



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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17 March 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent (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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"Sir, we should like to see Jesus."

IF YOU WERE seeking examples of people who give enigmatic responses to seemingly simple and innocuous questions or requests, you would be hard pressed to find a better example than Jesus, especially as he is depicted in the Gospel of John. Take today's Gospel as a case in point. When some Greeks approach Philip asking to see Jesus, both Philip and Andrew go and tell Jesus this and, rather than responding with a simple yes or no to the request, he delivers a long and mysterious monologue about death and glorification.



For the Evangelist John, the glorification of Jesus centres on his crucifixion. You will remember that last weekend we heard Jesus say to Nicodemus that "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." When the Israelites who had been bitten by the serpents – sent by God as a punishment for complaining during their forty years in the desert – looked upon the bronze serpent crafted by Moses and placed upon a staff, they were healed. The parallel with the crucified Jesus is clear: when we need forgiveness because of our failure to live as we are called to live as Christians, we need to turn towards the cross and gaze upon the crucified Jesus to know the healing power of forgiveness and mercy. When we look upon Jesus we are reminded of his sacrificial death, "crushed for our iniquities," as Isaiah states (53:5).

We can take the analogy even further. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, we are called to imitate Jesus in all words and actions. This means showing the same love, compassion, justice, care, concern, empathy, and sympathy as Jesus. When we make a conscious choice of forgiveness over vengeance, love over hatred, sympathy over indifference and so on, we can then be agents for healing in others. Making such conscious choices is rarely easy and requires something like death on our part, death to our natural tendencies to focus on self and a bolstered ego. We do not have to die, as Jesus did, but rather put to death all in us that is not Christ-like. The feelings of hatred and vengeance we have when we are wronged, the feeling of selfishness when we are blessed with something over another, and so on, come more naturally to most of us than we would care to acknowledge. It is these tendencies that must be "put to death" in us if we are to allow the seed planted in us at our baptism to germinate and flourish. The nourishment provided by prayer, the Eucharist and Reconciliation, as well as an openness to the work of the Holy Spirit, will help provide what is needed for this to happen.

Our aim in this Christian life is surely that when people look upon us as Christian disciples, they will have no problem in understanding that they are looking at Jesus.

But to be so profoundly like Jesus, we have first to die to self.

Wishing you a blessed remainder of Lent,

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@stpatcscathedral.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!

Embrace the Journey of Lent



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Veiling of Crosses and Statues on Passiontide

With the Fifth Sunday of Lent, also known as Passion Sunday, we enter a solemn period of reflection and preparation for Holy Week. On this day, crosses and statues within the church are veiled, serving as a visual reminder of the church's journey into the heart of the Paschal Mystery. This veiling, a centuries-old tradition, symbolises the deepening of our contemplation as we draw nearer to the events of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. It invites us to look beyond the physical and to focus more intently on our spiritual journey. As we embrace the sacred traditions of Passion Sunday, it is an opportune time to reflect on the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices are not mere obligations but pathways to deeper communion with Christ and with one another.

Prayer invites us into a conversation with God, where we can express our gratitude, seek forgiveness, and discern God's will for our lives. In these final days of Lent, let us intensify our prayer life, perhaps by spending additional time in silence before the veiled icons, allowing God's whisper to resonate in our hearts.

Fasting is a physical expression of our spiritual desires, a reminder of our dependence on God and our solidarity with those who suffer. As we abstain, may we be reminded of the sacrifice Christ made for us and be inspired to offer our own sacrifices, however small, with a generous heart.

Almsgiving extends our fasting and prayer into concrete action, urging us to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our brothers and sisters. It is a call to charity, to share our blessings with those in need, reflecting Christ's love and compassion in our lives.

This Passion Sunday, let us embrace these pillars of Lent with renewed vigour, recognising them as avenues of grace. As the veils remind us to turn inward and reflect, may our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving draw us closer to the mystery of Christ's love for us—a love so profound that it embraces death to bring forth new life. Let this time of preparation deepen our longing for the joy of Easter, knowing that through the paschal mystery, we are invited into a life transformed by love.

HOLY WEEK MASS and SERVICE TIMES



MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 25 MARCH

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass
11:15am – 12:15pm Reconciliation
7:30pm Office of Tenebrae



TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 26 MARCH

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass
11:15am – 12:15pm Reconciliation



WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 27 MARCH

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass
11:15am – 12:15pm Reconciliation
7:30pm Chrism Mass – all welcome!



