



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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15 October 2023 - 28th 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

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact the office or find information on
Facebook: [credo.stpats](https://www.facebook.com/credo.stpats)
Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au

No garment at the wedding feast...

IF IT WERE NOT for the fact that the parables of Jesus were so colourful and poignant we would probably gloss over them and they would not form such an integral part of our popular culture and consciousness. Over the past three weeks we have been treated to three striking parables in which Jesus attempts to convey to his disciples, and to the chief priests and elders, something of the nature of the kingdom of heaven and the responsibilities and relationships people have within it. Before we move on next week to hearing how the chief priests and elders reacted to Jesus' wisdom by trying to trap him, they have one more parable put to them, one last effort by Jesus to get his message across to these stubborn Jewish leaders.



Again, we don't need to look too deeply to see the meaning that Jesus is trying to convey to his audience about their behaviour as God's chosen people. The invited guests (the chief priests and elders) have refused the king's invitation, even to the point of violence, and so the king invites others instead who are grateful for the opportunity to be present at the wedding feast of the king's son. Jesus makes it clear that these "others" that the king invites, "bad and good alike", are the sort of people with whom the chief priests and elders would normally not associate. Yet it is these people, Jesus is saying to them, that God is inviting into his kingdom.

Now that Jesus has made his point, we would expect the parable to end. But there is an interesting addendum to the parable related to one of the guests. He is berated by the king for not wearing a wedding garment, to the point of being thrown out of the wedding hall and punished terribly for his infraction.

There is some debate as to the meaning of this part of the parable but one interpretation worth considering is that this guest has not taken the invitation seriously. Just as none of us would attend a wedding dressed inappropriately, so too we must be aware of how we appear in the eyes of God. This does not mean that we should understand God as a "universal police officer", watching over our every move with the aim of judging us, but rather to be aware of how we are going as Christian disciples and in what ways our behaviour is distinct from those who don't share our faith. It is this distinctness, as lived out through the virtues – acts of loving kindness, compassion and justice – that is our true "wedding garment". A failure to be attentive to how we are living as Christian disciples puts us in the same position as the underdressed invitee at the wedding feast of the king's son in this weekend's Gospel.

And we wouldn't want to hear the same words that he hears in condemnation of his negligence, would we?

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



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LITURGY GUIDE

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession

Here I am, Lord



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
2. I have wept for love of them. they turn a - way.
3. I will set a feast for them. my hand will save.



1. I who made the stars of night, I will make their
2. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for
3. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be



1. dark-ness bright. Who will bear my light to them? whom shall I
2. love a - lone. I will speak my word to them. whom shall I
3. sa - tis - fied. I will give my life to them. whom shall I

Refrain



send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?



I have heard you call - ing in the night.



I will go, Lord, if you lead me.



I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: based on Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b.1947

Melody: Dan Schutte, b.1947; arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, John Weissrock

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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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Focusing the Word



Key words and phrases

- The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding.
- Go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.
- How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?
- Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark.
- The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.
- I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
- I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

to the point

Although the king's feast is prepared and invitations are sent, the presence of guests at the feast isn't assured. It is scandalous enough that some invited guests give lame excuses and don't come; it is even more scandalous that others who are invited kill the messengers. None of this deters the king: the feast will be served, a place is reserved. Will we come?

Connecting the Gospel...

- **to the first reading**

The first reading places the gospel's wedding feast in an eschatological context where God provides abundantly for all, death is destroyed, tears are wiped away, and there is rejoicing and gladness in being saved.

- **to culture**

On special occasions we hire caterers who charge by the plate. When guests don't show up, the host or hostess is charged nonetheless and suffers a loss. When we refuse to come to God's banquet, the loss is not God's but ours!

