



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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**22 October 2023 - 29th 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

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## "Give to God what belongs to God."

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, we see the Pharisees setting out to trap Jesus. His message was a threat to their power. They flatter him, then ask him a rather inflammatory question; "Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Their assumption was that Jesus would say that they didn't owe anything to Caesar, thereby incriminating himself, and possibly leading to his arrest. Instead, Jesus takes a coin and addresses the issues directly. If the coin has Caesar's head on it, it belongs to Caesar.



Jesus then takes the opportunity to challenge the Pharisees – and us – to get our priorities right. We need to respect civil authority and act as good citizens. Yet, there is a greater calling. Elsewhere, Jesus urges us to 'seek first the Kingdom of God' and all the other necessities of life will be taken care of. Being a disciple of Jesus does not require us to despise the world or to neglect our civic duty. It requires us to prioritise the things of God, to love God and to seek to live according to the dictates of God's Reign.

Isaiah reminds us that the Lord is unrivalled – "there is no other God besides me". Are there things that rival God in our lives? We can become attached to many things that take us away from God. Sometimes we get distracted by our cares and worries, to the point that these things become a 'god' for us, our primary focus. Sometimes, these can lead us to lose trust in God, thus harming our faith. Our prayer life can suffer because we allow our concerns to build to the point where we become distracted and don't have time for God.

"Give to God what belongs to God." What belongs to God? We are called to love God above all else. This is Jesus' first commandment to us. His second is to love one another. Jesus calls us to love God and to live according to gospel values. When we embrace the values and way of life of the Reign of God, we give to God. We also give to others, including our civil society. In behaving as true disciples, we make God's love known and we help to create a better society. When we live the Good News with "utter conviction", as Paul describes in the second reading, we become true disciples. In giving ourselves to God for his service, we "give to God what belongs to God." When we give to 'Caesar' what really belongs to God, we lose our conviction.

Today's gospel urges us to take care of our day-to-day concerns, but to remain focussed primarily on God and on what God is asking of us. Let us not allow our daily concerns to prevent us from living our faith life, from giving to God what belongs to God.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*

*Jeff Hood (Seminararian)*



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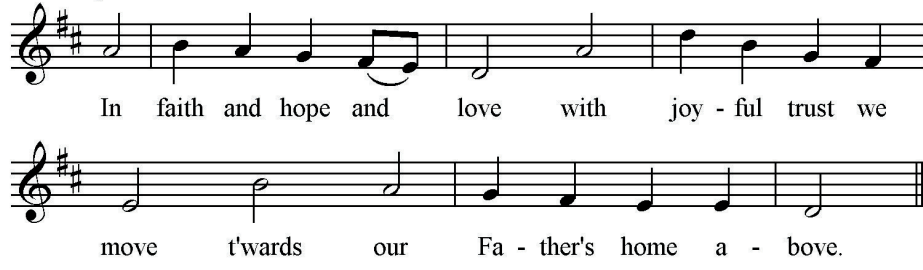
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# LITURGY GUIDE

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Procession In faith and hope and love

**Antiphon**



**Verses**

1.	Christ,	our	star,	our	map,	our
2.	Christ,	our	bread	a -	long	the
3.	Christ,	our	shel -	ter,	Christ	our
4.	Christ,	our	hope	and	our	re -

*To antiphon.*

1.	road	to	the	Fa -	ther's	high	a -	bode.
2.	way;	Christ,	our	res -	cue	when	we	stray.
3.	friend,	our	be -	gin -	ning	and	our	end.
4.	ward;	our	re -	deem -	er	and	our	Lord.

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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.

*The priest gives the absolution:*

Mas almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
Focusing the Word



*'...give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar  
- and to God what belongs to God.'*

### Key words and phrases

- The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus.
- Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?
- Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.
- Give the Lord glory and honour.
- I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.
- We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

### to the point

To entrap Jesus the Pharisees pose an either/or dilemma: pay taxes or not. Jesus refuses the bait and affirms that we have both civic and religious obligations. But these obligations are radically different: to the state we pay taxes, but to God we give undivided service (see first reading) and worship (see responsorial psalm).

### Connecting the Gospel...

#### • to the first reading

At the time of the gospel events, Caesar is the supreme authority. In God's plan, all earthly rulers, like Cyrus the Persian, are to be servants of God.

#### • to culture

Income taxes are automatically deducted from salaries; we are barely conscious of it. Our service of God, however, is not exacted from us but is freely and consciously given.

# LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

*Cantor* *All*

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - i - son.

*Cantor* *All*

Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.  
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

*Cantor* *All* *rall.*

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - i - son.

