

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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29 October 2023 - 30th 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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A reflection on the recent diocesan synod

AS YOU ARE AWARE, a couple of weekends ago there was a gathering of laypeople, religious and clergy, from across our diocese at CommBank stadium for the first synod of our young, diverse, and vibrant diocese. I was fortunate to be a part of this gathering and, it being such a significant event, I thought I would share some of my impressions with you.



Before doing so, it is important to understand why Bishop Vincent called for a synod. He mentions that from his arrival in the diocese he has desired to hold a synod. With the advent of Covid, the calling of the synod was delayed, but at the beginning of this year, wheels were set in motion, an organising committee formed, and the demanding work of organising the event was set in motion. Clearly, Pope Francis is keen on the synodal process, calling for the Church to be synodal by its very nature. Bishop Vincent wants to make this happen in the local church of Parramatta, and the calling of the synod is the first step in making this a reality.

Over two hundred people were present at the synod in Parramatta, held in a conference room at CommBank Stadium, across the road from the cathedral. The gathering was not dominated by clergy, with many representatives from parishes, diocesan agencies, Catholic schools, and with a handful of observers (not able to vote) from a couple of other Catholic dioceses and other churches, including the Anglican and Greek Orthodox churches.

To ensure that the process ran smoothly, there was a strict protocol in place. Prior to attending the synod, all members were required to undertake some online preparation, ensuring that they understood the dynamics of the synod process, and so on. At the Opening Mass on the Friday evening, all synod members were required to make an Affirmation of Faith, reminding us that everything we were to do at the synod had to be in accordance with the core beliefs of Catholic faith. There were six "themes" to the synod, each with a series of propositions attached, which were voted on individually by the members at the end of the discussion of each theme, a two-thirds majority needed for a resolution to pass. Four themes were covered on Saturday and two on the Sunday. The six themes were as follows:

- An inclusive and welcoming Church
- A humble and healing Church
- A listening Church
- A Church renewed in spirit and prayer
- A Church that reaches to the margins
- A Church walking together

Space restricts me saying too much more at this time but more information about the synod is available on the Diocese of Parramatta website, including the results of the voting and videos covering all three days.

I found the synod process excellent and have every confidence that this synod will assist in ensuring that the Church in Parramatta remains vibrant and relevant to both the membership and the broader community. A Pastoral Plan, based on the outcomes of the synod, is scheduled to be launched around the middle of next year.

I look forward to not only that, but also ensuring that our Cathedral parish will follow the synodal way into the future.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



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LITURGY GUIDE

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Procession Love divine, all loves excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of
2. Come, al - might - y, to de - li - ver, let us
3. Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and

1. heav'n to earth come down, fix in us thy
2. all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -
3. spot - less let us be; let us see thy

1. hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
2. turn and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.
3. great sal - va - tion, per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

1. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure un -
2. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee
3. changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in

1. bound - ed love thou art; vi - sit us with
2. as thy hosts a - bove, pray and praise thee,
3. heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

1. thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
2. with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
3. crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley 1707-1788 alt.
Tune: BLAENWERN 87.87D; William Penfro Rowlands 1860-1937

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.**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Focusing the Word



Key words and phrases

- To disconcert Jesus one of the Pharisees put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?'
- You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
- You must love your neighbour as yourself.
- All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
- If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.
- You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

to the point

The two great commandments both deal with love - of God and of neighbour. The first reading details what love of neighbour requires. Why should we love our neighbour in such an extraordinary way? Because God has loved us in just the same way. God's love for us sets the standard for our love of neighbour. In loving our neighbour we show our love for God.

Connecting the Gospel...

- **to last Sunday**
As the conflict between Jesus and the religious authorities escalates, the subject of the controversies grows more serious. Last Sunday the issue was paying taxes, this Sunday it's about the essence of the Law and prophets.
- **to culture**
Most of us don't have difficulty loving those we know and care about. The first reading directs our love even toward the neighbour we don't know.

LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie Belmont Mass C. Walker

Cantor/Choir All

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

Cantor/Choir All

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

Cantor/Choir All

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

Kyrie 11:00am Holy Angels' Mass B. Page

Congregation:

Chanters or Choir:

1. Lord, have mercy.
2. Christ, have mercy.
3. Lord, have mercy.

1. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2. Christ, have mer - cy.
 3. Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria 11.00am Holy Angels' Mass B. Page

Stately

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,
 Choir: and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you. We bless you.

Choir: We adore you. We glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glo - ry.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly - Be - got - ten Son.

Choir: Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

A bit slower

You take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Choir: You take away the sins of the world: receive our prayer.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: have mer-cy on us.

