



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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05 November 2023 - 31st 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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Praying for the Holy Souls

REALITY IS MORE than simply what we can see and hear; it's much more than just the material world in which we live and breathe. There are realities that are hidden, that might escape our senses but are real nonetheless. Anyone who has loved, anyone who has been taken away by the beauty of a sunset or a moving piece of music knows this – there are realities that can't be captured simply by some mechanistic, materialist explanation. There are realities much deeper and much higher, indeed much more different than the world around us.



We Catholics know this especially, since we believe in things not seen, things beyond the mind of man, as St Paul would say. We know this because we encounter these hidden realities every Sunday, indeed every day in the Sacraments. There, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are present and active in a way that escapes our senses but are not for that fact less real.

This week we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints as well as All Souls' Day, in which we remember those who have gone before us in this life. In these feasts, we recognise that although we may not be able to see them anymore, these people who have died live on in a different mode of existence, in a reality that we cannot grasp.

Well, not physically anyway. We can reach them spiritually, just as they can us. This is very important to remember as we begin this month of November in which we focus in a particular way on praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. When we pray for them, we enable them to advance in their final purification, to help them to receive the purification in love that they missed out on in this life, so that they might finally see God face to face, completely receptive to that love in which they were made and saved. In return, they can support us with their prayers along with all the Saints in heaven.

So, this month, let us make our focus this unseen reality that awaits us all. Let us pray to the Saints in heaven and reflect on their lives, so that we can know their support on this our pilgrimage here below. Let us keep constantly before our minds all those we have known and loved who have passed from this life, so that we might help them in their final journey to the Father. In this way, we will participate more fully in that hidden reality of the Communion of Saints, and store up for ourselves treasure in heaven.


Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Tom

LITURGY GUIDE

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Procession Sing of the Lord's goodness



1. Sing of the Lord's good - ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
2. Pow - er he has wield - ed, ho - nour is his gar - ment,
3. Cour - age in our dark - ness, com - fort in our sor - row,
4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trump - et,



1. come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us
2. ri - sen from the snares of death. His word he has spo - ken
3. Spi - rit of our God most high; so - lace for the wea - ry
4. praise him with the lute and harp. Praise him with the cym - bal,



1. his love is for - e - ver, faith - ful to the end of days.
2. one bread he has bro - ken, new life he now gives to all.
3. par - don for the sin - ner, splen - dour of the li - ving God.
4. praise him with you danc - ing, praise God to the end of days.


Refrain



Come then all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good - ness,



mel - o - dies of praise and thanks to God.



Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with your mu - sic,



wor - ship him and bless his name.

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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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Focusing the Word



They preach but they do not practice...

Key words and phrases

- You must therefore do what the scribes and Pharisees tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do.
- You have only one Master, and you are all brothers.
- You have only one Teacher, the Christ.
- Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.
- In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
- Why do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?
- We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well

to the point

Jesus criticises those who pursue the titles rabbi, father, master. This controversy involves more than social prestige and honour: it reveals how people view themselves in relation to others. But what really matters is how we understand ourselves in relation to God who alone is Father and Master. When that is clear, we know ourselves to be servants.

Connecting the Gospel...

• to the first reading

The reading from Malachi reinforces the teaching of Jesus: we have one father, one God. Knowing this keeps us in proper relationship to God our creator and moves us 'to give glory to [God's] name.'

• to baptism and religious experience

The first reading addresses a commandment to priests. Because of baptism we all share in Christ's priesthood; all of us, then, are commanded to practice the faith we preach and to live as servants.

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LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie

Missa "Orbis factor"

Chant XI

The cantor intones each petition. All repeat.

K Y - ri - e * e - - lé - i - son.

Chri - ste e - - lé - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - - lé - i - son.

Kyrie 11:00am

Missa "Quam pulchri sunt"

T.L.de Victoria

Gloria

A Community Mass

R. Proulx

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.

