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04 February 2024 - 5th 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
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Sunday of the Word of God

THIS SUNDAY has been designated as Sunday of the Word of God by Australia's bishops, though it is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in most other parts of the world. In Australia, it falls on the first Sunday in February, probably to avoid any clash with Australia Day celebrations and when most people are back into their routine after the long summer holidays.

As I mentioned recently in the bulletin, Word of God Sunday is an opportunity for us to reflect on our approach to this precious gift, a gift for all people, including those who do not yet have an explicit faith. It is often through pondering the scriptures that people have the spark of faith lit. The most famous example of this is surely the experience of the great St Augustine (354-430). He had explored various philosophies and taught philosophy for many years before a voice, like that of a child, came to him one day telling him to pick up and read the scriptures. He obeyed this voice and, in taking up the Bible, he came across the words of St Paul: "...let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." (Romans 13:13-14) His life changed forever, and, because of his enormous theological impact, so did the Church.

These days, scripture is easily accessible for most people, especially for those who have access to basic technology such as a computer or smartphone. The paradox is, however, that easy access to something often lowers its perceived value. The fact that most of us can access the Word of God as readily as we can access a vast array of news and entertainment, means that we must make a deliberate choice to read and pray with scripture over many other, often good, choices. How often have we hopped onto the internet to look up something connected with our faith and been sidetracked into looking at something to entertain us instead? Before we know it, considerable time has passed, and our original intention is neglected.

For some people, perhaps one of the reasons they don't make an effort to read scripture is they don't know how to approach reading the Bible. This is understandable, because the Bible is a unique book, in fact, a unique compendium of books, letters, poems and songs. To read the Bible from cover to cover like a novel, whilst possible, is probably not the most fruitful way to approach it. Reading one of the Gospels, such as Mark, is a good start, and then the other synoptic Gospels (Matthew and Luke). It might be worthwhile then reading one of the letters of Paul, first doing a little research to understand the context, something many Bibles provide. Approaching the Old Testament is a little more challenging. A good approach might be to simply read what the Church puts forward each day for Mass in the first reading, especially if you are unable to get to daily Mass.

Much more could be said on this special Sunday, but I will leave you with the words of Pope Francis, taken from his homily for the Word of God Sunday: "Let us return to the sources, in order to offer to the world the living water for which it yearns and does not find, and while society and social media reflect the violence of words, let us draw closer to, and cultivate, the quiet word of God that brings salvation, that is gentle, that does not make a loud noise and that enters into our hearts."

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, 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.

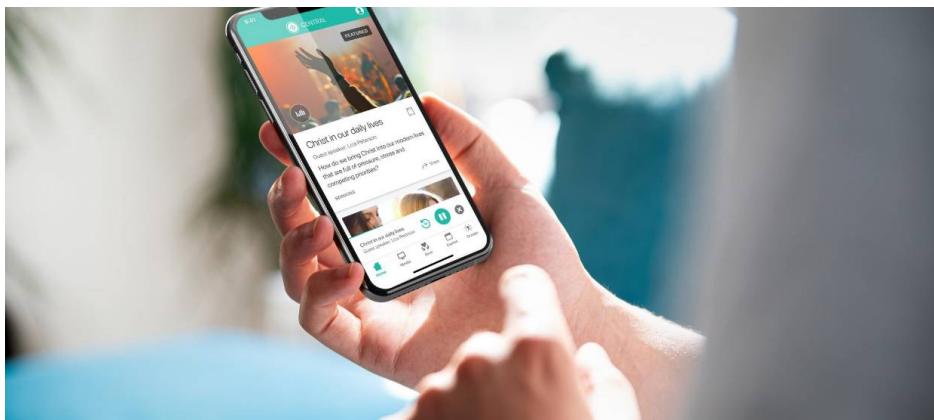
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For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

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!

New Cathedral App and Giving Platform



We are thrilled to announce two significant advancements designed to enhance your engagement with St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish. Firstly, we are in the process of developing a new Cathedral App that promises to bring our community closer, providing easy access to parish resources, services, and updates. Alongside this, we are transitioning to a new giving platform, Pushpay, to streamline the process of your generous contributions, ensuring they achieve the greatest impact with the least amount of inconvenience.

Our goal is to have this transition completed by the end of February. In preparation, you will receive an email in the forthcoming weeks outlining the simple steps to set up your recurring donations via Pushpay. This update is vital in continuing the crucial support you so generously offer, enabling our parish to thrive.

