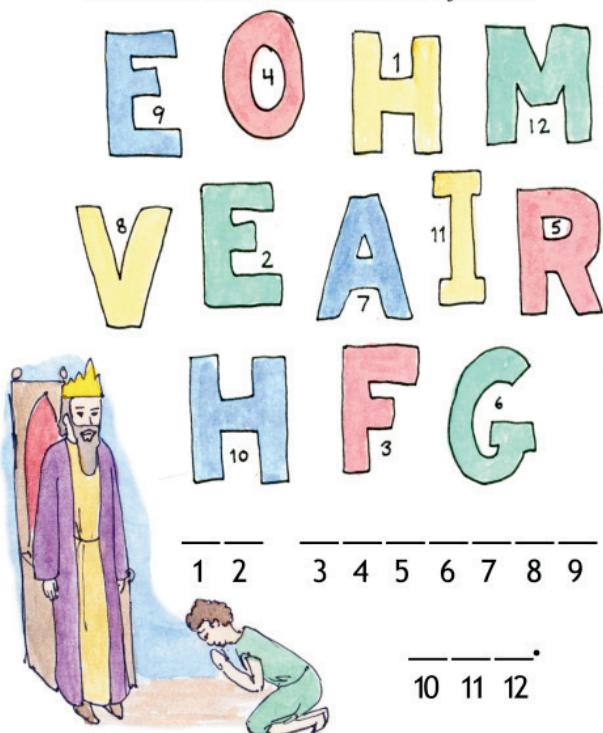




# The Kids' Bulletin

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 17th, 2023**

*What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?  
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!*



# The Unforgiving Servant

## sort-out-the-pictures

*What happened in today's parable?  
Figure out the order of the story  
and put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.*



If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant. When the king found out about this



SORRY. I RIPPED  
YOUR BOOK  
A BIT.



In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.

Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.



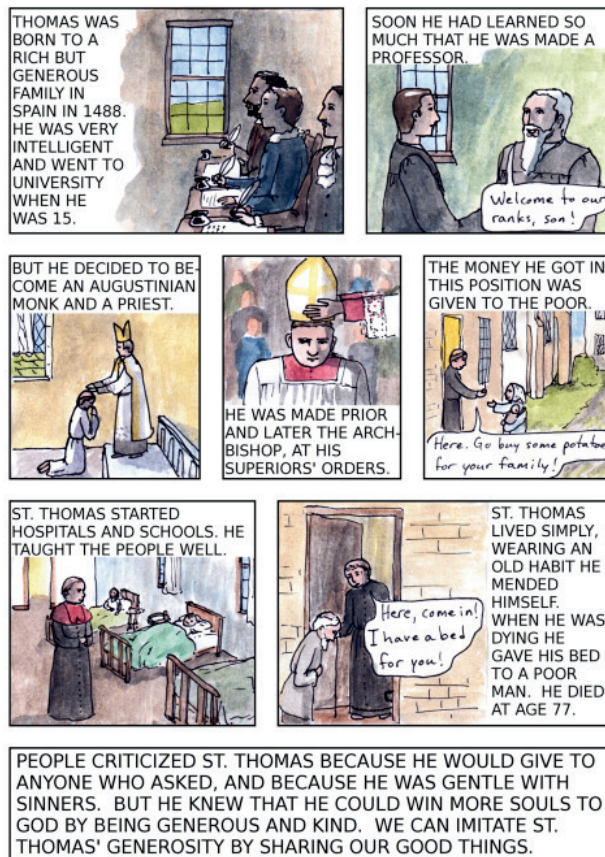
Answer to puzzle on front:  
He forgave him.

Answer to Word Find: Saint Helen

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