



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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08 October 2023 - 27th 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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Bearing fruit in the vineyard

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS in Christ! It is with joyful anticipation that I begin my ministry here among you at St Patrick's – I have heard such good things about serving as a priest here and I look forward to getting to know you, serving among you, and seeing what the Lord has planned for me in the coming years with you.



This weekend in our reading from the prophet Isaiah, the Lord speaks metaphorically of the disappointment he has experienced because of those leaders to whom he entrusted the care of his vineyard. This, his treasured vineyard, has not borne him the rich fruits with which he can produce the finest wine, but has instead only left him sour grapes, unfit for consumption. Jesus echoes this metaphor in his parable about the wicked tenants – those entrusted with the care of the Lord's vineyard have gone astray and even when prophets were sent among them to bring them back to the way of the Lord, to remain faithful to his covenant with them, they did not heed. Instead, they dealt wickedly with these prophets, not only rejecting their message, but rejecting them, persecuting them and putting them to death. Jesus assures his audience, the leaders of the people, that for these wicked tenants, a sour, wretched end is in store.

This parable retains its relevance for the Church today. The Lord renews this warning in the very heart of the Church, calling her leaders to take heed of the message of the prophets, to repent and be converted once more, so that they may be faithful tenants in the vineyard of the Lord and produce the fruits that befit the Kingdom of God. It is thus vital that we pray for our leaders, especially our priests, who have been entrusted with this care of the Lord's vineyard.

In the Last Supper discourse in John's gospel, Jesus instructs the apostles how it is that they are to remain fruitful in his vineyard. It is only those who remain in him, those friends of his that abide in his love, who allow themselves to be pruned with care by the Father, that bear good fruit in the vineyard. Many things badger priests for their attention, draw them away from what is essential and can lead them to be like those withered branches that the Father cuts away to be burned. So, pray that your priests might remain faithful to the one thing necessary, to remain close to Jesus so that they might be good and faithful stewards of the vineyard.

St John Vianney, patron saint of priests, once described the priesthood as the love of the heart of Jesus. With your prayerful support in these my first months and years as a priest in the vineyard of the Lord, it is my hope that I might abide in his love and so allow myself to be pruned by the Father, to remain in him and so bear the fruit that God intends.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Tom

THE BULLETIN

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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

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!

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. Scan the QR code below to purchase tickets.



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“Laudate Deum”

Pope Francis writes....

“Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations, etc.”



Access the full document free of charge via the Vatican website (www.vatican.va)

For more information, go to www.LaudateDeum.org

PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

Thank You!

If you attended Fr Chris' farewell last Sunday, you were surely well fed and tended to.

Many people played a part in the success of the luncheon - from those who showed off their culinary talents to those who were not afraid to 'get their hands wet'.

Can we just say a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered their services and those who attended.

Fr Chris was overwhelmed with the gathering and it was a wonderful tribute to him for all he did and continues to do.



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 (includes lunch)**
- **RSVP by Thursday 19 October**

Fr Joseph Nguyen

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

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.

Temporary closure of Giftshop

Please note that St Patrick's Giftshop will be closed for three days, Monday to Wednesday, **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.

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. We are **seeking volunteers** to be a leader for a small group of people (around six) at each table to facilitate discussion. There will be a short training session for those volunteering for this role. If this interests you, please contact the Parish Office sometime over the coming week.

Bishop Vincent's Statement on the "Voice" Referendum

Copies of this statement are available near the doors of the cathedral or via the Parramatta Diocese website. A reminder that voting is compulsory and takes place on **14 October**.

HSC begins

Please keep in your prayers those students who will begin their HSC this Wednesday, **11 October**. It is a nerve-racking time for not only the students but their families too! We wish them all well and pray that their marks reflect their potential and hard work.

RCIA - Christian Initiation of Adults

The parish will have 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.

Social Justice Statement

Copies of the recently published 2023-2024 **Social Justice Statement**, titled "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples", are now available free of charge at the usual distribution points in the cathedral. The statement can be viewed online at www.catholic.org.au.

November Mass Intentions

Though we have just moved into October, November will soon be upon us! November is, of course, the month that we traditionally pray for the Holy Souls and envelopes are now available for those who want to get in early to submit names of deceased loved ones for whom they wish to pray. As usual, names of our beloved deceased will be entered into the parish Book of Remembrance, displayed in the chapel throughout the month.

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: Ralf Hartmann, Fidel Perez, Rebecca & Artemio Patacsil, Fr Augustus, Abraham Patacsil, Donald Muir, Yolanda Muir, Edgardo Perez, 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

Anniversaries: Rodney Jayatilaka, Marian G Ermac, Arul Raj, YT Hsu, Sam Rietola, Edmond Matta, Robert Attard, Stephen Bergin, Joseph Fung

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: Leonardo Close, Pina Ferrero, Terry O'Brien, James Vargas, Rachael Sumagui, Fred & Odette Harb, Jenny Cheung, Hilgerdaro Schole, Finn McConnor, Jenny Cheung, 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-Figueroa, Belinda & John Mull, James Sampey, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Katie, Judy, John R Casimiro, Michael Perez, Atty M Allena, Prince William, Carmelita Perez, Michael Perez, Monica Ybarer-Wijf, Zayne Bumactao, Tian, Marie Saldanha, Fatima Rodricks, Raveen, Amarra Bumactao, Vivian Liceralde, 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

BAPTISMS



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

Benedict Gargiulo

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...