HOLY THURSDAY - 28 MARCH

9:00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
11:15am – 12:15pm Reconciliation
7:30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Adoration until 11:30pm)
11:30pm Office of Compline



GOOD FRIDAY - 29 MARCH

9:00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
10:00am Stations of the Cross
10:45am – 12:00noon Reconciliation
3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord



HOLY SATURDAY - 30 MARCH

9:00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
7:30pm The Easter Vigil



EASTER SUNDAY - 31 MARCH

8:00am Holy Mass (said Mass)
9:30am Holy Mass (singing led by cantor)
11:00am Solemn Holy Mass of Easter Sunday (music by Cathedral Choir)
6:00pm Holy Mass (singing led by cantor)

PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES



St Patrick's Day Parish Celebration

**COME AND JOIN US AFTER THE 11:00AM MASS
THIS SUNDAY TO CELEBRATE!**

There is:

- Free barbecue, drinks \$2, gelato \$3
- Irish dancing, showcasing the vibrant culture and traditions of Ireland.
- A jumping castle for the children, ensuring fun and laughter for our youngest parishioners.
- A 'pop up' stall to browse through for your next repurposing project.
- A DJ to provide music and games that everyone can join in.



**VISIT OUR POP-UP SHOP
TODAY**
in the BIG HALL

Open after 8:00am Mass
COME and BUY and
help raise funds for
OUR PARISH

Thank you...

Many thanks to Greg Simpson, Greg Shahmatov, Edward Safadi and Fr Tom who covered the main Cathedral cross and other crosses and statues around the Cathedral last Friday in preparation for Passiontide.

Thank you, gentlemen. We appreciate you!



Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent

We have one more week before Good Friday. **Join us on Friday** at 6:00pm in the Cathedral or around the cloister. This is a solemn and reflective time to meditate on the Passion of Christ and to spiritually walk the path that Jesus walked on his way to Calvary.

The Stations of the Cross book is available free from the parish office for those who would like to do this privately.

St Patrick's Day - Community Breakfast

Monday 18 March @ 7:30am

In our ongoing efforts to foster a spirit of community and service, St Patrick's Cathedral is thrilled to announce the upcoming St Patrick's Day Community Breakfast. This special event is a heartfelt invitation to come together, celebrate our shared values, and recognise the incredible service contributions within the wider Parramatta community. We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming our esteemed guests, many of whom dedicate their time, talents, and hearts to serving others in various capacities across our vibrant city.

This year, we are honoured to have a representative from Orange Sky Australia deliver our keynote address. For those unfamiliar, Orange Sky is an extraordinary organisation that provides free laundry services to the homeless, ensuring dignity and fostering community connections among those who are most vulnerable. You may have spotted their iconic orange van serving the community in Prince Alfred Park on Friday nights. Their commitment to helping people in need, one wash at a time, truly embodies the spirit of service and community support that we hold dear at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The St Patrick's Day Community Breakfast isn't just a meal; it's an opportunity to strengthen our bonds and commitment to serving the Parramatta community. It's a chance to learn more about the impactful work being done by organisations like Orange Sky Australia and to explore how we, as a parish community, can contribute to and support these vital services.

Let us pray for meaningful encounters through the business breakfast!



Thank you also...

...for donation of supplies for Sunday Morning Teas by:

- Sidney & Fatima Rodricks whose big box contained coffee, tea, cordial and serviettes.
- Felicia Figueredo who recently sold jars of her homemade jam when on café duty and donated the proceeds, \$50 to buy supplies for the Cloister Café.

God bless you for being so generous!

Seeking Submissions for St Pat's Matters

Next issue will come out after Easter. Thinking of contributing an article? All contributions welcome! Email to M Polizzi: balmap5@bigpond.com ASAP. Or... leave at the parish office marked 'for St Pat's Matters'.



PARISH NOTICES

Good Friday Walk - Breakfast for the Pilgrims



As a cherished tradition within the Diocese of Parramatta, the Good Friday Walk brings together young people from across the diocese in a pilgrimage of faith, reflection, and community. This significant event, organised by the Diocesan Youth Office, commences at St. Patrick's Blacktown and culminates here at the Cathedral, symbolising a shared journey toward the Cross, in anticipation of Easter's promise.

This year, as we welcome the participants of the Good Friday Walk to the Cathedral, we are upping our traditional hospitality, of the usual pancake breakfast, to hosting a barbecue breakfast, offering a hearty and welcoming start to the day for all our young pilgrims.

