

# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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14 January 2024 - 2nd Sunday (Year B)

#### **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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# "Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus."

THIS SUNDAY marks the first Sunday after our return to Ordinary Time. However, because Easter Sunday is early this year (31 March), Lent also starts early (Ash Wednesday falls on 14 February), giving us just five Sundays before we move into the penitential season.

This does not mean that we can afford to treat these five "ordinary" Sundays as if they are of lesser importance than those that lie ahead in Lent and Easter. Every Sunday celebration is "extraordinary" because every Sunday is a small Easter in itself, a celebration of the Resurrection and the gift of Christ to us in his Word and in the Eucharist.



This year is designated as Year B in our three-year Sunday cycle, giving us a focus on Mark, the shortest and earliest written of the four Gospels. Despite this, we hear from John's Gospel this Sunday, though Mark will certainly dominate our Sundays throughout the rest of the liturgical year, interrupted by John once again around August when we will hear Jesus' famous "Bread of Life" discourse.

As we return to Ordinary Time this Sunday, we hear of three people choosing to follow Jesus, two of whom had been up to that time followers of John the Baptist, and Simon Peter, brother of Andrew who was one of the followers of John up to that point. One of the most interesting aspects of this Gospel is the attitude of John the Baptist to those who choose to now follow Jesus. We are all familiar with John the Baptist speaking of himself as one who was not fit to carry Jesus' sandals (Matthew 3:11), displaying great humility in accordance with his mission to prepare the way for Jesus. In this Sunday's Gospel we witness that John was not just about words but also about putting those words into action. He points Jesus out to Andrew and the other disciple, acknowledges who Jesus is (the Lamb of God), and raises no objections when the two disciples "switch their allegiance", so to speak, from John to Jesus. John knows who he is in relation to the Messiah and is not willing to have followers under false pretences.

This gives us the opportunity to reflect on who Jesus is for us as we hear of his early ministry over the next few weeks. Is Jesus merely a great teacher, an engaging preacher, a miracle worker, a charismatic figure to whom we are attracted? When John the Baptist pointed out Jesus to his followers, he didn't refer to Jesus in any of these ways. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and Andrew calls him the "Messiah". We can easily understand Jesus in a limited capacity when we read the Gospels, especially when we hear him speak or witness his miraculous deeds. Having just said farewell to the Christmas season however, let us not forget that the baby lying in the feeding trough in Bethlehem is God-madeflesh, God-with-us, Emmanuel.

And having absorbed this incredible truth, let us pray for the strength and courage to respond with gratitude to God, evident not just in prayer and piety, but also in the manner in which we relate to those we encounter in our daily lives.

Wishing you a blessed year ahead in 2024,

Fr Robert

# THE BULLETIN

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#### **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms** are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary. Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

#### **Hiring of Rooms**

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

#### **Material for Bulletin**

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday.** Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

#### **Food Assistance**

Food assistance is available in the Parramatta local area. If you are struggling to put food on the table, here are some options which may be of assistance.

St Vincent de Paul Support Centre at 72 Harris St, Harris Park (8861 9757) offers food parcels. They are open Monday - Friday from 10:00am - 3:00pm.



Karabi Community Services have a foodbank which operates on Wednesdays from 12:00noon - 2:00pm. Bookings are required prior to visit on 9631 6575 (9:00am-4:00pm Monday to Friday). They are located at 41 Fyall Avenue. Wentworthville.

**Turbans for Australia** are located at 14 Martha St, Clyde (0432 017 000) and run a food bank where they provide hampers every Sunday – arrive at 10:00am.

The Salvation Army has 'Second Bite' program based at 426 Church Street Parramatta (9635 6870), running Mon/Wed/Fri 10:00am – 12:00noon, across bakery items, frozen meat and veggies.

**Parramatta Mission,** located at 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta (9891 2277) offers breakfast and lunch on weekdays. Their hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm and Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Parramatta Community Care, located at 18 Barney St North Parramatta, run a food bank operating Friday morning 9:00am - 11:30am. By appointment only, phone 0497 805 788. Covers free plus heavily discounted fruit, veggies, meat, fish, eggs, milk and baked goods. Service available to Centrelink recipients, refugees, asylum seekers and students.

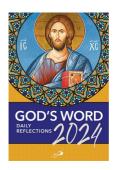
#### "God's Word 2024" and the Columban Calendar

Two of our annual favourites, "God's Word 2024" and the Columban Calendar, are available for sale at the Cathedral office.

"God's Word 2024" is an invaluable resource for daily inspiration and reflection. Filled with thoughtfully selected scriptures for each day, this book serves as a guide to deepen your connection with the Lord's teachings throughout the year. Cost is \$22.00.