Kyrie 11:00am

Missa 'Pax et bonum'

R. Connolly

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

Gloria

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and on earth peace to peo-ple of good - will. We  
praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for  
your great glo-ry. Lord God hea-ven-ly King, O God al-migh-ty Fa - ther.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Fa - ther.  
You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
You take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on  
us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit in the  
glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

Gloria 11:00am

Missa 'Pax et bonum'

R. Connolly

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
we adore you, we glorify you  
Gratias agimus tibi  
we give you thanks  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
for your great glory,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
O God almighty Father.  
Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
Qui tollis peccata mundi:  
you take away the sins of the world,  
miserere nobis.  
have mercy on us;  
Qui tollis peccata mundi:  
You take away the sins of the world,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
receive our prayer;  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris:  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
miserere nobis.  
have mercy on us.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
Tu solus Dominus.  
you alone are the Lord,  
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
Cum Sancto Spiritu,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

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

(45:1,4-6)

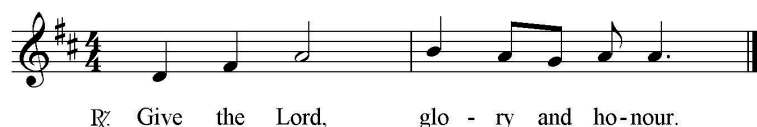
*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:  
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10



## Second Reading

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

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

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

Dom AG Murray OSB



**Cantor** Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
**R. Alleluia.**

11.00am



## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
(22:15-21)

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

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  
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## Offertory Motet 11:00am

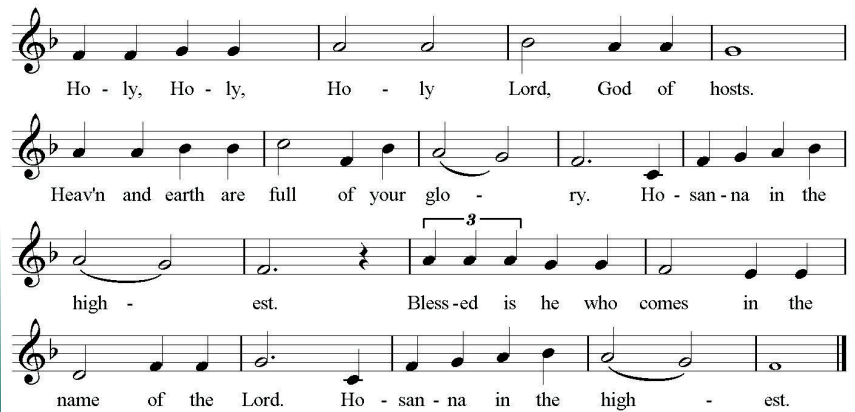
O Lord, I will praise thee G. Jacob

O lord, I will praise thee though thou wast angry me, thine  
anger is turned away, and thou comforted me. Behold, God  
is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Je-  
hovah is my strength and my song. He also is become my  
salvation. Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his  
doings among the people, make mention that his name is  
exalted. Sing unto the Lord, for he has done excellent things:  
this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou  
inhabitants of Zion: for great is the Holy one of Israel in the  
midst of thee. (Isaiah Ch.12)

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

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## Mystery of Faith

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## Amen

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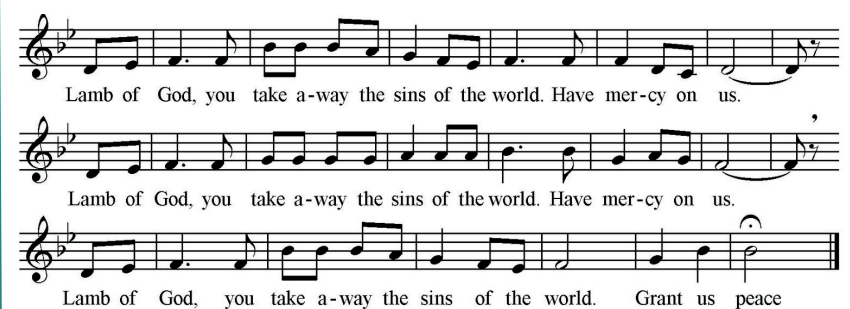
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## Agnus Dei

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei 11:00am      Missa 'Pax et bonum'      R. Connolly  
Communion Antiphon      Domine, Dominus noster      Ps. 8

O Lord our governor, how admirable is your name in all the earth!

