



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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**01 October 2023 - 26th 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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## Thank you....and farewell

I'VE OFTEN ASKED the Lord in my prayers to teach me how to be the perfect disciple... How providential that my final bulletin reflection as Priest of the Cathedral Parish considers the nature of discipleship. Discipleship as we know it is the science of following Jesus Christ in order to attain, through the mercy of God, the beatific vision in Heaven; we hope and pray each of us be rewarded with eternal life when our earthly pilgrimage is over. This is our aim. This is why we follow Christ and his teachings. So, the question stands: how do I get there? What must I do to attain eternal life? When considering this question we usually turn to the saints for answers; after all they've completed the crucible of life and now enjoy the delights of Heaven. However, if you're like me, a perfectionist at the core who gets disappointed at one's sins, it seems almost impossible to follow Our Lord's ways. How can I possibly reach Heaven if I'm bogged down by concupiscence and my ever-growing list of sins? This, friends, is solved by our Gospel for this Sunday.



At first glance it doesn't give much... a parable of two sons tasked to work in their father's field. One says no but eventually gets to work, the other says yes but does not go. Obviously the one who does the father's will is deemed blessed as he eventually gets to work - he wins the approval of Christ as he overcomes his initial reluctance to follow his father's instructions. It is here where the answer to my question of perfect discipleship reveals itself. Notice that the father does not question the initial reluctance of the first son, nor does he berate him for his attitude upon returning home. Rather, the first son is praised for enacting the father's will. Period. The father does not bring up past mistakes, he offers him true happiness. Similarly, Christ offers the promise of admittance into the Kingdom of God to those who follow his will. Discipleship, therefore, is not a smooth path to perfection; it is a constant battle against ourselves and temptation, both from the devil and world, similar to Christ's difficult journey to Calvary. It's hard. At times we stumble and fall, we may even choose to draw away from God... yet once divine grace again opens our heart to the possibility of eternal life and we find the path of discipleship the only road worth pursuing. The perfect disciple is not one without struggle. The perfect disciple is one who does not shy away from difficulties; he/she journeys on with Christ towards eternal life.

As I write this reflection I can proudly say the Lord has answered my prayers (I'm not perfect... I'm still working on it) through my ministry with you, the Cathedral Parish. I've made mistakes along the way and am prone to dwelling on them. However, you've been quick to raise me up again and spur me on with my priestly work to lead you to Jesus Christ. It is both humbling and inspiring when those whom I am called to serve are the ones picking me up when I'm down. To that I say thank you. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your witness. Thank you for your friendship (it's not ending here). Thank you for your love. I am eternally grateful to God that he placed me at St. Patrick's Cathedral to begin my vocation as a Priest of Jesus Christ. I love you very much, St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish.

Please keep me in your prayers as I begin in Springwood. Also know this is not a goodbye, I plan on keeping all my friendships as Parramatta has become my home. Also, I'm only up the road... albeit the M4!

*With every blessing,*

*Fr Chris*

# LITURGY GUIDE

## ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession Firmly, I believe and truly

1. Firm - ly I be - lieve and tru - ly  
2. And I trust and hope most full - y  
3. Simp - ly to his grace and whol - ly  
4. And I hold in ve - ne - ra - tion,  
5. Praise and thanks be ev - er giv - en,

1. God is three and God is one;  
2. in that man - hood cru - ci - fied;  
3. light and life and strength be - long;  
4. for the love of him a - lone,  
5. with and through th'an - ge - lic host,

1. and I next ac - know - ledge du - ly  
2. and each thought and deed un - ru - ly  
3. and I love su - preme - ly, sole - ly,  
4. ho - ly Church as his cre - a - tion,  
5. to the God of earth and hea - ven,

1. man - hood tak - en by the Son.  
2. do to death, as he has died.  
3. him the ho - ly, him the strong.  
4. and her teach - ings as his own.  
5. Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: John Henry Newman 1801-1890 alt.  
Tune: DRAKE'S BROUGHTON 87.87, Edward Elgar 1857-1934

## 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.

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



### Key words and phrases

- Which of the two sons did the father's will?
- Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.
- My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
- When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live.
- Remember your mercies, O Lord.
- His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself.
- Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

### To the point

The two sons represent two responses to God's command. The first son - like the 'tax collectors and prostitutes' - initially refuses; however, the 'tax collectors and prostitutes,' in response to John's preaching, changed their minds (like the first son) and entered the kingdom of God. In response to Jesus' preaching, will the 'chief priests and elders' change their minds? Will we?