All:

Cantor: Lord, God, heav'nly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Be - got - ten Son,

All:

Cantor: Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:

have mer - cy on us;

All:

Cantor: you take away the sins of the world:

re - ceive our prayer;

All:

Cantor: you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

have mer - cy on us.

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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 11am Missa "Quam pulchri sunt"

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.

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised.
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 Malachi (1:14-2:2, 8-10)

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130



Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (2:7-9, 13)

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



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Cantor You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia.

11:00am



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (23:1-12)

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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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please use the QR code shown here.*



Offertory Motet 11:00am

Diligam Te, Domine J.P. Sweeklinck

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength:
The Lord is my firmament, my refuge, and my deliverer.
My God is my helper, and in him will I put my trust.
My protector, and the horn of my salvation,
and my support. Praising, I will call upon the Lord:
and I shall be saved from my enemies.
Ps.17(18)

Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

A Community Mass

R. Proulx

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san na in the high est.

Mystery of Faith

Missal Tone

ICEL

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

Amen

A Community Mass

R. Proulx

A - men, a - men, a - - men. *non rit.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

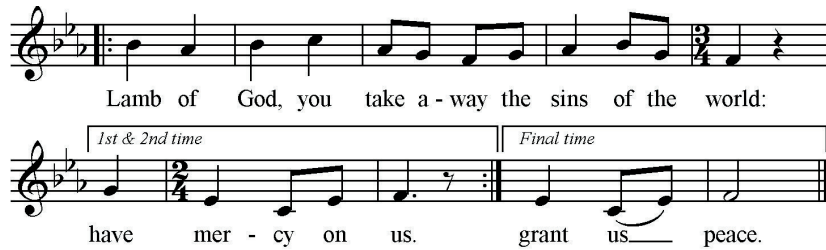
Pa-ter noster, qui es in cae-lis: sancti-fĩ-cé-tur nomen tu-um;
Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name;
Advé-ni-at regnum tu-um; fi-at vo-lúntas tu-a, sic-ut in cae-lo
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as
et in ter-ra. Panem nostrum co-ti-di-á-num da no-bis hó-di -e;
it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
et di-mítte no-bis dé-bi-ta nostra, sic-ut et nos dimít-timus de-bi-tó-
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
ri-bus nostris; et ne nos indú-cas in ten-ta-ti-o- nem; sed lí-be-ra
against us; And lead us not into temptation; but deliver
nos a ma- lo.
us from evil.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei

A Community Mass

R. Proulx



Agnus Dei 11:00am
Communion Antiphon

Missa "Quam pulchri sunt"
Notas mihi T.L.de Victoria
Ps.15:11

You have made known unto me the ways of life; you will fill me with joy at the sight of your countenance, O Lord.

Communion Hymn

My God, accept my heart this day



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-94 alt
Tune: BELMONT 86.86; melody probably by William Gardiner, published in *Sacred Melodies*, Vol.1, 1812

Prayer after Communion

May the working of your power, O Lord,
increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly
Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they
promise.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Wis 6:12-16: Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

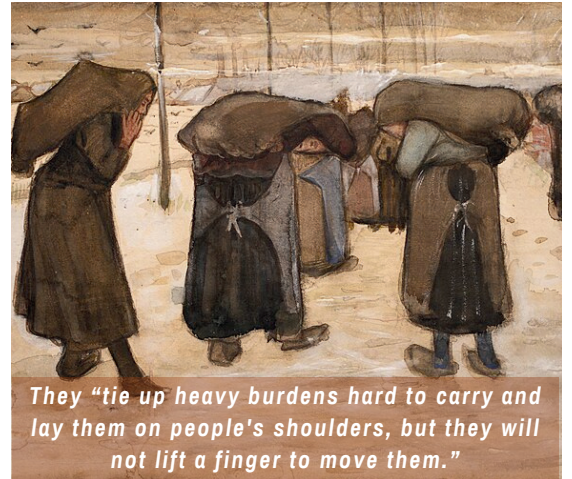
Ps 62:2-8: R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1 Thess 4:13-18: Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia! (Mt 24:42, 44)

Mt 25:1-13: Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.