Tempo Primo

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One.

You a - lone are the Lord.

Choir: You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the

Slower

Fath - er. A - - - - men.

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Gloria Mass Shalom Smith/Mason

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

Refrain (All)

℞ 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 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....

A - - - - men.

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
 increase our faith, hope and charity,
 and make us love what you command,
 so that we may merit what you promise.
 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.



Matthew 22. 34-40

The Greatest
 Commandment

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus (22:20-26)

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51 0



Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (1:5-10)

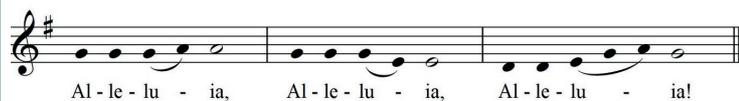
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
R. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:34-40)

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

JESUS REPLIED: "“LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.” THIS IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT. THE FIRST AND SECOND IS LIKE IT: “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.””
MATTHEW 22:37-39

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

Quam pulchri sunt G.P.da Palestrina

How beautiful are thy steps, O prince's daughter!
Thy neck as a tower of ivory. Thy eyes divine
and the hairs of thy head as the purple of the king...
How beautiful art thou, and how comely, my dearest...

Alleluia.

Song of Solomon 7

Sanctus (Holy, Holy) Mass Shalom Smith/Mason

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Mystery of Faith Congress Mass A. Rees

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death O Lord un - til you come a - gain.

Amen Congress Mass A. Rees

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

Agnus Dei Belmont Mass C.Walker

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

Agnus Dei 11:00am Holy Angels' Mass B.Page

Chanters/Choir: Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Chanters/Choir: Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

The choir sings the final Lamb of God, with "grant us peace"

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Antiphon Laetabimur in salutari tuo (Ps 19,6)

We shall rejoice in your salvation;
and in the name of the Lord our God shall we place our pride.

Communion Hymn Christians, let us love one another



1. Christ - ians, let us love one an - o - ther
2. We who break this bread are one bo - dy,
3. We who eat and drink at this ta - ble
4. Wheat and grape in - car - nate a mys - t'ry;
5. Je - sus is the vine, we the branch - es;



1. as we share the true liv - ing bread.
2. we who share this cup are all one,
3. die and rise a - gain with our Lord,
4. Je - sus is the true liv - ing bread.
5. we are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.



1. Je - sus is our God and our bro - ther;
2. child - ren of our Fa - ther in hea - ven,
3. draw - ing from our rock liv - ing wa - ter
4. Let us eat with joy and thanks - giv - ing,
5. Those who eat this bread live for ev - er,



1. with his flesh and blood we are fed.
2. shar - ers of the life of God's Son.
3. for all those who thirst for ac - cord.
4. trust - ing in the word he has said.
5. one with Christ, our Lord and our head.

Refrain



Ev - 'ry - one who loves is born of God.



Je - sus is our life, God is love.

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harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958 from *The English Hymnal*. Reproduced by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.

Post-Communion 11am My solemn vow P. Stopford

"I take you to be my wife/husband, to have and to hold from
this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer for poorer, in
sickness and in health to love and to cherish 'til death us do
part.

And this is my solemn vow.

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

R. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Mal 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10: You have strayed from the way, you
have caused many to stumble by your teaching.
Ps 130: R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
1 Thess 2:7-9, 13: We were eager to hand over to you not
only the Good News but our lives as well.
Mt 23:1-12: They do not practise what they preach.

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!

All Souls Mass Times - Thursday, 02 November

All Souls Mass, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a significant event in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. This solemn occasion is observed on November 2nd each year, one day after All Saints' Day (November 1st).

The primary purpose of the All Souls Mass is to remember and pray for the souls of the departed. During the All Souls Mass, special prayers and intentions are offered for the deceased, and the liturgy emphasises God's mercy and the hope of eternal life. Catholics often visit cemeteries during this time to offer prayers and blessings at the graves of their loved ones.

All Souls Day Mass Times at Parramatta are:

- 6:30am, 12:30pm and 7:30pm in the Cathedral
- 6:00pm at St Patrick's Cemetery



November Mass Intentions

November is, of course, the month that we traditionally pray for the Holy Souls.

Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available from the narthex and entry to the Cathedral for those who wish to offer Masses for the souls of their departed family and friends. Names of the deceased will be entered into the Book of Remembrance, displayed in the chapel throughout the month.

Cloister Cafe - Closed 29 October

The reason: A luncheon will take place in the Cloister Function Room following the 11:00am Mass. Couples from around the Diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries have been invited to attend the Mass and luncheon afterwards. Open again next week!



