



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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**24 September 2023 - 25th 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

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## "Why be envious because I am generous?"

OUR CONCERN ABOUT missing out starts in childhood. I remember being jealous because my brother received – at least according to my very inaccurate measuring stick – a bigger piece of cake. How often, as we grow older, do we envy the achievements or acquisitions of others? We often criticise and resent those who seem to have more than us, especially if what they receive seems to come easily. When we are struggling, we can easily be drawn into resenting those who seem to 'have it easy'. We allow what others receive to create pain for ourselves. Our fear of missing out seems to be the basis for our envy and jealousy.



In today's Gospel, we see the labourers who had worked all day complaining about the latecomers receiving the same wage. Most of us could identify with their anger. On a human level, it seems unjust. Yet those who worked all day got what they were promised. They were not cheated out of what was due to them. They were not angry because they missed out. They were angry because the landowner chose to be generous. The late workers were trying to find work, but couldn't. We could say that the landowner was justly supporting the families of the unemployed. While this is probably not a good policy for modern industrial relations, the parable makes some really important points.

As Isaiah reminds us, God's thoughts are not our thoughts, and God's ways are above our ways. We could object, and say that Jesus' parable is suggesting that God can act unjustly because he is God. But that's not the point that Jesus is making. He urges us to look at the bigger picture – to look at a much bigger picture! Today's responsorial psalm says, "how good is the Lord to all." The bigger picture is the wonderful generosity of our Father in heaven. We must look beyond our current circumstances to eternal truths, and trust that what seems unfair on a human scale will be met with God's generosity. When it comes to God's mercy and grace, we all receive the same. Whether we come to God early or late, the fullness of God's mercy and love is available to us.

Don't be envious, but rejoice that we are deeply loved.

God has no favourites. All we have to do is turn up for work – "to seek the Lord while he is still to be found." God is abundant; no-one misses out. Isaiah reminds us that our God is "rich in forgiving", whether we turn to him in childhood or old age, whether we rush quickly towards God's mercy or take our time and delay. God waits for us with open arms and a generous heart.

St Paul tells us that he would rather "be gone and be with Christ." He is reminding us of what awaits us. When that time comes, the losses and resentments of this life will fade into nothingness. Let us have faith and trust in our loving God, who desires to be generous to us, no matter when we turn up for work in the vineyard.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*

*Jeff Hood (Seminararian)*



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# LITURGY GUIDE

## ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Procession

Great God of mercy

1. Great God of mer - cy, God of con - so - la - tion,  
2. Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Lord of all cre - a - tion,  
3. Joy - giv - ing Spi - rit, be our light in dark - ness,  
4. God in three Per - sons, Tri - ni - ty e - ter - nal,

1. look on your peo - ple, ga - thered here to praise you:  
2. come as our Sa - viour, Je - sus, friend of sin - ners:  
3. come to be - friend us, help us bear our bur - dens:  
4. come to re - new us, fill your Church with glo - ry:

1. pi - ty our weak - ness, come in pow'r to aid us,  
2. grant us for - give - ness, lift our down - cast spi - rit,  
3. give us true cou - rage, breathe your peace a - round us,  
4. grant us your heal - ing, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion,

1. source of all bless - ing.  
2. heal us and save us.  
3. stay with us al - ways.  
4. fore - taste of hea - ven.

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Tune: ISTE CONFESSOR 11 11.11 5; French church melody from *Poitiers Antiphoner*, 1746

## 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.

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### Focusing the Word



#### Key words and phrases

- The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.
- You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.
- My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius?
- Why be envious because I am generous?
- Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.
- The Lord is near to all who call him.
- Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

#### to the point

In this parable of the kingdom, more significant than the difficulty or duration of the work or the wages given is the landowner's repeated invitation - over the course of the entire day - to work in the vineyard. Similarly, God's generosity, so obvious in the full wages given to every worker, is first evident in the very invitation to discipleship which is extended equally to anyone who chooses to hear and answer. A kingdom perspective shifts our focus away from us to God.

#### Connecting the Gospel...

##### • to the first reading

The dynamic of the gospel is evident already in the first reading. Isaiah admonishes 'the wicked man [to] abandon his way' and instead 'turn to the God who is rich in forgiving'.

##### • to culture

Our cultural perspective makes it difficult for us to hear this gospel because we tend to focus on ourselves. When we think of ourselves as the labourers, then we are distressed by the inequity of wages. God invites another perspective.