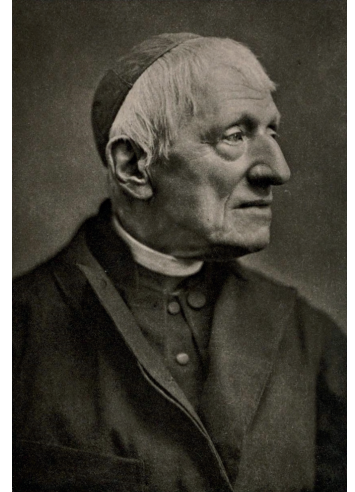
*From a tweet
dated 04 October*

"I invite everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful through our own contribution, because our own commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values." [#LaudateDeum](#)

Saint of the Week

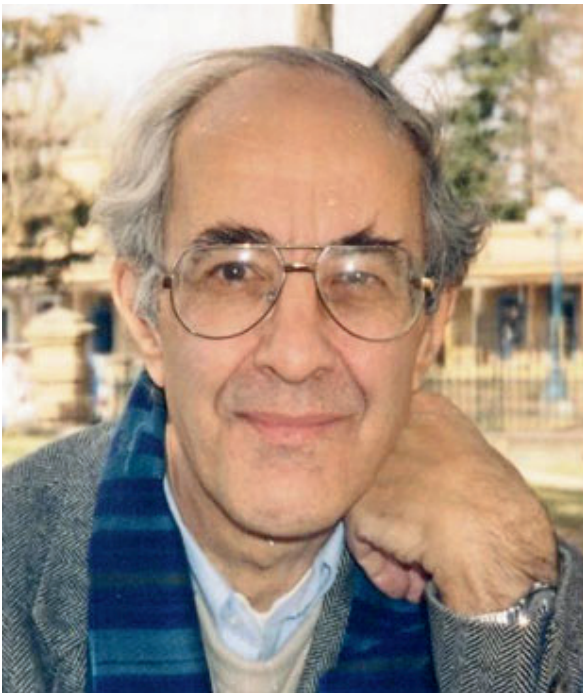
09 October - St John Henry Newman (1801-1890), Priest

Saint John Henry Newman was born on 21 February 1801 in London, England. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9 October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30 May 1847. Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11 August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019.



Information: Universallis

“Quote of the Week”



“While realising that 10 years ago I didn’t have the faintest idea that I would end up where I am now, I still like to keep up the illusion that I am in control of my own life. I like to decide what I most need, what I will do next, what I want to accomplish, and how others will think of me. While being so busy running my own life, I become oblivious to the gentle movements of the Spirit of God within me, pointing me in directions quite different from my own. It requires quite a lot of inner solitude and silence to become aware of these divine movements. God does not shout, scream, or push. The Spirit of God is soft and gentle like a small voice or a light breeze. It is the Spirit of Love.”

Henri Nouwen
(1932-1996)

Catholic Priest, Theologian and Writer
Here and Now



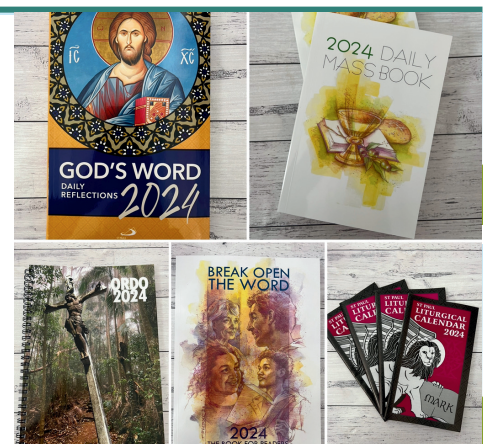
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The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8th, 2023



What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?
Use the code below to find out.



Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him. In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.

In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!



Answer to Word-Find: They killed him.
Answer to front puzzle: God sent His Son.

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The Evil Tenants Word-Find



Find the words that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks:

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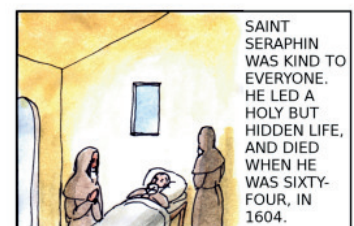
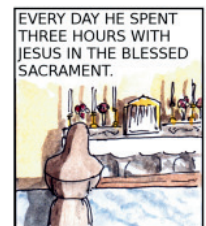
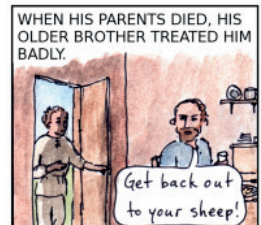
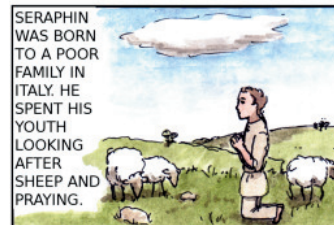
Jesus told this PARABLE: There was a landowner who planted a VINEYARD and built a tower and a WINE PRESS. When he went away, he LEASED it to tenants. In time, he sent SERVANTS to get his PRODUCE, but the tenants BEAT one, killed one, and STONED another. The man sent more servants, but the TENANTS did the same thing AGAIN. Finally, he sent his SON, thinking that they would RESPECT him at least. But the tenants saw the son coming and said, "Here comes the HEIR. If we kill him we can get his INHERITANCE!" So they SEIZED him, THREW him out and KILLED him too!

Jesus asked, "What will the land OWNER do when he COMES?"

The people said, "Put the tenants to DEATH and lease the vineyard to tenants who WILL pay."

Saint Seraphin

October 12



SAINT SERAPHIN NEVER DID ANYTHING GREAT OR IMPORTANT, BUT HE DID EVERYTHING WITH GREAT LOVE FOR GOD. HE TRIED TO BE LIKE SAINT FRANCIS IN HIS ZEAL AND LOVE OF THE POOR. LIKE SAINT SERAPHIN, WE CAN IMITATE THE SAINTS AND DO EVERY LITTLE THING OUT OF LOVE OF GOD.

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