To ensure a smooth transition, our parish staff will be available for personal assistance after each Sunday Mass on the weekend of 17/18 February. We encourage you to take advantage of this support should you need any help or have questions about the new app or the Pushpay platform.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact us at 8839 8411 or via email at enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au.

We are profoundly grateful for your ongoing generosity and for your role in making our parish family stronger and more vibrant. Together, these new tools will enhance our community's connection and the effectiveness of our collective efforts.

May our Lord continue to bless you for your generosity.

Red Mass - 2024

The annual Red Mass to commemorate the commencement of the law year will again be held in the Cathedral on Monday, 05 February at 7:00pm.

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.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.



PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

Lenten Program

As customary, we will conduct two weekly Lenten groups leading up to Easter. We will have the Tuesday morning session from 9:30am and we will be confirming the evening session shortly. Details in next week's bulletin!



Mahjong

You may remember a few months ago we were asking for expressions of interest in Mahjong.

Well, we are happy to announce a small group has been formed. They are in need of a table, approximately 1m square. If you have something close to these measurements and don't have any use for it, we will happily take it off your hands. Enquiries at the parish office.

Junior Credo

Junior Credo, for children 8-14 years, will resume on **Friday 16 February** from **4:00pm** at the Cathedral.

Sacraments of Initiation - 2024

Congratulations to those children who completed their Reconciliation last November.

The next stage of Christian initiation for children, Remembering Baptism, will begin shortly. **There is no need to register again.**

06 and 20 February (Tuesdays @ 7:30pm) Parents only
02 and 09 March (Saturdays @ 4:30pm) Parents & children

Please note that if you have not registered, you will need to start the 2024/2025 program later this year.

Something to look forward to...

Cloister Cafe reopens this **Sunday 04 February**.

After the January break, Hospitality Team members look forward to serving morning tea after 9:30am and 11:00am Masses.

For regulars, it's the chance to catch up with friends over a cuppa and also to seize the opportunity to welcome any new parishioners to St Pat's.

Bible Timeline - 2024

Our Bible Timeline Study sessions will continue on the following dates:

10 February (Saturday) 7:00pm – Session 22 The Church - Part 2
17 February (Saturday) 7:00pm – Session 23 The Church - Part 3

Cathedral Choir Wedding Bells

Two of our cathedral choristers, Guada Tamayo and Darren Jadrique, celebrated their wedding yesterday at Our Lady of Dolours Church in Chatswood. We congratulate Guada and Darren on the occasion of their marriage nuptials and wish them all the best for the years ahead.



Grab a Bible this weekend!

The giftshop will reduce prices for all Bibles in stock by 25% in support of Word Of God Sunday.

Discount will be available from **04 February to 11 February**.



Ash Wednesday - 14 February

As has already been mentioned, the early Easter Sunday this year (31 March) means an early start to the penitential season of Lent. As usual, the Cathedral will celebrate three Masses that day: the usual 6:30am Mass, 12:30pm Mass and an additional Solemn Mass at 7:30pm celebrated by Bishop Vincent. All of these Masses will be celebrated in the Cathedral. Though **not** a holy day of obligation, certainly a good way to start Lent!

Ash Wednesday - Palm Donations

If you have palms from Palm Sunday last year, please drop them into the basket in the narthex as soon as possible so that they can be burnt for Ash Wednesday Masses. Thank you!

Stations of the Cross

As always in Lent, we will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross each Friday at **6:00pm**. We will be in need of volunteers to lead these, so please contact Donna in the Parish Office to put your name down, or the name of your group, for a specific Friday in Lent. Thank you! *Fr Robert*

Jam Preserving Night - Mark Your Diary

The first preserving night for 2024 will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2024 from 5:00pm** in the presbytery kitchen. We'll be making jams for the Jesuit Refugee Services foodbank.

Please start collecting glass jars with metal lids that will save our landfill and our costs. Our supplies have almost run out! If jars haven't had minced garlic or peanut butter in them, and have the labels removed, that would be fantastic! Mark your diary. Will ask for numbers closer to the date.

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, 23 February at 7:00pm**.

Bookings at www.ticketmaster.com.au or tickets at the door (cash only) one hour prior to the concert.