To make this breakfast a success, we are again calling upon the generous spirit of our parish community. Assistance is needed in both cooking and serving the breakfast. If you have a knack for grilling, a heart for service, or simply wish to be a part of this joyful expression of our community's hospitality, we warmly invite you to volunteer. Your presence and participation will greatly enrich this event.

Additionally, donations of eggs or bacon are welcomed with gratitude. These contributions are essential in ensuring we have sufficient supplies to cater to all our guests. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the parish office or next Sunday at the cloister function room. Your generosity, whether through the gift of time or provisions, is deeply appreciated and plays a crucial role in the continuation of this beautiful tradition.

Six Weeks of Lent - Give Six Things to JRS Foodbank

In response to a pressing need and inspired by the Lenten emphasis on almsgiving and sacrifice, our parish has launched the "Six Weeks of Lent – Give Six Things to JRS Foodbank" initiative. Donations can be made at the designated area in the Chapel.

The items requested for the next two weeks are:

- Fifth Week of Lent: Laundry detergent
- Holy Week: Long life milk

Please note that as we need to clear the space in the chapel before the Triduum, all donations need to be received by **Wednesday 27 March**.

This initiative represents a practical way to engage in Lenten sacrifice and service, making a tangible difference for others.

The Gift of Reconciliation During Lent

Lent is a particularly poignant time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. Through confession, we are not only forgiven but are also granted the grace to start anew, with a renewed spirit and a closer relationship with our Lord.

We encourage you to take the step towards experience the grace of God's forgiveness and love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held at the Cathedral at the following times in Lent:

- Monday to Friday 11:15am to 12:15pm
- Saturday 8:30am to 9:00am
- Good Friday - After the 10:00am Stations of the Cross

Whether it has been a few weeks, several months, or many years since your last confession, please know that you are welcome. Our priests are here to guide you through the process.

Let us embrace the gift of Reconciliation this lent, allowing God's mercy to transform our hearts. Together, let us journey towards Easter with renewed hearts, ready to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with joy and gratitude.

Project Compassion - A call to Attentive Action

This year, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion brings to light stories of vulnerability turned into hope and action. We will hear from extraordinary women like Leaia from Samoa, Ronita from the Philippines, and Memory from Malawi, who stand at the heart of their communities as catalysts for change. Through partnerships with Caritas Australia and local agencies, their stories exemplify how collective action can create significant opportunities for individuals, families, and communities, making the kingdom of God a closer reality for us all.



Project Compassion boxes are available in the narthex and on tables at the entry to the Cathedral. Please take a box home and help collect donations for Caritas Australia.

Palms for Palm Sunday

Thank you to all who have donated palms for next week's Palm Sunday celebration.

For all those who can drop off palms, please bring them to the parish office this week or drop them off on Saturday morning in the cloister area.



PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

Understanding Our Sunday Collection

In our Cathedral's commitment to transparency and stewardship, we wish to share with you how the contributions from our Sunday collection are allocated, reflecting our collective support for the parish community and our priests.

Unlike most other parishes in our Diocese, our Cathedral conducts one collection only during Sunday Masses. This collection plays a crucial role in sustaining our parish life and ministry, as well as supporting the dedicated priests who serve our community.

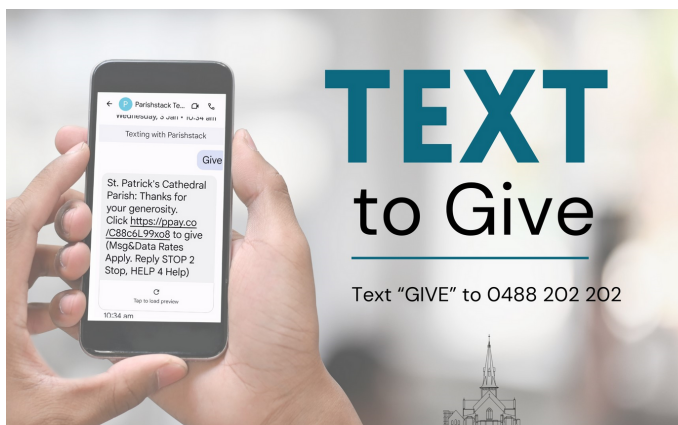
Here is how your generous donations are distributed:

- **70% of the collection stays within the parish**, directly funding operational costs, pastoral activities, and the various programs that enrich our community. This includes everything from maintaining our Cathedral's beauty and functionality to supporting our ministry leaders, outreach initiatives, and community events.
- **30% is contributed to the Diocesan Clergy Fund**, which supports the living expenses of priests within our Diocese. This fund ensures that our priests, who dedicate their lives to serving God and our community, are provided for in their basic needs.