### Connecting the Gospel...

#### • to the first reading

In Ezekiel the life and death consequences of turning from sin are experienced in this life. Read in light of the gospel, these consequences are eternal - entering (or not) into the kingdom of God.

#### • to Christian experience

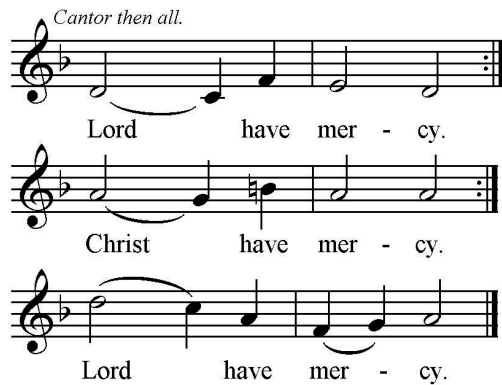
It is not our initial response to God's command that measures our obedience, but ultimately our actions.

# LITURGY GUIDE

## Kyrie

Congress Mass

A. Rees



## Kyrie 11:00am

Communion Service in F

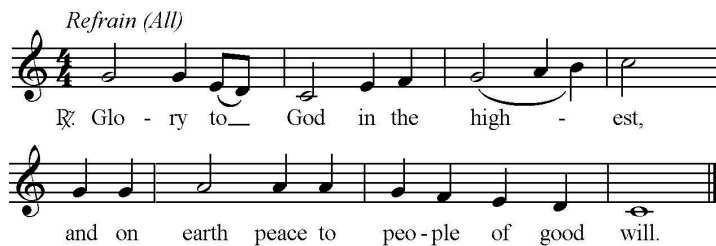
H. Darke

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

## Gloria

Mass Shalom

C.Smith



*The choir sings:*

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

*R. Glory to God.....*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world: receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

*R. Glory to God.....*

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

*R. Glory to God.....*



## Gloria 11:00am

Communion Service in F

H.Darke

*The Gloria is sung by the cathedral choir. All SIT.*



The Gloria is a beautiful prayer that we sing towards the beginning of Mass, meant as a way to direct our praises to God in celebration of his coming as man 2000 years ago. We begin with the words of the angels in Luke 2, rejoicing that our Saviour is born and has come to redeem us.

*"And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'" - Luke 2:13-14 | NABRE*

The Gloria, being a hymn of praise, is typically sung in a joyful and celebratory manner.

During a Catholic Mass, the entire congregation may participate, led by the priest or a cantor with musical accompaniment from an organ or other instruments. On some occasions, the Gloria may be sung by the choir alone with the congregation joining their hearts and minds in the praise and adoration being offered to God.

Let us pray.

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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 Ezekiel (18:25-28)

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

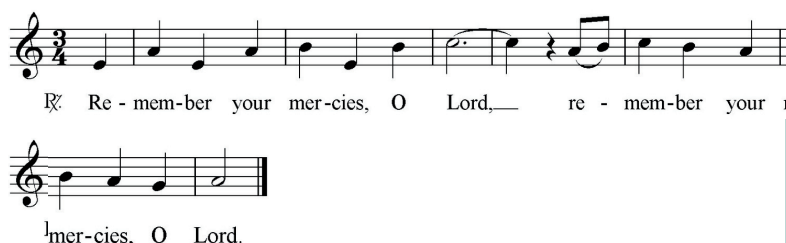
The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(25): 4-9



## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (2:1-11)

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

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

Dom AG Murray OSB



**Cantor** My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**R. Alleluia.**

11:00am

Chant Mode 2



## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (21:28-32)

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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

Christus factus est

J. Eberlin

Christ became obedient for us unto death,  
even to the death, death on the cross.

V. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name  
which is above all names

Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

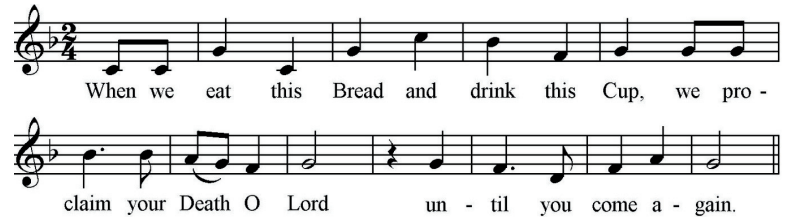
Mystery of Faith

Mass Shalom

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Amen

Congress Mass

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Lord's Prayer

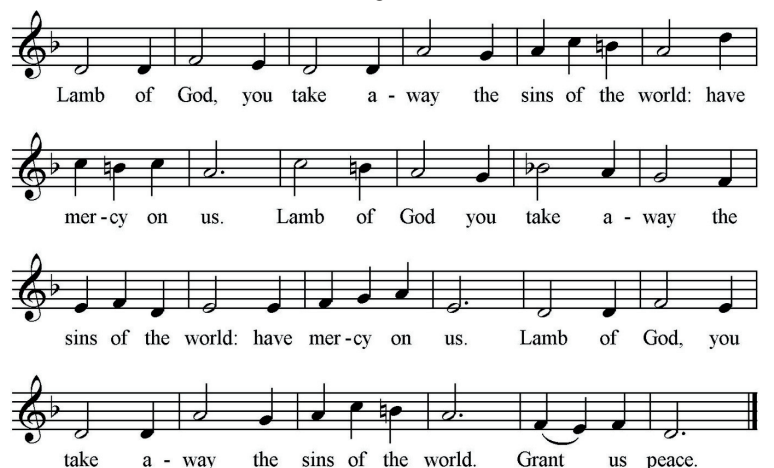
*Sung in Latin on the 1st Sunday each month.*



Agnus Dei

Congress Mass

A. Rees

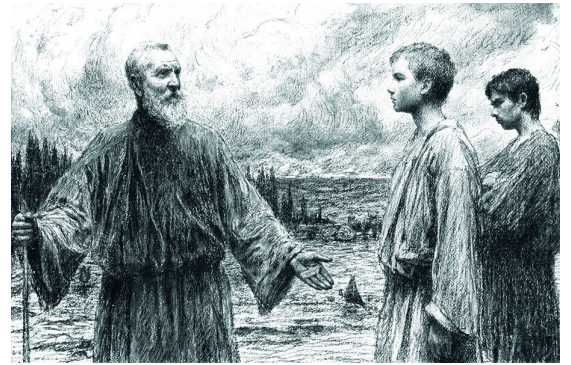


# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei 11:00am Communion Service in F H. Darke

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 Memento servi tui Ps.118

Be mindful of your word to your servant, O Lord, in which you  
caused me to hope; this has been my comfort in my affliction.

Communion Hymn You are the way, in you alone

1. You are the Way: in you a - lone from  
2. You are the Truth: your Word a - lone full  
3. You are the Life: the emp - ty tomb pro -  
4. You are the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant

1. sin and death we rise: with - out your grace we  
2. wis - dom can im - part; your Word a - lone trans -  
3. claims your vic - to - ry. And those who put their  
4. us that Way to see, that Truth to keep, that

1. noth - ing are, in you all good - ness lies.  
2. forms the mind and pur - i - fies the heart.  
3. trust in you shall ev - er - more be free.  
4. Life to live, that we your friends may be.

Text: George Washington Doane, 1799-1859; alt. 1977 Becket G. Senchur, b.1946  
Tune: TALLIS' ORDINAL 86.86; Thomas Tallis, c.1505-1585

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## Next Week's Readings:

27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

### Readings:

Is 5:1-7: The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.  
Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20: R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.  
Phil 4:6-9: Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.  
Mt 21:33-43: He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

## 8:00am Mass Propers

### Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 24(25): 4-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. R.

### Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

**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 are now on sale online. Watch out for further details in the coming weeks!

## Catholic Mission Appeal

Last weekend, Dorothy Makasa spoke at some of the Masses about the work of Catholic Mission. We thank her for her work and insights.

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.