Accompanying this treasure is the beautifully crafted **Columban Calendar**. Known for its beautiful artwork and meaningful religious themes, the Columban Calendar is not only a way to keep track of important liturgical dates but also a source of daily inspiration and contemplation. **Cost is \$10.00.** 

We encourage you to obtain your copies soon, as they are wonderful tools for personal growth and can also serve as thoughtful gifts for family and friends.





# **PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES**

### **Weekday Mass Times**

Please take note

Weekday Mass times, with Adoration and Reconciliation, will resume as normal on **Monday 15 January.** 

### Keep us up to date!

- · Have you changed address recently?
- Has your mobile number changed?
- · Do we have your current email?

It's important that we have your up-to-date contact information for pastoral and urgent matters. Our office is currently upgrading its procedures, so ensuring that your details are correct is more important than ever. Start off the new year by sending us an email with any changes you may have. We appreciate your cooperation and thank you for taking the time to update your information. Please email to Donna, enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

#### **Red Mass - 2024**

The annual Red Mass to commemorate the commencement of the law year will again be held in the Cathedral in 2024.

This special event, celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long, is an opportunity to come together in prayer and reflection, particularly honouring those in the legal profession for their dedication to justice and service.

When: Monday 05 February 2024 at 7:00pm

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral

Please send RSVP to mili@stpatscathedral.com.au

### Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery

Join the Friends for a visit to the St Patrick's Cemetery located at Castle St, North Parramatta, 2:00pm Saturday 20 January.

No hard work to be done on this day. Just a casual walk around, surveying the completed works and ideas for future planning. Water bottle, closed footwear and cap/hat suggested.

# Concert in the Cathedral by Chamber Philharmonia Cologne

After a successful tour of Australia last year, the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne will again perform a concert of classical sacred music at the Cathedral on Friday, 23rd February at 7:00pm.

More information regarding ticketing in the next week's bulletin.

#### **Accommodation Required**

Mature couple looking for a room in a house with reasonable rent in return for small handyman work. Please phone Martin 0404 886 133. Attends Mass here on Sundays.



#### St Patrick's Giftshop

The giftshop will reopen on **Tuesday 30 January.** 

### Sick and Housebound

A reminder to please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of someone living in the parish who can't get to Mass due to illness or restricted mobility and would like a visit from the clergy or from a minister of communion. It is our duty to care for ALL parishioners.

#### **Diocesan Tribunal**

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews available for those unable to attend the office. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

#### New Diocesan website launched

The new <u>parracatholic.org</u> website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

### **Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass**

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11:00am on **Saturday 10 February** at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 06 February to <a href="mary.gale@parracatholic.org">mary.gale@parracatholic.org</a>

#### **Holiday Activities for the Whole Family**

If you are looking for activities to keep your families entertained these holidays, the recently opened Parramatta Aquatic Centre (PAC) is a great place for the whole family to cool down this summer.

The PAC, located at the corner of Pitt and Argyle Streets, is open:

Monday to Thursday: 5.30am - 9.00pm

Friday: 5.30am - 8.00pm

Weekend and Public Holidays: 6.00am - 8.00pm

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: June Rodrigues, Sr Edith Angel, Laura Busletta, Moses Tikoitoga, Laura Busletta, Barbara Joass, Mark Fletcher, Francisca Olay, Maximillian Epondulan, Emile F Khoury

Deceased: YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Karam Karam, Houda Chehade, Yolanda & Donald Muir, Bienvenido Sumagui, Fidel & Remigio Perez, Francisco Llanillo, Valentina Aguirre, Philip guirre Jr., Benjamin Giverson, Bugsy Davao, Fr Augustus Patacsil, Artemis

Anniversaries: Judy Gallagher, Agapito Antonio, Amelia Zanier, Paul Nguyen, June Barrett, Paul Nguyen So, Maximina Manlangit, Robert Dearie, Vincent Jines, Nelia Stynes, Rodney Javatilaka

Perpetuals: Paul Mahoney, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Royan & Andrews families, Don Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen & Sally Boujandy, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families. Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