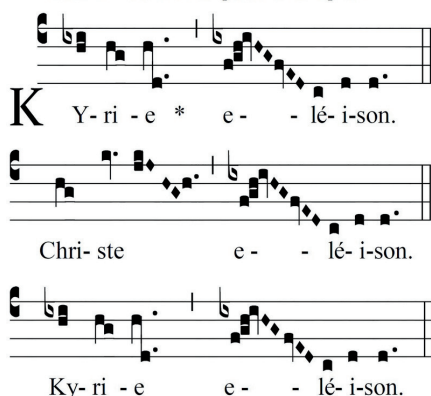
# LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie

Missa "Orbis factor"

Chant Mass XI

*The cantor intones each petition. All repeat.*



K Y - ri - e \* e - - lé - i - son.

Chri - ste e - - lé - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - - lé - i - son.

Kyrie 11:00am

Messe Solenne

L.Vierne

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

*All:*


Cantor: Lord, God, heav'nly King,  
O God, almighty Father.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Be - got - ten Son,

*All:*

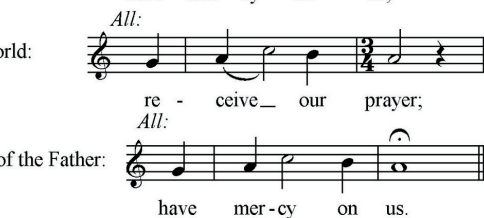
Cantor: Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world:



have mer - cy on us;

*All:*


Cantor: you take away the sins of the world:



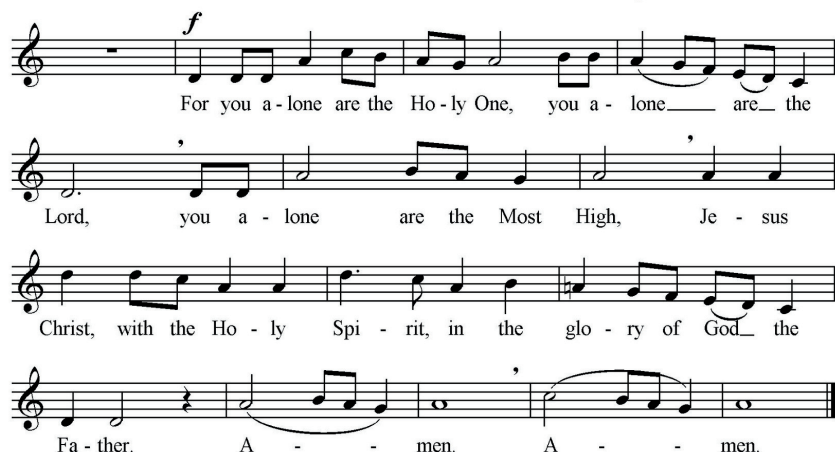
re - ceive our prayer;

*All:*

Cantor: you are seated at the right hand of the Father:



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

Messe Solenne

L.Vierne

*The Gloria is 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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
**R. Amen.**



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

(55:6-9)

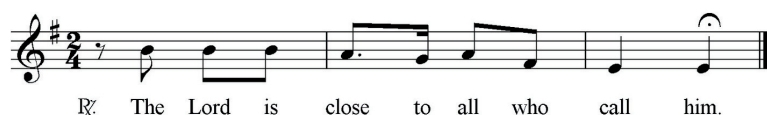
*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18



## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (1:20-24, 27)

*For me to live is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

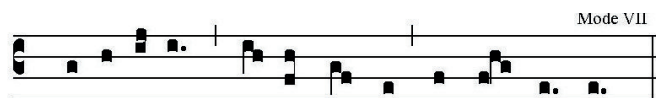
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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



## Gospel Acclamation

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



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

**Cantor** Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

**R. Alleluia.**

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
(20:1-16)

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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

Richte mich, Gott F.Mendelssohn

Judge me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people:  
O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked. For thou art the God of my  
strength, why hast thou put me from thee: and why go I so heavily,  
while the enemy oppresses me?

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me  
unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. And that I may go unto the altar of  
God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I  
give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within  
me? O put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks, which is the  
help of my countenance, and my God.

(Ps.43(42))

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

A Community Mass

R. Proulx

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san na in the high est.

## Mystery of Faith

Missal Tone

S Ave us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Re-sur-rection,  
you have set us free.

## Amen

A Community Mass

R. Proulx

A - men, a - men, a - - men.

## Agnus Dei

A Community Mass

R. Proulx

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. grant us peace.

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei 11:00am Messe Solenelle L.Vierne

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 Tu mandasti Ps.118

You have ordered that your commandments be kept diligently;  
O that my ways may be guided towards the keeping of your statutes.

Communion Hymn I love you, O my Lord most high



1. I love you, O my Lord most high, for
2. May me - mo - ry no thought sug - gest but
3. All mine is yours: say but the word, say
4. A - part from you, all things are naught, so



1. first your love has cap - tured me; I
2. shall to your pure glo - ry tend; may
3. what you will, it shall be done; I
4. grant me this, my on - ly wish, to



1. seek no o - ther li - ber - ty: bound
2. un - der - stand - ing find no rest, ex -
3. know your love, most gra - cious Lord; I
4. love you, Lord, e - ter - nal - ly, you



1. by your love, I shall be free.
2. cept in you, its on - ly end.
3. know you seek my good a - lone.
4. give me all in giv - ing this.