Accommodation Required

Young male university student from Regional NSW, attending Western Sydney University, is looking for a room in a house with reasonable rent 2-3 days per week. Able to assist with household maintenance, and attends Mass. If interested, contact parish office for details.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Tony Sabat, Felicidad Casenas, Moltea Iezzi, Teresa Huongle, Philip Vas, Tony Youssef Sabat, Felicidad Casenas, Romano Ghersinich, June Rodrigues, Sr Edith Angel, Laura Busletta, Moses Tikoitoga, Laura Busletta, Barbara Joass, Mark Fletcher, Francisca Olay, Maximilian Epondulan, Emile F Khoury

Deceased: Theresa Le, Buenaventura Zafiro Jr, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Karam Karam, Houda Chehade, Yolanda & Donald Muir, Bienvenido Sumagui, Fidel & Remigio Perez, Francisco Llanillo

Anniversaries: Bernard & Grace Rodricks, Joe Dibella, Judy Gallagher, Les Riedling, Agapito Antonio, Amelia Zanier, Paul Nguyen

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: Hung Cheung, Nasr Nasr, Sharon Melville, Orvil Noe M Villalobos, Olivia Harb, 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, Fr Peter Zytka, Leonardo Close, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Chris Dias, Liam D'Souza, Raveen, Tian, Arthur Lopez, Rebecca & Alex Mann, Zayne Bumactau, Myrna R Santos, Roser North, 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 Lysewycz, Lucy, Anita & Jean Claude Perrottet, Ankica, Nikola, Mara & Stephen Senjak, Ruzica Chmielewski, Kumavan Guunasagaran, 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, Kumaran Gunasagaran

BAPTISMS



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

Jace Stefanl

Celine Hwang

Jordan Lim

WEDDINGS



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

Natalie Racz & Alan Khoury

POPE FRANCIS'

Prayer Intention for February



For the Terminally Ill

"Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment."

From Pope Francis...

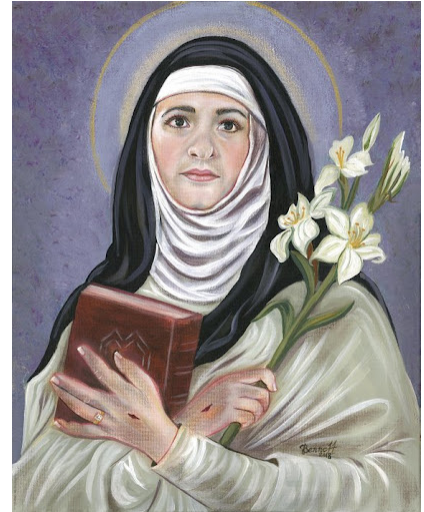
*From a tweet
dated 27 January*

"May our remembrance and condemnation of the horrible extermination of millions of Jews and people of other faiths, during the last century, help us all not forget that hatred and violence can never be justified, because it denies our very humanity."

Saint of the Week

04 February - St Catherine de' Ricci (1522-1590), Virgin

Alessandra de' Ricci was born of a noble family near Florence in 1522. At the age of twelve she entered the Dominican convent of St. Vincent at Prato and took the religious name Catherine. Inspired by Girolamo Savonarola she worked constantly to promote the regular life. She was favored with extraordinary mystical experiences and at the age of twenty began to experience the sacred stigmata and weekly ecstasies of the Passion. These phenomena continued for twenty years. Despite her intense mystical life of prayer and her penance, Catherine served as prioress of the convent for thirty-six years. She was noted as a kind and considerate superior, particularly gentle with the sick. She died on February 2, 1590.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"If through one man's life there is a little more love and kindness, a little more light and truth in the world, then he will not have lived in vain."



Fr Alfred Delp SJ
(1907-1945)

His last words before being hanged by the Nazis because of his opposition to Adolf Hitler

Did You Know...?

...that the season of Lent, which is soon upon us, is marked by austerity, even with regard to church decorations?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (2010), which gives the regulations for the Church's liturgical celebrations, states that "During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Exceptions, however, are Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts. Floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table." (n.305)

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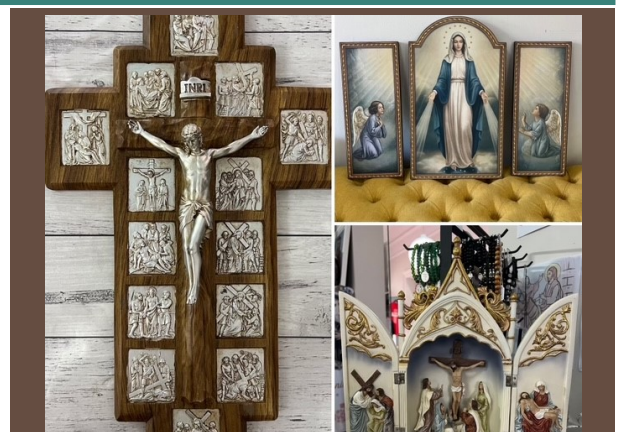
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