# We also pray for...

Sick: Nasr Nasr. Sharon Melville, Orvil Noe M Villalobos, Olivia Harb, Nasr Nasr, Maria, Samira, Maria & Tony Obeid, Tony Chang, Baldo Polizzi, Francisca Olay, Maximilian Epondulan, Vasvi V Arcot, Stephen Borg, Nicole Slatter, Leonardo Perez Close, Vic Moran, Christopher Doughty, Fr Bob Bossini, Seini Loto'aniu, Joseph Lin, Hildegard Schulz, Fr Peter Zytka, Leonardo Close, Pina Ferrero, James Vargas, Rachael Sumagui, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Raveen, Jeanette Joseph. Margaret Jerome, BVM & Infant Jesus, Clara Cabezas, Alwin & Espirito Isidro, Clara Cabezas, Hewitt Edward, Carmelita Perez, Ankica, Nikola, Mara, Stephen & Bozo Senjak, Peachy Romulo, Pedro & Sheila Romulo, James, Anastasia & Sophia Royals, Philip Lysewcyz, Lucy, Anita & Jean Claude Perrottet, Ankica, Nikola, Mara & Stephen Senjak, Ruzica Chmielewski, Tian, Kumavan Guuasagaran, Rachel & Kathleen, Tracy, Deborah L John, N.N., Michelle Travis, Leonardo P Close, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Napoleon, Agnes & John Patacsil, Naveen, 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

# **BAPTISMS**



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

Claudia Wallace & Benjamin Khouri Natalia Creighton & Arya D'Souza

WEDDINGS



We also pray for the following couple recently married here...

Karina leroianni & Anthony Leo

# POPE FRANCIS' **Prayer Intention** for January



# For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

"Let us pray that the Spirit help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church."

From Pope Francis...

From a tweet dated 11 January "Over 360 million Christians around the world experience persecution and discrimination because of their faith. More and more of them are being forced to flee their homelands. Peace also requires the protection of religious freedom."

### Saint of the Week

16 January - St Joseph Vaz (1651-1711), Priest

Joseph Vaz was a missionary born on 21 April 1651 in Goa, India. He died on 16 January 1711 in Kandy, present day Sri Lanka. He was an Oratorian missionary priest. He arrived in Sri Lanka (formerly known as Ceylon) during the Dutch occupation.

The Dutch had expelled the Portuguese who had introduced Catholicism to Ceylon. The Dutch then went on to impose Calvinism as the official religion. Father Vaz travelled throughout the country, bringing the Eucharist and Sacraments to clandestine groups of Catholics. He would sometimes disguise himself as a beggar in order to facilitate his mission. Later, he founded a shelter in the Kingdom of Kandy where he intensified his missionary work of ministering to both the minority Tamil and Sinhalese ethnic groups. By the time of his death, he had managed to rebuild the Catholic Church in Ceylon. He was beatified by Pope Saint John Paul II on 21 January 1995, in the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo, and canonised there by Pope Francis on 14 January 2015.



Information: Universalis

# "Quote of the Week"

"If we are rushed for time, sow time and we will reap time. Go to church and spend a quiet hour in prayer. You will have more time than ever and your work will get done. Sow time with the poor. Sit and listen to them, give them your time lavishly."



Dorothy Day (1897-1980) Catholic Journalist and Social Activist

# Did You Know...?

# ...that we celebrated Peace Sunday just a couple of weeks ago?

This year's message for Peace Sunday is titled "Artificial Intelligence and Peace", a very fitting theme considering the advances made in this field in recent times.

Pope Francis writes: "It is my prayer...that the rapid development of forms of artificial intelligence will not increase cases of inequality and injustice all too present in today's world, but will help put an end to wars and conflicts, and alleviate many forms of suffering that afflict our human family."





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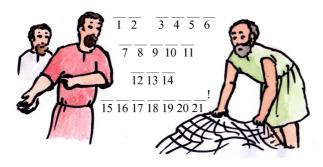


# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14th, 2024



What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading? Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!



# Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you, " Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep."
So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am.

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UNDERSTOOD
BEFOREHRAN

Then Eli UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, "SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel ANSWERED. "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling? It was

# Be Ready to do God's Will

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

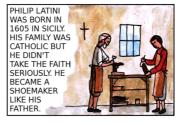
In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



Answer to front page: We have found the Messiah!
Answer to Cross-Word: his vocation.

# Saint Bernard of Corleone January 12









HE WENT TO THE CHURCH, WHERE HE THOUGHT ABOUT HOW HE WAS SPENDING HIS LIFE.





BROTHER BERNARD DID MUCH PENANCE AND DID HIS JOBS WITH JOY. HE ALSO HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. HE DIED AT AGE 62.

SAINT BERNARD WAS POSSIBLY THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN IN SICILY, BUT WHEN HE FELT THAT GOD WANTED HIM TO BECOME A MONK, HE DIDN'T LET HIS FAME STOP HIM FROM SERVING GOD. IS THERE SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT? DOES IT HELP YOU SERVE GOD OR DOES IT GET IN THE WAY?



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