Table Talk with People Seeking Asylum

The cathedral parish and the Jesuit Refugee Service will be hosting a Table Talk event on the evening of **Wednesday 08 November, 7:00pm - 9:00pm** in the parish hall.

This presents a unique opportunity for those of us who would probably never have any interaction with someone seeking asylum to hear from them, to hear their stories, and discuss how this impacts us as people of relative privilege.

Please see the flyer insert in the bulletin for further details and the QR code for registering. In case the flyer is missing, the QR code is reproduced below.



PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

125TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

St. Patrick's Cathedral Organ

Sunday 12 November at 3:00pm

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the construction of our Cathedral Organ, a special gala concert will be held on **Sunday 12 November at 3:00pm**. The 90-minute 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.

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 to purchase tickets.



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FOR BOOKINGS

In Memory of David Mannall



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David Mannall, a treasured member of our parish. David was a multi-talented individual who served in several roles, including Acolyte, SRE Coordinator, and Immigration Consultant. Please keep David and his family in your prayers.

A prayer service will be held in the Chapel of Gregory & Carr Funerals, 14 Delhi Rd, Macquarie Park.

Date: Tuesday 31 October, 11:00am

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

“St Pat’s Matters”

All going well, Issue 118 of our parish magazine will be out about mid-December.

What can I write about you ask? Some suggestions:

- Why you love belonging to St Pat’s.
- Have you been called to serve in a particular ministry? Share how, when and why you became involved.
- How does faith shape daily life for you and your family?
- Why I go to Mass.
- Anyone who has become a Catholic, we’d love to share your journey to the faith.
- Wanted: articles/archival photos about the longstanding history of our remarkable parish — its priests, people and events.
- Any topics you think worth publishing!

Want to know about Ritual Matters? Email questions to Fr Robert: frrobert@stpatscathedral.com.au and he will happily enlighten you in his column, “Why we do what we do”.

Email submissions to M Polizzi — balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office marked for *St Pat’s Matters*.

Deadline for submissions: End of November.

Sacraments of Initiation - Reconciliation & Eucharist - 2023/2024

Please mark in your diary the following (compulsory) sessions:

- Penance 1 Session - **31 October OR 7 November** - 7:30pm
Parents only (*extra session scheduled for those unable to attend 31 October.*)
- Penance 2 Session - **11 November** - 4:30pm - Parents & Children
- Penance 3 Session - **25 November** - 4:30pm - Parents & Children - Practice session.
- Reception of the Sacrament of Penance - **28 November** - 7:00pm - Parents & Children

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

Registration is now closed for 2023/2024 program.

Appreciation Dinner for Volunteers at the Cathedral

The Cathedral staff would like to invite all our volunteers to an annual dinner to celebrate your contributions. Your tireless work across various ministries has been invaluable in advancing the mission of the Cathedral parish. As volunteers are the heart of any organisation, we are proud to recognise your efforts.

Here are the details for the dinner:

- Date: Friday, 17th November at 7pm
- Venue: Cloister Function Room
- RSVP: Contact your ministry leader or the Cathedral office to confirm your attendance by 12 November.

Exciting Update on Seniors’ Ministry

Our senior's ministry had a delightful time last Tuesday touring the Mary MacKillop museum. The group enjoyed a morning tea break at Mrs Macquarie’s chair before venturing on to MacKillop Place in North Sydney. The weather was stunning, the company was fantastic, and the museum proved to be an uplifting and spiritual place to visit.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Seniors' Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, 07 November – start your search for the perfect hat or fascinator now!

Cost: \$10 for food plus \$5 if you wish to join a sweep.

Venue: Cloister Function Room



Prayer Intentions

We pray for our beloved dead...

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

Recently Deceased: David Mannall, 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

Deceased: Bernardino Lanzona, Ambrosia C. Stanley, Jorge Guimaraes, Joachim Nguyen, N.N., 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

Anniversaries: Anton Basa, Giovanni & Giuseppina Rechichi, Sione M Loto'aniu, Leela Cyprian, Ellen Carlos, Edmond Matta, Rexis Marmanayauam

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: Nasr Nasr, Leonardo Perez Close, Vic Moran, Christopher Doughty, Fr Bob Bossini, Seini Loto'aniu, Joseph Lin, Hildegard Schulz, Fr Peter Zytka, 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, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Dra Julie Lee, Nima, Jorge & Lyn Vargas Patacsil, Franz Tito, Santiago & Antonio Tito, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Terry Joseph, Michael Perez, Tian, Kumaran Gunasagaran, Amarro Bumactao, Raveen, Jewel Peterson, Joe Suttie, Bartolome Cabezas, Amarra Bumaciao, Isabella Suttie, Zoe, Harriet, John, Charles & Ignatius Perrotet, Patrick & Stephen, Katie, Judy, John R Casimiro, Atty M Allena, Prince William, Carmelita Perez, Monica Ybarer-Wijf, Zayne Bumactao

BAPTISMS



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

**Hunter-Madison Reid Sofia An Nazareno
Dominga Pinto Penelope Alvarez**

WEDDINGS



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

**Kimberley Pascua & Peter Pakoti
Aleen Assaad & James Sakr**

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...