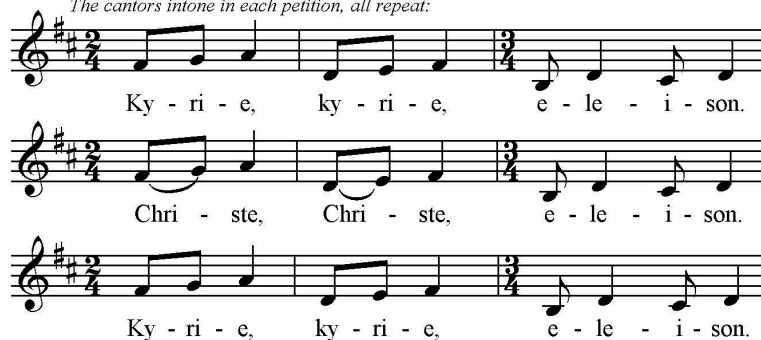
LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie

Taizé

J. Berthier

The cantors intone in each petition, all repeat:



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Kyrie 11:00am

Messe Basse

G. Fauré

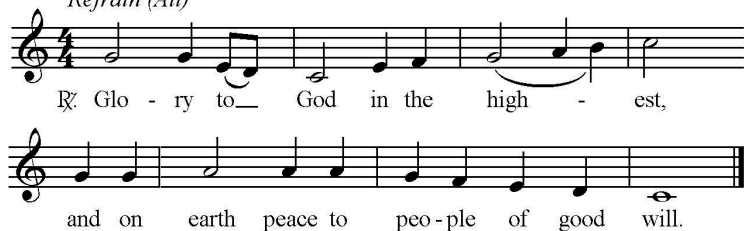
Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy.

Gloria

Mass Shalom

C. Smith/Mason

Refrain (All)



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.....

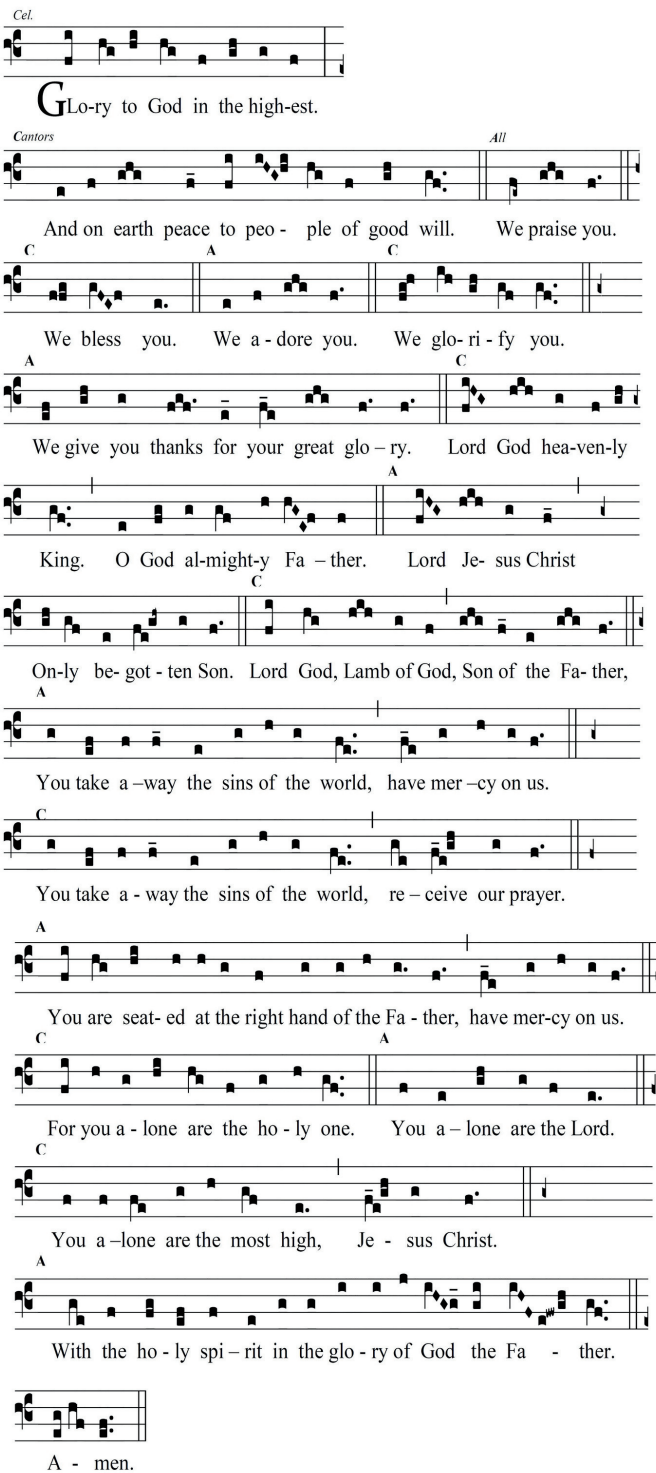
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