Thank you to everyone who contributed last weekend to the Catholic Mission appeal. You can still use the envelopes at the doors of the cathedral and chapel to make a donation or simply go online to contribute via the Catholic Mission website.

Thank you again!



## Cloister Cafe closed this Sunday 01 October

There will be no morning tea after the 9:30am or 11:00am Masses, as the focus will be on the farewell for Fr Chris taking place in the Cloister Function Room after the 11:00am Mass.



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# PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

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## Keith Mathews - RIP

We offer condolences to Ann Mathews and other family members of Keith Mathews, who died a little over a week ago. Keith would be known to many parishioners here at St Patrick's since he served as an acolyte here for several decades. A **Requiem Mass** will be celebrated by Mgr John Boyle here at St Patrick's on **Tuesday 03 October at 10:00am**.

May he rest in peace.

## Episcopal Vicar appointment

Just to let you know that Bishop Vincent has appointed me Episcopal Vicar for Education, in light of the previous holder of this role, Fr Chris de Souza, being appointed Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and moving to Canberra. Please offer a prayer for me as I take up this challenging role. I will be undertaking this role whilst remaining Dean of the Cathedral.

No doubt, I will be utilising the enthusiasm and energy of Fr Tom a great deal in the months to come! *Fr Robert*

## Livestream Volunteers

The parish is seeking two or three people to train to use the livestreaming system here, principally for the 11:00am Solemn Mass each Sunday. Currently there is a lot of pressure on just three people. Can you spare some time to help your parish in this regard? Please call the Parish Office.

## Seniors' Ministry - Trip

The next Seniors trip is not too far away! Details:

- **Tuesday, 24 October**
- **Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney**
- **\$15 per person**
- **RSVP by Thursday 19 October**

## Temporary closure of Giftshop

Please note that St Patrick's Giftshop will be closed for three days, Monday to Friday, **09-11 October**, in order to prepare for Christmas trading. We apologise for any inconvenience but hope that this announcement well in advance will avoid any issues.

## 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.

## Fr Tom Green

I am delighted to announce that the newly-ordained Fr Tom Green will be taking on the role of Assistant Priest here as of this week, 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 saying farewell to Fr Chris this Sunday.

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

**Venue:** Cloister Function Room

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

## 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 event was held recently and we will relay the fruits of the discussion shortly. Thanks, from the Peace, Justice and Ecology Group.

## First Friday Devotions

Join us on **Friday 06 October** for our monthly First Friday holy hour, beginning in the chapel at 7:00pm.

## 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 has recommenced the RCIA process for those adults who are seeking initiation into the Catholic Church on **Tuesdays 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?

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:** Emile F Khoury, 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

**Deceased:** Ashley Brown, Lily Gloria Morales, Pedro Obar Morales, Leopoldo 'Poldy' Corrales Martinez J, Amor Justiniano Martinez, Natividad Corrales Bassos, Aldo Bassos, Florencio Gloria Sr, Matea Valeriano Gloria, Inocencio Morales, Camilla Obar Morales, Mercedes Corrales Martinez, Paul Crozier, Judy Boreham, Peter Wood, Eric & Cynthia McDonald, Anthony Ba Doui

**Anniversaries:** Marian G Ermac, Arul Raj, YT Hsu, Sam Rietola, Edmond Matta, Robert Attard, Stephen Bergin, Joseph Fung, Thomas Edattel, Louisa Garcia

**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:** Fred & Odette Harb, Jenny Cheung, Hilgerdaro Schole, Finn McConnor, Jenny Cheung, Finn McConnor, 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:** Zayne Bumactao, Tian, Marie Saldanha, Fatima Rodricks, Raveen, Amarra Bumactao, Vivian Licalde, Anne Christine, Dacera Iran, 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, 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

## BAPTISMS



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

**Romeo Munoz Soto  
Maisey Lim  
Savannah Leonardi**

## WEDDINGS



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

**Chelsea Valentin & Nathan Chan  
Madelaine Hudson & George Awad**

## POPE FRANCIS'

### Prayer Intention for October



### *For the Synod*

"We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet  
dated 27 September*

"The work of God always passes through fraternity, through the eyes, the hands, the feet, the hearts of men and women who, in their respective roles of ecclesial or civil responsibility, try to build fraternal relationships and social friendship."