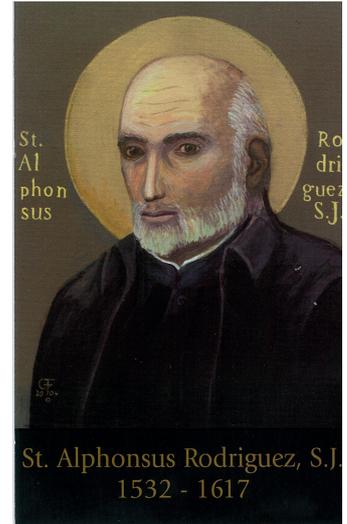
*From a tweet
dated 25 October*

"I am always thinking of the serious situation in Palestine and Israel. I encourage the release of the hostages and the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza. I continue to pray for those suffering and hope for paths of peace in the Middle East and other regions wounded by war."

Saint of the Week

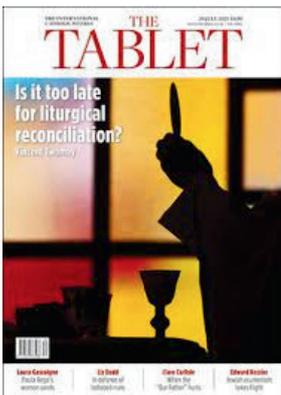
31 October - St Alfonso Rodriguez (1533-1617), Religious

Alfonso Rodriguez (1533-1617) was born in Segovia, Spain. His family played host to Saint Peter Faber, who prepared the young Alfonso for his First Communion. He left school at age 14 to help his widowed mother run the family wool business. At age twenty-seven, he married and had three children. Five years later, he found himself a widower with one surviving child, who died soon after. He joined the Society of Jesus as a Brother at the age of thirty-eight. He spent the next forty-six years of his religious life as guest master and doorkeeper of the Jesuit college in Majorca, where he exercised a marvellous influence not only on the members of the college, but upon a great number of people who came to him for spiritual advice. He was a friend and advisor to Saint Peter Claver, encouraging him to go to the missions in South America. His daily routine, though ordinary, offered him opportunities for holiness of life: each time the bell rang, he looked at the door and envisioned that it was God who was standing outside. He was often heard to say "I'm just coming, Lord."



Information: Universallis

“Quote of the Week”



“The synod is not just an event taking place in Rome this October and next. Synodality must become a permanent part of life of the Church. With the synodal process Pope Francis is making the mission-oriented Catholicism envisioned by Vatican II a project of the whole of the people of God - in which he includes not only the lay faithful but all the baptised, all people of faith, all people of good will.”

The Tablet (Magazine)
Editorial
30 September 2023

Did You Know...?

That Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians, that we are currently hearing in our Second Reading at Sunday Mass, is regarded as the oldest text in the New Testament?

Scripture scholars generally date this letter from Paul to the Greek Church at Thessalonika as having been written around the year AD45, less than fifteen years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. This makes it some twenty-five years older than the oldest Gospel, Mark, written around AD70.



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The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29th, 2023



How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our _____
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
_____ 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Unscramble The Gospel

Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading,
and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the ⁷ _____?" He said to him, "You

TREASGET shall love the ⁴ _____, your God, with all DOLR

your ⁶ _____, with all your ⁸ _____, ARTHE OSUL

and with all your _____ ⁹. This is the greatest IDMN

and _____ ¹ commandment. The second is SRTFI

like it: You shall _____ ⁵ your neighbour as OEVL

_____ ² _____. The _____ ³ _____ ESUYFOLR LOHWE

law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

What is the most important thing for us to ever do?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



The Greatest Commandment



What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



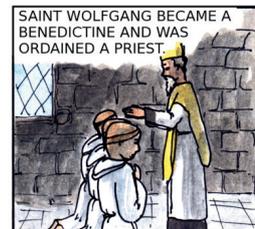
The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?



Answers to Unscramble: greatest, Lord, heart, soul, mind, first, love, yourself, whole, TO LOVE GOD

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Saint Wolfgang October 31



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