8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

I O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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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!

Congratulations

There is a time for everything, and this week has been a time of congratulations, receiving awards, and celebration at the Cathedral. We offer our congratulations to the following people:



• Wedding Anniversary Mass

Congratulations to the couples whose significant wedding anniversaries were acknowledged at Mass last Sunday, especially the following couples from our parish:

- Andy and Carmen Cutajar
- Greg and Marjorie Simpson
- Alan and Maria Guatlo
- Mario and Mary Manzano
- Paul and Mouzel Carson
- Edgardo and Evelyn Redimerio
- Marietta and Michael Guillema
- Bernie and Clara Atkinson
- Sidney and Fatima Roderick
- Michael and Iris Falzon
- Peter and Priscilla Newman
- Baldo and Marian Polizzi
- Homer and Gemma Herrera
- Jason and Lauren Issa
- Eric and Bianca Grella

• Diocesan Medal

Congratulations to Pamela Bain who received a Diocesan Medal for her many years of service to the Cathedral, especially as Coordinator of the Catechists who teach scripture at our local public schools.



Pamela Bain

• Papal Blessings

Congratulations to Najwa Takchi and Norma Alphonse, who are members of Pamela Bain's SRE team, who received a Papal Blessing for their 20 years of service as catechists on Friday.

• Birth Announcement

Congratulations to George and Anne Stanton who recently welcomed the birth of their first child, Faustina Rose, on 20 October.



• First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Daniel Lipton, who received his First Holy Communion last Saturday at the Vigil Mass.

PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

Seniors' Ministry - Melbourne Cup

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

RSVP to secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au by **05 November**.

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

Venue: Cloister Function Room

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.



SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR BOOKINGS

Table Talk with People Seeking Asylum

The cathedral parish and the Jesuit Refugee Service will be hosting a **FREE** 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 scan the QR code to register (free of charge).

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
- 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.

"St Pat's Matters"

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

If you wish to write an article for the magazine email submissions to M Polizzi — balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office marked for *St Pat's Matters*. Deadline for submissions is the **end of November**.

Meeting of all Liturgical Ministers

All liturgical ministers are asked to attend a special meeting under the guidance of our new Coordinator for Liturgy, Fr Tom. This will be a fantastic opportunity for all of us to get acquainted with him and understand his vision for the Cathedral's liturgical practices.

Date: Sunday 19 November at 3:30pm

This meeting is vital for the smooth functioning and continued sanctity of our Cathedral services. Your presence and insights will greatly aid in ensuring that we all work cohesively under Fr Tom's guidance.

Please make it a priority to attend. Your commitment to the ministry and to the Cathedral community is deeply valued.

Advent Carols Festival

Friday, 01 December at 7:00pm

As the year winds down and the festive spirit start to envelop us, what better way to usher in the season than by immersing ourselves in the timeless melodies of carols?

Such an evening of celebration and community deserves a special place, not just in our hearts but also in our planners. So, go ahead and mark the date. Put this in your family diary as an event not to be missed!

Seminarian Jeff Hood

Many of you would be aware from past experience that seminarians tend to pass through the cathedral quite regularly. I'm sad to report that Jeff Hood, who has been with us since early this year, will have his last days with us next weekend, 11/12 November. We wish Jeff every blessing as he continues to follow his vocation to the priesthood. *Fr Robert*



RESERVE
YOUR SEAT
NOW!

**TLC's 16TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISING DINNER**
Saturday 25 November 2023
Venue: Blacktown Leisure Centre, Sentry Drive,
Stanhope Gardens
\$120 per person - Book through Humantix
<https://events.humantix.com/tlcdinner>

Prayer Intentions

November Masses

November is the month in which we traditionally focus on praying in a particularly special way for our deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes for you to make an offering for deceased loved ones are available. All names will be published in the special Book of Remembrance on display in the Chapel throughout November. Names of the deceased will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Become a Catechist an SRE Volunteer

Who? Me? - Yes...why not you? - If not you...then who?