We are deeply grateful for the financial support our parishioners and friends extend to the parish and our priests. Your generosity not only helps maintain the fabric of our Cathedral but also supports the spiritual and pastoral mission entrusted to us.

Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our Cathedral's mission. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and support.

New Cathedral Giving Platform, (ParishStaQ)



Text to Donate!

Simply text the word 'GIVE' to **0488 202 202**, and you will receive a link to contribute directly to the Cathedral. Choose your donation amount and complete your gift in a few taps.

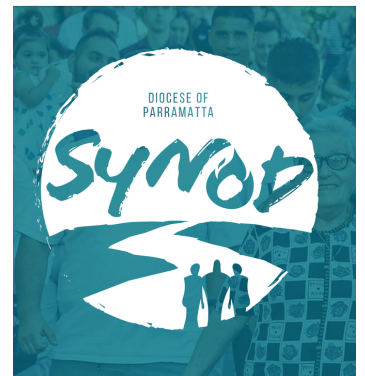
This new method is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the ease and accessibility of supporting the mission of our Cathedral parish.

Free Online Formation on Synodal Spirituality

Dive into 'Synodal Spirituality' with this FREE online short formation course, taught by Sr Patty Andrew OSU. Part of the FaithLIFE series hosted by the Mission Enhancement Team, the course offers an exploration of communal discernment, active engagement, and creative faith responses to challenges in the mission of the Church today. Enrol now and take part in Pope Francis's vision for a synodal Church: <https://pfparra.thinkific.com/courses/synodal-spirituality/>

Synod 2023 Update: Decree issued and Development of Diocesan Plan Begins

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod



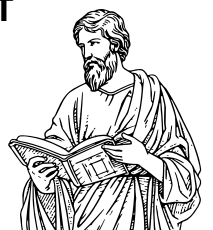
Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years, exacerbated by the tragic events over the past few months. Make your donation this Holy Week via the envelopes that will be available on Good Friday. Thank you for your generosity!

GIFTSHOP - SRE DISCOUNT

25% off all SRE Teaching Resources

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Hung Cheung, Valmai Costello, Dr Bill Lane, 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

Deceased: Umbert & Fran Papagno, Juan Montesco, Buenaventura Zafiro Jr, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Lucy D'Mello, Leticia Vas, Yolanda & Donald Muir, Bienvenido Sumagui, Fidel & Remigio Perez, Francisco Llanillo

Anniversaries: Aloma Pospischil, Bernard & Grace Rodricks., Judy Gallagher, 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, Mark Fletcher, 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: Bridget Phelan, Leonardo Close, Michael Perez, Franz Tito, Fr Peter Henry, Soane Kikanoi, 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, Fr Peter Zytka, Leonardo Close, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Raveen, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Santiago Tito, Antonio Tito, Dianne Mary Tito, Elizabeth Perez, Dynes Woodrow, Nikola, Ankica, Mara & Stephen Senjak, Vera, Rita & family, Tian, Allwyn & Jasmine, Chris Dias, Liam D'Souza, 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, Ruzica Chmielewski, Kumavan Guuasagaran, Rachel & Kathleen, Tracy, Michelle Travis, Leonardo P Close, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Napoleon

BAPTISMS



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

**Remy Estera & Matteo Pirie
Scarlet & Amelia Piper**

WEDDINGS



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

Natalie Racz & Alan Khoury

POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for March



***For the martyrs of our day, witnesses
to Christ***

"Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive."

From Pope Francis...

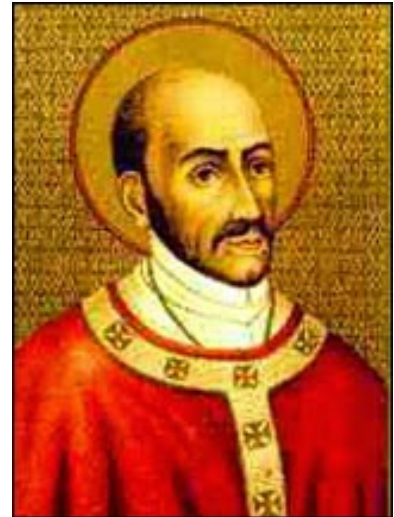
*From a tweet
dated 13 March*

"How many Christians have reached holiness through tears, discovering they could not overcome some of their weaknesses! They found that God completed their good work, which for them was only a rough draft."