## Communion Hymn

O God, refine our faith



1. O God, re - fine our faith, let  
2. Let truth and peace be found in  
3. From all our eyes re - move our  
4. Then help our tongues de - scribe the

1. all our words be true; then  
2. each be - liev - er's heart, and  
3. sight - im - pair - ing pride, for  
4. vi - sion that we see: the

1. shall our dai - ly lives pro - claim the  
2. ev - 'ry word your ser - vants speak, a  
3. on - ly when our sight is clear, each  
4. whole cre - a - tion clothed, at last, in

1. love for ev - er new.  
2. great - er word im - part.  
3. o - ther may we guide.  
4. im - mor - tal - i - ty

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Tune: FRANCONIA 66.86; Melody adapt. William Henry Havergal, 1793-1870 from a chorale by Johann Balthasar König, 1691-1758

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.  
Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,  
we may be helped by what you give in this present age  
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### 30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Ex 22:20-26: If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.  
Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51: R. I love you, Lord, my strength.  
1 Thess 1:5-10: You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.  
Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia! (Jn 14:23)  
Mt 22:34-40: You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

## 8:00am Mass Propers

### Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22

**R.** Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. R.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. R.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. R.

Worship the Lord in his temple,  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.

### Gospel Acclamation

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

**R. Alleluia.**

### Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

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**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 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.

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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## 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.





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# PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

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## Sacraments of Initiation - Reconciliation & Eucharist - 2023/2024

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

- 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 closed for 2023/2024 program.

## 9:30am Mass Welcome

Today we welcome the children and their families who are attending to pledge their commitment to the Sacraments of Initiation program. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on their journey through the Sacraments of Penance and First Eucharist.

## Seniors' Ministry - Trip to Mary Mackillop

If you have already made a reservation, please make sure to arrive no later than **10:00am** for a prompt 10:30am departure.

## Diary Claimer

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

## 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.

## Fr Robert (Bob) Bossini

Fr Bob, the former Dean of St Patrick's, is battling cancer and said he would be appreciative of any prayers. I'm sure there are many of you who will oblige and pray for him.

*Many thanks and God bless, on behalf of Fr Bob.*

## November Mass Intentions

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.

## Day of fasting, penance and prayer

Pope Francis has decided to declare **Friday, 27 October** a day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace. Please bear this in mind and encourage others you know, whatever their religious belief, to participate in this worthy endeavour.

## 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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone (02) 8838 3460 by **20 October**. Family and friends are welcome!

## 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](http://www.catholic.org.au).

## "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](mailto: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](mailto:balmap5@bigpond.com) or leave at the parish office marked for *St Pat's Matters*.

Deadline for submissions: end of November.

## 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.

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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

**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:** Sione M Loto'aniu, Leela Cyprian, Ellen Carlos, Edmond Matta, Rexis Marmanayauam, Rodney Jayatilaka, Marian G Ermac, Arul Raj, YT Hsu

**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:** Fr Bob Bossini, David Mannall, 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, David Mannall, Rachael Sumagu, Nivola Senjak & family, Miguel-Angel Soto-Figuerdo, James Sampey, Sharon Webb

**Special Intentions:** Kumaran Gunasagaran, Amarro Bumactao, Raveen, Jewel Peterson, Joe Suttie, Bartolome Cabezas, Amarra Bumaciao, Isabella Suttie, Zoe, Harriet, John, Charles & Ignatius Perrottet, 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 Licalalde, Anne Christine

## 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...

**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 18 October*

"War does not resolve any problem. It only sows death and destruction, increases hate, multiplies vengeance. War erases the future. I exhort believers to take only one side in this conflict: the side of peace - not in word, but in prayer."

## Saint of the Week

25 October - St Antonio Galvao (1739-1822), Priest

Antônio Galvão was born in the state of São Paulo to a deeply religious family of high social and political status. He was educated by the Jesuits from the age of 13, but although he wanted to become a Jesuit this was judged inopportune because of official persecution of the order (which was suppressed in the Portuguese Empire in 1759). Instead, at the age of 16, Galvão joined the Franciscans and took the name of 'Anthony of St Anne' in honour of his family's devotion to that saint.

He was ordained a priest in 1762 and transferred to São Paulo, where, with only brief intervals, he spent the rest of his life. He was revered as a confessor and a healer, and popular devotion to him was such that both ecclesiastical postings and governmental decrees that would have taken him away from São Paulo soon had to be rescinded. He died there on 23 December 1822, at the Recollect House (a hermitage which he had served and defended since 1769).

He was beatified in 1998 by Pope John Paul II and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 11 May 2007 during his visit to Brazil. He is the first Brazilian-born saint.



Information: Universallis

## "Quote of the Week"



"No medicine is more valuable, none more efficacious, none better suited to the cure of all our temporal ills than a friend to whom we may turn for consolation in time of trouble, and with whom we may share our happiness in time of joy."