What is an SRE?

SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into six state primary schools.

North Parramatta and Bayanami on Wednesdays; Parramatta East, Oatlands, and Parramatta on Thursdays; and Macarthur Girls High School on Thursday.

New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper. To register your interest or make further enquiries, visit or call the Parish Office.

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: Naleen, Tian, Raveen, Harry Perrottet, 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 Perrottet, 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 November



For the Pope

"We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 29 October*

"At the conclusion of this stage of the journey we have completed, it is important to look at the "principle and foundation" from which everything begins ever anew: loving God with all our life and loving our neighbour as ourselves. This is the heart of everything." [#Synod](#)

Saint of the Week

06 November - Blessed Josepha Girbes (1820-1893), Virgin

Josepha Naval Girbés was born at Algemes in the Archdiocese of Valencia, Spain, on December 11, 1820. As a very young woman she consecrated herself to the Lord by a perpetual vow of chastity. Josepha's life was simple. She stood out for her ardent love, and she made progress along the way of prayer and evangelical perfection, while dedicating herself generously to apostolic works in her parish community. In her own home she opened a school where she taught needlework, prayer, and the evangelical virtues. She formed many young girls and women and shared with them her wisdom and spiritual understanding. She was a member of the Third Order Secular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Teresa of Jesus, and had a special love for the Virgin Mother of God. Her holy death took place on February 24, 1893. She is buried in her parish church of Saint James in her native city.



Information: Universallis

"Quote of the Week"



"Jesus has been so zealously worshipped, his deity so vehemently affirmed, his halo so brightly illumined, and his cross so beautifully polished that in the minds of many he no longer exists as a man...By thus glorifying him we more effectively rid ourselves of him than did those who tried to do so by crudely crucifying him."

Clarence Jordan
(1912-1969)
Scripture scholar and
founder of "Koinonia Farm"

Did You Know...?

...that despite the belief of even some Catholics to the contrary, the existence of purgatory and hell are still part of the doctrine of the Church?

With regard to purgatory, the Church teaches that, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."

Catechism of the Catholic Church (n.1030)



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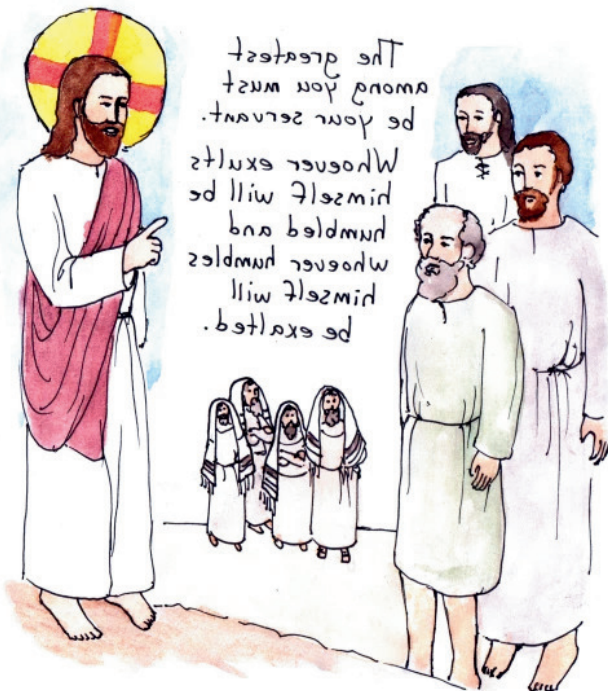
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The Kids' Bulletin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5th, 2023



What was the last thing Our Lord said in today's Gospel reading? Look in the mirror to find out!