## Saint of the Week

**03 October - St Francis Borgia (1510-1572), Priest**

Francis Borgia (1510-1572) was born in Valencia, Spain. Although as a child he wished to become a monk, his family sent him instead to be trained for life at court, where he distinguished himself in the diplomatic service of Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor and king of Spain, and as viceroy of Catalonia. He married in 1529 and had eight children. A gifted musician and composer, he was considered one of the chief restorers of sacred music (prior to Palestrina). In May 1539, he was missioned to accompany the corpse of the empress Isabella, who had died unexpectedly fifteen days earlier, to her burial place in Granada. He was shocked to see her beautiful face disfigured beyond recognition. This experience proved to be the turning point of his life. After his wife's death in 1546, he joined the Society of Jesus. In 1565 he was elected the third superior general of the Society of Jesus. He died in Rome in 1572.



Information: Universallis

## "Quote of the Week"



"Reformation is necessary where form inhibits the dynamism of the living core. The core of Christianity is the risen, living Christ, living in the faith, the hope and the love of men and women in the Church and beyond its visible boundaries. These boundaries need to be expanded, and all our human outward expressions of faith need to be transformed if they stand in the way of our desire to hear and understand God's Word."

**Tomas Halik**

(b.1948)

Catholic Priest, Theologian and Philosopher

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# The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1st, 2023

In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.  
Which one did what his father asked?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



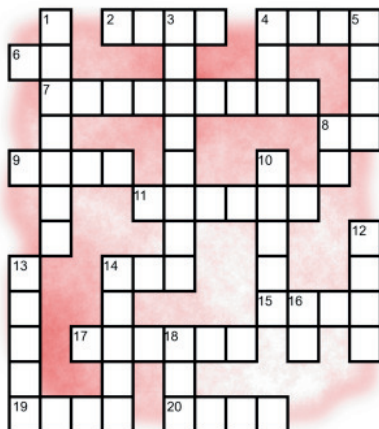
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## Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle.  
a=across & d=down.

COMMITTED  
INIQUITY  
BECAUSE  
UNFAIR IT  
VIRTUE IS  
TURNS IF  
SHALL HE  
SINCE DIE  
MUST ALL  
LORD SAY  
SAYS FAIR  
JUST SINS  
DOES LIVE



Thus \_\_\_\_\_ (5d) the \_\_\_\_\_. (20a) You \_\_\_\_\_, (14a) "The Lord's way is not \_\_\_\_\_!" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: \_\_\_\_\_ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways \_\_\_\_\_? (17a) When someone virtuous \_\_\_\_\_ (10d) away from \_\_\_\_\_ (11a) to commit \_\_\_\_\_, (3d) and dies, \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) is \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) \_\_\_\_\_ (12d) die. But \_\_\_\_\_ (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has \_\_\_\_\_, (7a) and \_\_\_\_\_ (4a) what is right and \_\_\_\_\_, (9a) he shall preserve his life; \_\_\_\_\_ (14d) he has turned away from \_\_\_\_\_ (18d) the \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) that he committed, he \_\_\_\_\_ (13d) surely \_\_\_\_\_, (19a) he shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (4d)

## Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.



In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.

I SHOULD HAVE  
DONE MY HOMEWORK...  
I'LL DO IT NOW.

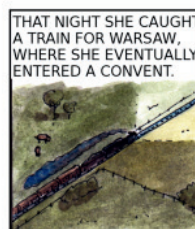


Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.

Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2. fair 4. does 6. he 7. committed 8. is 9. just 11. virtue 14. say 15. sins 17. unfair 19. live 20. Lord  
Down: 1. because 3. iniquity 4. die 5. says 8. it 10. turns 12. must 13. shall 14. since 16. if 18. all

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## Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska October 5



OUR LORD USED SAINT FAUSTINA, WHO HAD BEEN A SIMPLE COUNTRY GIRL, TO TEACH THE WHOLE WORLD ABOUT HIS GREAT MERCY. SHE WROTE WHAT HAPPENED IN HER VISIONS IN NOTEBOOKS. ONE OF THE GREATEST PRAYERS THAT JESUS GAVE HER WAS THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.



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