Saint of the Week

23 March - St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop (1538 - 1606)

He was born in Spain in about 1538 and studied law at the university of Salamanca. He was named bishop of Lima in 1580 and sailed to America. Full of apostolic zeal, he traversed his gigantic diocese three times, generally on foot, baptising, teaching and confirming the natives. He assembled many synods and councils to make the Church strong, organised, and above all holy; and he strongly defended the rights of the natives, who were Spanish citizens according to the law but who were nevertheless being oppressed by the colonists and the provincial governors. He died in Lima, Peru, on 23 March 1606.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"The man who is fasting may prepare his heart, cleanse his flesh, weed out his vices, and sow virtues. Nevertheless, if he does not sprinkle his plants with streams of mercy, he does not gather his harvest."



St Peter Chrysologus
(c.380 - c.450)
Bishop and Doctor of
the Church

Did You Know...?

...that the two creeds we use regularly at Mass, the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, are not the only creeds of the Church?

Though rarely encountered by most of the faithful, other creeds include the Chalcedonian Creed (dating from 451 and named after the Council of Chalcedon), the Athanasian Creed (named after St Athanasius, its assumed author), and the Tridentine Creed, dating from the sixteenth century Council of Trent, held to counter the Protestant Reformation.



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Giftshop

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TUESDAY TO FRIDAY - 10:00AM TO 3:00PM
SUNDAY - 9:00AM TO 1:00PM
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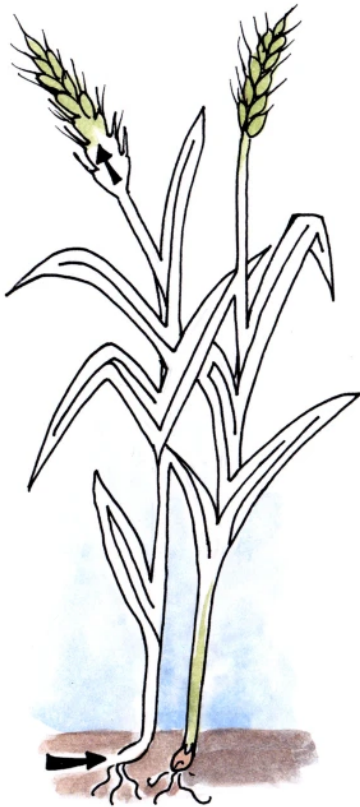
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The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17th, 2024



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

Unless a grain falls to the ground and dies...



Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.

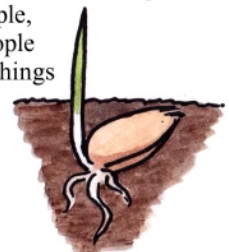


Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?

Salvation.
Answer to Word Find:

www.thekidsbulletin.com



Psalm 51 Word-Find

S A G R E A T N E S S
S C O M P A S S I O N
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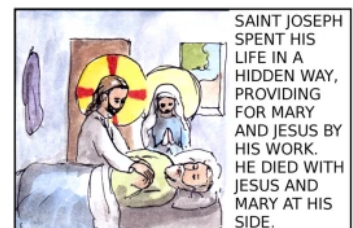
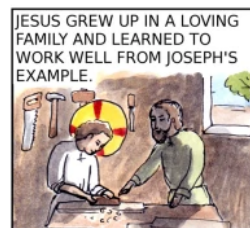
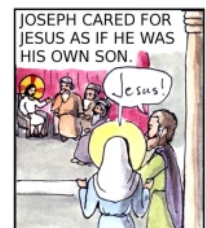
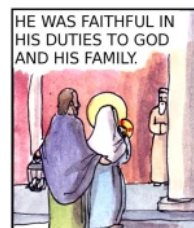
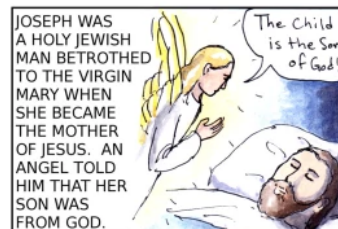
See if you can find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle!

The leftover letters tell what the author of the Psalm was asking God for!

Have MERCY on me, O GOD,
in your GOODNESS;
in the GREATNESS of your COMPASSION
wipe OUT my OFFENCE.
THOROUGHLY WASH me from MY GUILT
and of my SIN CLEANSE me.

A clean HEART CREATE for me, O God,
and a STEADFAST spirit RENEW within me.
CAST me not out from your PRESENCE,
and your Holy Spirit TAKE not from me.

Saint Joseph March 19



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