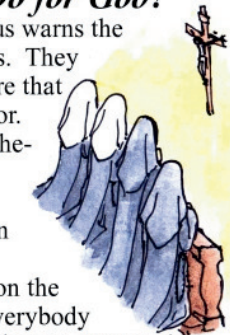
Should We Let Others See What We Do for God?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus warns the people about some of their leaders. They wore special clothes and made sure that people saw them giving to the poor. They also got the best seats at gatherings. These men were only concerned about outward things and not about being holy and loving in their hearts.

Our Lord wants us to be holy on the inside- to love Him and to love everybody else with our hearts. But we don't always have to show it on the outside. Sometimes we pray together or help people when others can see us, but we should often pray and do good in ways that people won't see, too.



Still, there are some people who do wear special clothes and should get places of honour. Priests and religious sisters and brothers wear clothes that help us to know that they have special jobs. They aren't trying to get attention, but it is a sign that they have given themselves to God. We treat them with extra respect because they have dedicated their lives to God.



Answers to Saint Paul's Cross-Word: Across: 1. to 2. give 3. beloved 7. work 9. too 10. well 11. still 13. day 14. human 16. her 17. night Down: 1. the 2. God 3. gospel 4. gentle 6. proclaimed 7. word 8. mother 10. with 12. among 15. am

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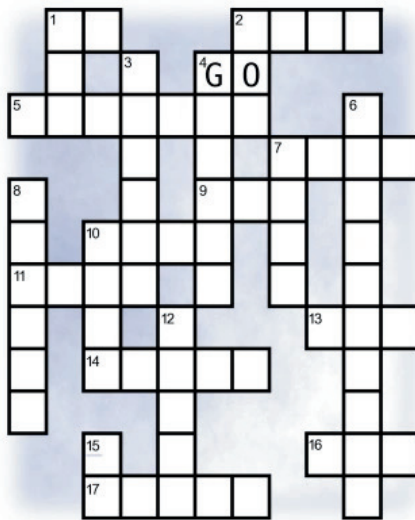
St. Paul's Letter

Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's reading from the letter to the Thessalonians and then fill in the puzzle.

A=Across
D=Down

PROCLAIMED
TO BELOVED
GOD MOTHER
THE GOSPEL
TOO GENTLE
TOIL HUMAN
DAY AMONG
HER NIGHT
GIVE WORK
WITH WORD
WELL

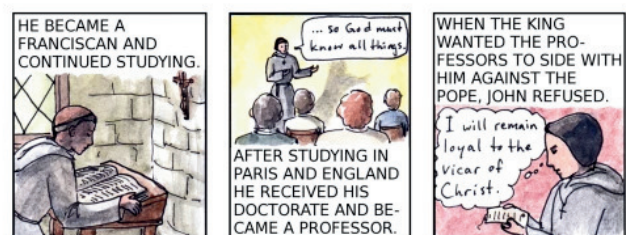


Brothers and sisters: We were _____ (4D) _____ (12D) you, as a nursing _____ (8D) cares for _____ (16A) children. _____ (10D) such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only _____ (1D) gospel of God, but our very selves as _____ (10A), so dearly _____ (5A) had you become _____ (1A) us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our _____ (11A) and drudgery. Working _____ (17A) and _____ (13A) in order not to burden any of you, we _____ (6D) to you the _____ (3D) of God.

And for this reason we _____ (9A) _____ (2A) thanks to _____ (2D) unceasingly, that, in receiving the _____ (7D) of God from hearing us, you received not a _____ (14A) word, but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at _____ (7A) _____ (15D) you who believe.

Blessed John Duns Scotus

November 8



BLESSED JOHN KNEW THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN KNOWING, LOVING, AND SERVING GOD. HE HAD A GREAT THIRST TO UNDERSTAND HIM BETTER SO HE STUDIED HARD. THE MORE HE UNDERSTOOD ABOUT GOD THE MORE HE COULD TEACH OTHERS ABOUT HIM. WE SHOULD PRAY FOR GOOD TEACHERS.

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