R. Glory to God.....



Gloria 11:00am Chant Mass XI - Orbis factor

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



Collect

Let us pray.

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

(25:6-10)

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22



Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
(4:12-14, 19-20)

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

R. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
(22:1-10)

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

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

I will always give thanks

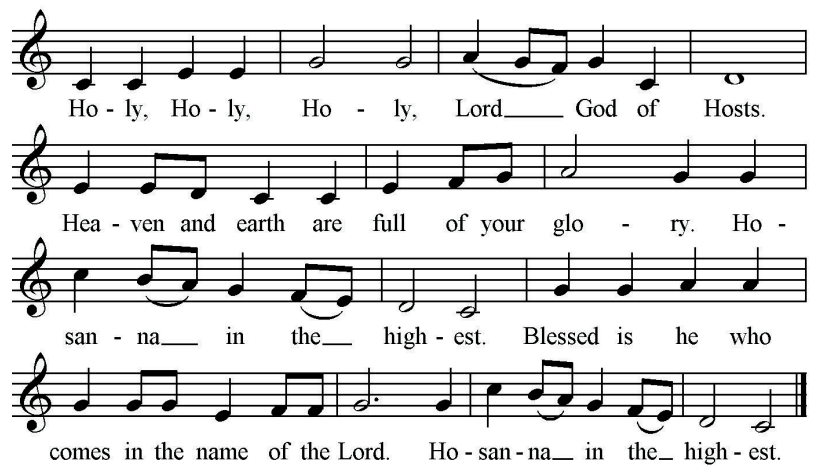
C. King

I will always give thanks unto the Lord:
His praise shall be ever in my mouth. Hallelujah.
Ps.34:1

Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Mass Shalom

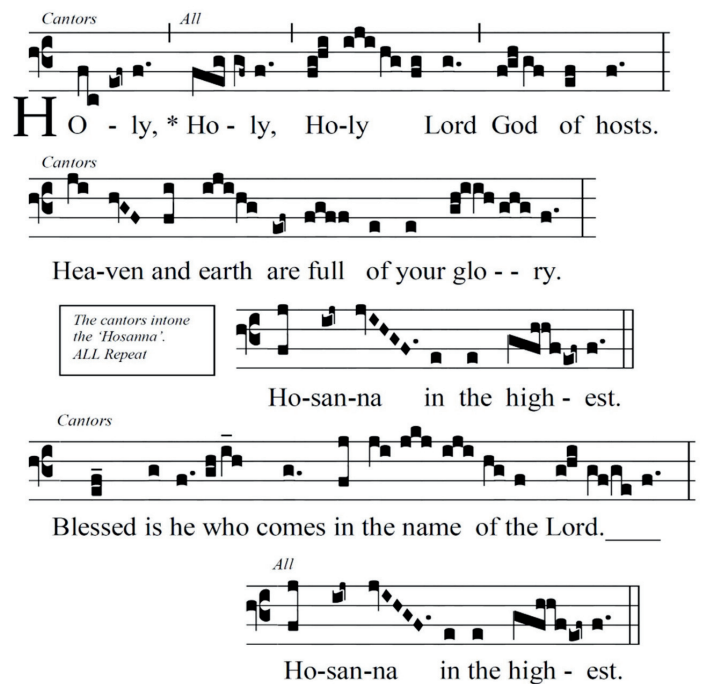
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Sanctus (11am)