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Tune: DANIEL 88.88; Trad. Irish melody

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## Next Week's Readings:

26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

### Readings:

Ezek 18:25-28: The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

Ps 24:4-9: R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Phil 2:1-11: In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Mt 21:28-32: He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.



## 8:00am Mass Propers

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

**R.** The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

**R.** Alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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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!



## Extra Good News!

Issue 117 of St Pat's Matters now available. 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 for our city!

## 125th Anniversary Concert St. Patrick's Cathedral Organ Sunday 12 November at 3:00pm

To celebrate the Sesqui-centenary anniversary (125 years) of the construction of our Cathedral Organ, a special GALA Concert will be held on Sunday 12 November at 3:00pm. The Concert will feature the magnificent Organ Concerto by F. Poulenc performed by international Organ Soloist Mr. David Drury, with strings and timpani from the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Our cathedral choir and musicians will also perform a number of musical items and poetry reading. Concert duration will be approximately 90 minutes. Profits from the concert will go to supporting Catholic Agencies who minister to the homeless and needy in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Tickets will go on sale online, next week. Watch out for further upcoming details!

## Catholic Mission Appeal - This Weekend!

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... This weekend, **Dorothy Makasa** will speak at some of the Masses about the work of Catholic Mission. We welcome her and thank her for her work and insights.



## From the Catholic Mission website...

Catholic Mission is the Pope's international Mission agency in Australia. An international organisation that partners with communities, helping them to flourish by supporting grassroots projects, including healthcare, education, and spiritual care.

Our network of religious and lay missionaries operates in Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, the Americas. Catholic Mission's work supports children, communities, and future Church leaders across education, healthcare, and spiritual care.



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# PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

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## Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thank you to all those who last Sunday attended the parish AGM. It was good to present the Annual Report and answer questions that were raised as a result. Copies of the annual report are available this weekend and, of course, on the parish website.

## 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 shortly. Thanks, from the Peace, Justice and Ecology Group.

## Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery

The Friends of St Patrick's Cathedral Cemetery Parramatta has been reprinted and is now up and running. If History and Heritage is your thing let us work together to ensure the oldest Catholic burial ground on Australian soil is restored and protected.

To become a fully-fledged "friend" and attend meetings, complete an application and return it to the Cathedral Office. Application forms will be available at the entrance to the Cathedral. Please note: a modest annual fee of \$5.00 will be required to cover administration and ancillary costs; the fee is payable on application.

Enquiries: Silvana Rechichi, srechich@bigpond.net.au.  
To engage with the online FB group community instead, join by using the QR code below.]



## 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 or call Pat on 8839 8412.

## Fr Tom Green

Congratulations to Fr Tom Green, ordained here at St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday night. I am delighted to announce that the newly-ordained Fr Tom Green will be taking on the role of Assistant Priest here as of Monday 02 October, straight after Fr Chris moves to St Thomas Aquinas Parish, 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 - give him some breathing space and be kind to him! *Fr Robert*

## Farewell for Fr Chris

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

**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.

***We will be taking up a leaving collection for Fr Chris this weekend and next weekend. We will pass the collection on to Fr Chris electronically, shortly after he leaves for Springwood.***

## Daylight Saving - next weekend

Please note that daylight saving begins **next Sunday, 01 October**. Please put your clocks **forward** one hour before going to bed next Saturday night. Most devices seem to do that automatically these days, but just in case you have one of those old-fashioned clocks or watches...!



## Fr Joseph Nguyen

Please note that Fr Joseph is currently on annual leave. He will return to the parish on Tuesday 10 October.

## RCIA - 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.

## Anyone for Mahjong?

Great news!

We now have a group of parishioners who are getting together to work out how to best go forward.

If this is something that interests you, please contact Lyn Mahoney on 0414 770 143 or Dorothy Soh on 0418 972 837.

## Public Holiday - Monday 02 October

As always on a public holiday, there will be just the one Mass on **Monday 02 October at 8:00am**. The cathedral precinct will close at 9:00am.

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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:** Keith Mathews, 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...

**Benjamin Wojciechowicz**

## WEDDINGS



We also pray for the following couples who were recently married here...

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

## 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 17 September*

"Without forgiveness there is no hope; without forgiveness there is no peace. Forgiveness is the oxygen that purifies the air of hatred; it is the antidote to the poisons of resentment; it is the way to defuse anger and heal so many maladies of the heart."