**St Aelred of Rievaulx**  
(1110-1167)  
Cistercian Abbot

## Did You Know...?

**That, as Catholics, we do not worship Mary and the saints?**

Even Catholics sometimes get confused with distinguishing between **worship** and **veneration**. We **venerate** Mary and the other saints because they are close to God and in a wonderful position to prayerfully intercede for us, and always willing to do so! We **worship** only God.



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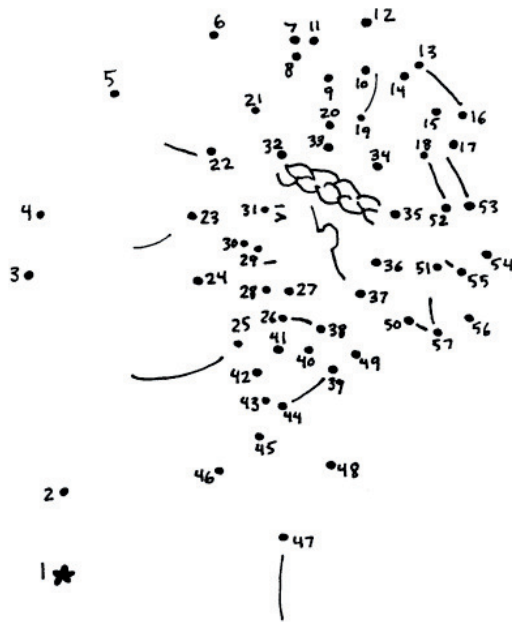
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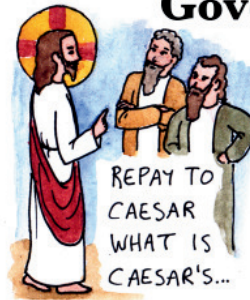
# The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 22nd, 2023



In today's Gospel reading, some men asked Jesus if it was right to pay tax. What did Jesus ask them to show Him? Connect the dots to find out!

## Should we Obey the Government?



The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes then it would seem like He was saying that it was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.

But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's,) so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.

We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?



Answers to math puzzle: words are in this order: 8-Lord, 5-song, 6-sing, 9-lands, 7-glory, 2-nations, 3-peoples, 4-deeds.

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## Sing 2 the Lord... a math puzzle

Figure out the answers to the math questions and use the answers to find the right words to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.



Sing to the \_\_\_\_\_ a new \_\_\_\_\_;  
4+4=\_\_\_\_\_ 1+4=\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord, all you \_\_\_\_\_.  
4+2=\_\_\_\_\_ 6+3=\_\_\_\_\_

Tell his \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_;  
3+4=\_\_\_\_\_ 1+1=\_\_\_\_\_



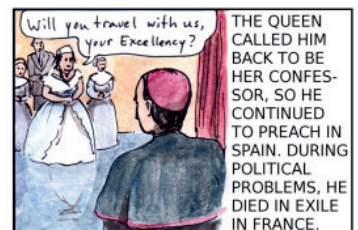
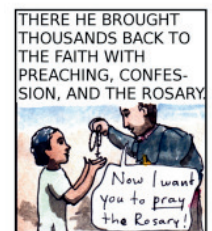
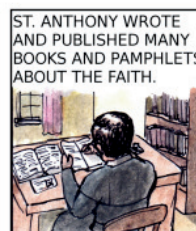
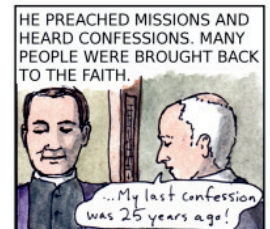
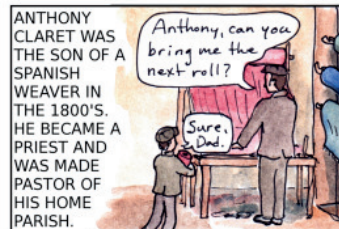
among all \_\_\_\_\_,  
2+1=\_\_\_\_\_

his wondrous \_\_\_\_\_.  
2+2=\_\_\_\_\_



2 nations      6 sing  
3 peoples      7 glory  
4 deeds      8 Lord  
5 song      9 lands

## Saint Anthony Mary Claret October 24



SAINT ANTHONY HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND OUR LADY. THIS GAVE HIM THE STRENGTH AND WISDOM TO BRING MANY SOULS BACK TO GOD THROUGH HIS PREACHING, WRITING AND HEARING CONFESSIONS. WE, TOO, GET STRENGTH TO DO GOD'S WORK FROM THE SACRAMENTS.

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