Missa 'Orbis factor'

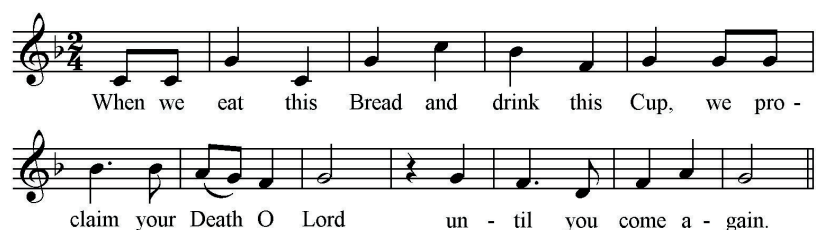
Chant Mass XI



Mystery of Faith

Congress Mass

A.Rees



Amen

Congress Mass

A.Rees

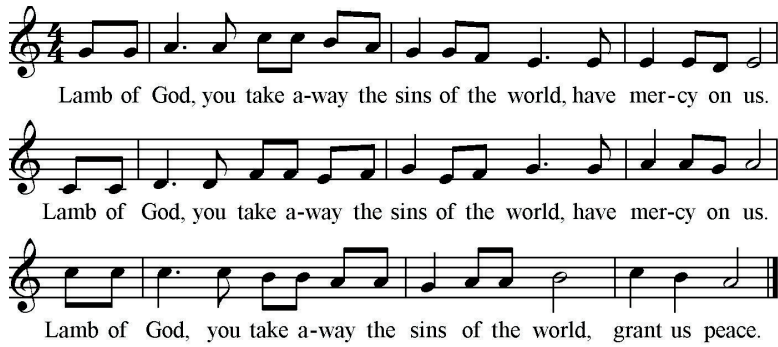


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei

Mass Shalom

C.Smith



Agnus Dei 11:00am

Messe Basse

G. Fauré

Communion Antiphon

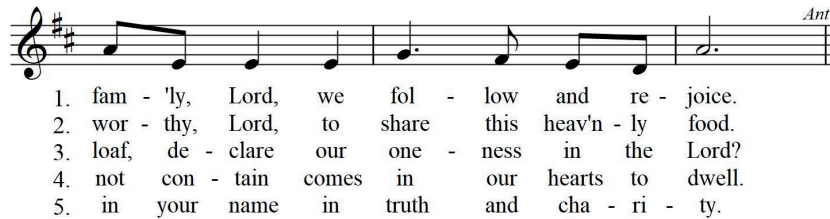
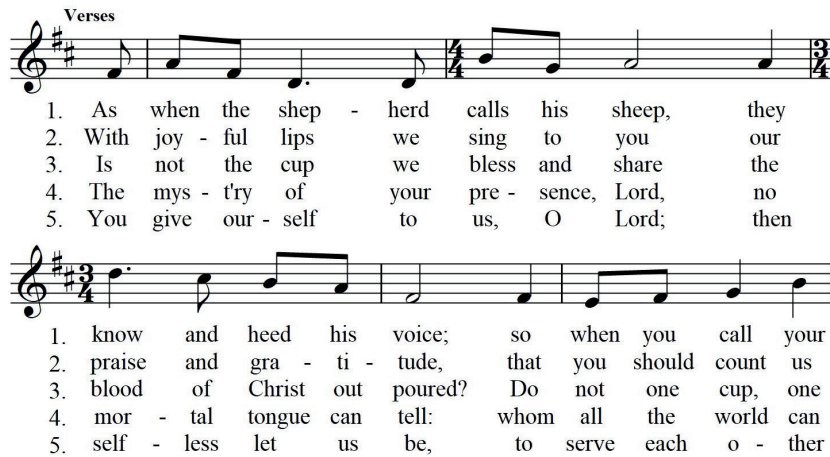
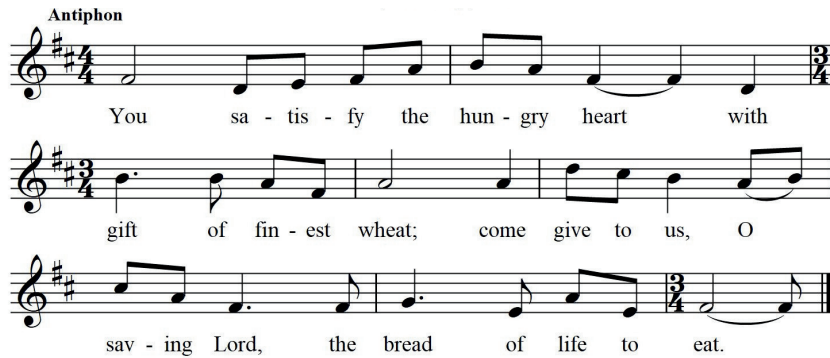
Aufer a me