## Saint of the Week

**30 September - St Jerome** (c.340 - 420), Priest, Doctor

Jerome was born in Strido, in Dalmatia. He studied in Rome and was baptized there. He was attracted by the ascetic life and travelled to the East, where he was (unwillingly) ordained a priest. He was recalled to Rome to act as secretary to Pope Damasus, but on the Pope's death he returned to the East, to Bethlehem, where (with the aid of St Paula and others) he founded a monastery, a hospice, and a school, and settled down to the most important work of his life, the translation of the Bible into Latin, a translation which, with some revisions, is still in use today. He wrote many works of his own, including letters and commentaries on Holy Scripture. When a time of troubles came upon the world, through barbarian invasions, and to the Church, through internal dissension, he helped the refugees and those in need. He died at Bethlehem.



Information: Universallis

## “Quote of the Week”

“We live in a worldly society, which worries me a lot. It worries me when worldliness makes its way into consecrated life. Just today a letter I wrote to the priests of Rome about clericalism, which is a form of worldliness, was made public. Look, spiritual worldliness is an often recurring pitfall. You have to learn to distinguish: it is one thing to prepare for dialogue with the world - as you do with dialogue with the worlds of art and culture - it is another thing to compromise yourself with the things of the world, with worldliness.

I was deeply struck by the conclusion of a book by Father de Lubac: he dedicates the final four pages of *Meditation on the Church*....to spiritual worldliness. Have you who do discernment ever questioned yourselves about your own personal spiritual worldliness? Am I worldly, spiritually? That is a question I leave you with. And do you know what de Lubac says? He says that this is the worst evil that can penetrate the Church, worse even than in the era of the libertine popes.”



**Pope Francis**  
(b.1936)



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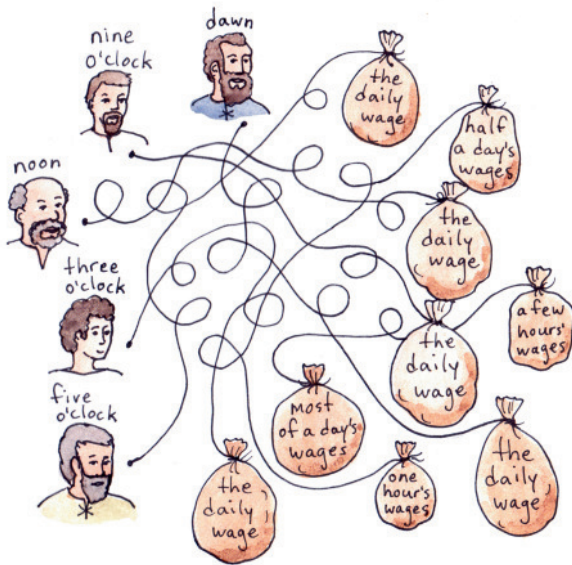
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# The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24th, 2023



In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.

At the end of the day,  
how much did each man get paid?  
Follow the wiggly lines to see!

## Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I am caught \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ benefit.

between  
death  
sisters  
your  
fruitful  
choose

Like Saint Paul, we  
should be ready to  
either live or die for

1 2 3 4 5 6

## A Full Day's Wages

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

WOW! HE PAID US  
A FULL DAY'S WAGE!



Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.

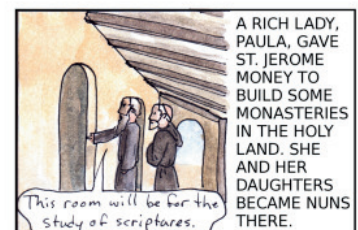
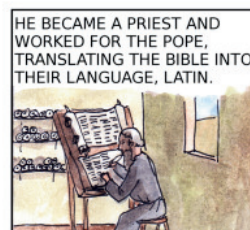
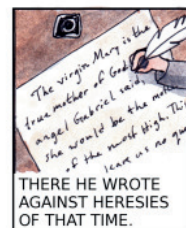
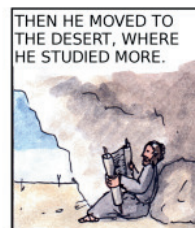
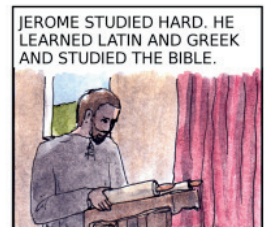
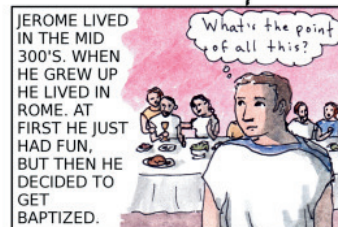
I PAID YOU  
AS MUCH  
AS I SAID  
I WOULD.



Answers: front page- all received the full day's wage.  
Inside page- Christ.

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## Saint Jerome September 30



SAINT JEROME DIED AS AN OLD MAN. HE IS CONSIDERED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE HE DID SO MUCH TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. JEROME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY.

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