Ps.118:22

Take from me all scorn and contempt, for I have kept your commandments; for your law is the object of my meditations.

Communion Hymn

Gift of finest wheat



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Recessional Hymn 6:00pm Now thank we all our God

The recessional hymn will be sung to conclude the Diocesan Synod.
Please refer to next page for music & lyrics

8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22

R .I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

R. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn 6:00pm Now thank we all our God

1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and
2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God who reigns in high - est

1. voic - es, who wond - rous things has done, in
2. near us, with ev - er joy - ful hearts and
3. hea - ven, to Fa - ther and to Son and

1. whom the world re - joic - es; who from our mo - ther's
2. bless - ed peace to cheer us. Lord, keep us in your
3. Spi - rit now be giv - en: the one e - ter - nal

1. arms has blessed us on our way with
2. grace, and guide us when per - plexed, and
3. God, whom heav'n and earth a - dore, who

1. count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
2. free us from all ills in this world and the next.
3. ev - er was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart 1586-1649, trans. Catherine Winkworth 1827-1878, alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 67.67.66.66; Original Melody by Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, ca.1647
Melody & harmony derived from the six part choral setting in *Lobgesang*, from Symphony no.2, Op.52,
1840 by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1809-1847

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Is 45:1, 4-6: I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10: R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

1 Thess 1:1-5: We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

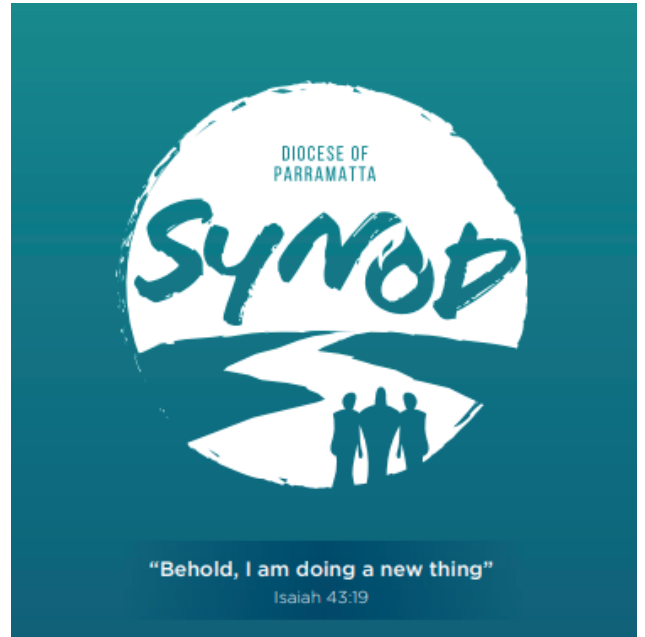
Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars;

you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia! (Phil 2:15-16)

Mt 22:15-21: Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

Holy See

WORLD MISSION DAY



SYNOD PRAYER

O God, who always walks with us
on the journey of life, we call upon you
to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love.
Open our hearts as we listen and discern.
Reveal to us the way we are called
to go out into the deep.
Give us the courage to pursue
the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local
Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,
who in the power of the Holy Spirit
continues to guide your Church, to the
fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

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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 125th anniversary 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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Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass

The annual Diocese of Parramatta **Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be held on Sunday 29 October at 11:00am here at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a **significant wedding anniversary** will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3460 by **20 October**. Family and friends are welcome!



PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

Sacraments of Initiation - Reconciliation & Eucharist - 2023/2024

Last Tuesday we held the Information Session. This was well attended and we hope to see you all at the Commitment Mass on Sunday, 22 October at the 9:30am Mass. Please mark in your diary the following (compulsory) sessions:

- Commitment Mass - **22 October** - 9:30am Mass
- Introductory Session - **24 October** - 7:30pm - Parents only
- Penance 1 Session - **31 October** - 7:30pm - Parents only
- Penance 2 Session - **11 November** - 4:30pm - Parents & Children
- Penance 3 Session - **25 November** - 4:30pm - Parents & Children
- 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 open online via our website and closes on **20 October**.

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.

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
- Departs Cathedral 10:00am.

Diary Claimer

- **Tuesday 07 November - Seniors' Melbourne Cup** (start looking for a hat or fascinator for Cup Day).

RCIA - Christian Initiation of Adults

The parish 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.

November Mass Intentions

Though we have just moved into mid-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.

Please note that all Masses in November will be offered for the Holy Souls.

Prayer for Peace

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets,
God of Love,

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!
Amen.

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

HSC exams now underway

Please keep in your prayers those students who have begun their HSC. It is a nerve-wracking 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.

Livestream Volunteers

Thank you to those who put their name forward. A member of staff will be in contact shortly.

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.

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.

Volunteers' Thank You Dinner

More information to come, but if you are a volunteer in the parish, regardless of what you do, we will be thanking you for your generosity at a Thank You Dinner on **Friday 17 November**. Mark it in your diary now!

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

Deceased: 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, Aldo Bassos, Florencio Gloria Sr, Matea Valeriano Gloria

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

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: 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, David Mannall, Rachael Sumagu, Nivola Senjak & family, Miguel-Angel Soto-Figuerdo, Belinda & John Mull, James Sampey, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Jewel Peterson, Joe Suttie, Bartolome Cabezas, Amarra Bumaciao, Isabella Suttie, Zoe, Harriet, John, Charles & Ignatius Perrottet, Raveen, Patrick & Stephen, 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, Amarra Bumactao, Vivian Liceralde, Anne Christine, Dacera Iran, Jayvee Kallukaran

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 09 October*

"One of the tasks of the Synod is to journey together and to listen to one another, so that the Spirit can suggest to us new ways and paths to bring the Gospel to the hearts of those who are distant, indifferent or without hope, yet continue to seek "a great joy." (Mt 2:10)

Saint of the Week

17 October - St Ignatius of Antioch (d.107), Bishop, Martyr

Ignatius was the third bishop of Antioch, the first being St Peter until he moved to Rome, and the second being Evodius. He was arrested (some writers believe that he must have been denounced by a fellow-Christian), condemned to death, and transported to Rome to be thrown to the wild beasts in the arena. In one of his letters he describes the soldiers who were escorting him as being like "ten leopards, who when they are kindly treated only behave worse."

In the course of his journey he wrote seven letters to various churches, in which he dealt wisely and deeply with Christ, the organisation of the Church, and the Christian life. They are important documents for the early history of the Church, and they also reveal a deeply holy man who accepts his fate and begs the Christians in Rome not to try to deprive him of the crown of martyrdom.

He was martyred in 107 and his feast was already being celebrated on this day in fourth-century Antioch.



Information: Universallis

"Quote of the Week"



"Sometimes it may seem to us that there is no purpose in our lives, that going day after day for years to this office or that school or factory is nothing else but waste and weariness. But it may be that God has sent us there because but for us Christ would not be there. If our being there means that Christ is there, that alone makes it worthwhile."

Caryl Houselander

(1901-1954)

Religious writer and poet

The Reed of God (1944)



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