

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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21 April 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter (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: 7:00pm

OTHER GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

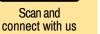
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"I am the good shepherd."

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY is celebrated every year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. We are all familiar with the popular image of Jesus as our shepherd, caring for us as does a shepherd his sheep. It gives us a sense of comfort and certainty to know that we have the perfect shepherd in Jesus, leading us to fertile and lush pastures as long as we keep our eyes on him and our ears open to his voice.



What about the flipside, though? We can easily focus on the role of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and so fail to reflect fruitfully on our role as the Lord's sheep. Let us spend a little time opening up this side of the equation.

Reflecting on ourselves as sheep is, of course, not a flattering prospect. Sheep, useful creatures as they are, have a reputation for being dull-witted and anything but leaders. They are flock animals who are easily led and not too good in a crisis – hence their need for a shepherd to look after their best interests. I'm sure that all of us would prefer to identify with more majestic animals than sheep!

There is one aspect of the image of sheep that we are called to emulate, however. As flock animals, there is a oneness that is called of us, a unity that, under the care of a loving shepherd, is admirable and distinct. We often associate oneness, or unity, as something to be avoided, keen to stand out from the crowd (like a black sheep!) for fear of being considered ordinary.

We need to remember however, that unity is a hallmark of Christian faith. As well as possessing a common baptism, consider the Eucharist, the sacrament which more than any other, symbolises, and makes real, our oneness. Though somewhat undermined by our modern practice of consuming small, individual hosts, nonetheless we "eat from the one loaf and drink from the one cup." Each of us is graced with the presence of the one Christ, forming us as the one Body under the one Head.

We must be careful not to associate unity with uniformity. One of the most striking things about our cathedral is that the seating arrangements force all present to look at others, and there couldn't be less uniformity than we see at St Patrick's! It is wonderful to reflect that though we are called to be unified we are so different, but all working together to further a common mission – making Christ known to the world through our manner of living.

We are a diverse group of disciples, just like those chosen by Jesus himself. We possess differences which go beyond our physical appearances, down to how we live out our faith based on our particular understanding of the Christian faith and Jesus' message. Despite these differences, let us pray for a strengthened unity, for only by being unified can we be effective evangelists.

This weekend, let us ask Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to guide us as a unified body. For that however, we need to open our eyes and our ears, and be obedient to the voice of the one who is not only the Good Shepherd, but a perfect and loving one.

Wishing you a blessed Easter season,

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!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

Good Shepherd Appeal

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Support our seminarians to "go out into the deep."



On this Good Shepherd Sunday, as we reflect on the nurturing and guiding role of Christ as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded of the vital importance of fostering vocations in our own community. Our seminarians, who have responded to the call to serve, are preparing to dedicate their lives to guiding

God's flock. They are our future shepherds, our spiritual leaders of tomorrow.

As these brave young men follow in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, they require our support—spiritual, emotional, and financial. The path to priesthood demands profound commitment and entails significant educational and living expenses. On this special day, we invite you to contribute to the Seminarian Support Appeal of our Diocese. Your generosity will help cover tuition fees, books, board, and other essentials for our seminarians.

Please consider how you can assist in nurturing their journey with your prayers and through your contributions.

 Donation envelopes are available on the pews for those who prefer to give in person.



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Every gift, no matter the size, makes a significant difference in the lives of those who have dedicated themselves to serving as the next generation of pastoral leaders.

Thank you for your generous support and prayers for our seminarians. May the Lord, our Good Shepherd, bless you abundantly!

thank you.

PARISH NOTICES

FORMATION OF A NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL You Are Invited to Our PPC Discernment Night



As we continue to navigate the journey of renewal and growth post-Covid, we recognise the importance of leadership and collaboration in our parish life. In light of this, and under the guidance of our Dean, we are excited to announce the formation of a new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and invite you to our PPC discernment night.

Why a Parish Pastoral Council?

The PPC serves as a vital part of our parish's life, providing counsel to the pastor and leadership team on matters concerning the pastoral mission of our parish. Its purpose is to foster community, encourage spiritual growth, and initiate programs and activities that reflect the Gospel's call to love and service. The council plays a crucial role in discerning the needs of our parish community, advising on strategic direction, and supporting the implementation of our parish's pastoral plan.

Call for Nominations

This is a unique opportunity for those feeling called to serve in a deeper way within our parish. Whether you have been involved in parish activities for years or are looking for a way to offer your talents and time to our community, this could be the moment God is calling you to step forward.

We invite and encourage every parishioner to consider nominating themselves or someone they believe has the vision, commitment, and love for our parish to be a member of the Parish Council. This is a time of discernment, to listen and respond to God's call to serve.

Discernment Night

To aid in this discernment process, we will be hosting a Discernment Night on **Wednesday 01 May, at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall. This will be an evening of prayer, reflection, and information about the role and function of the PPC and how you can contribute to its mission. Whether you are certain of your call or still considering, this night is for you.

Nomination Process

Nominations will officially open the day following the Discernment Night, on 01 May. Details on how to nominate will be provided at the Discernment Night and in subsequent communications.

If you feel the Lord's nudge to explore this ministry, we urge you to say "Yes" and join us on 01 May. Let us move forward together in faith, hope, and love, strengthening our parish community and fulfilling our mission to be a light to the world.

May God bless you and guide you in your discernment.

Become a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick

St. Patrick's Cathedral is warmly inviting individuals to join the compassionate team of Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick, a role that offers more than just delivering communion -it's an opportunity to bring love, joy, and the presence of our faith to those unable to attend church due to health issues. This special ministry allows volunteers to be a beacon of hope and a reminder of inclusion within our church family for our homebound friends. Offering a bit of your time can make a significant difference in someone's week, and you'll be supported every step of the way by a team of caring volunteers. If you feel called to this heartwarming service, we encourage you to let the Cathedral staff team know by calling Pat on 8839 8412 or email secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au Join us in spreading Christ's love and ensuring every member of our community feels valued and connected.

Youth Sports Day

The annual Diocesan Youth Sports day will again be held this year on **Sunday 28 April** at Parramatta Marist.

We are organising a parish team. If you wish to be part of the St Patrick's Cathedral team to play basketball, soccer, volleyball etc, text Genevieve on 0404 877 432 your name and telephone number or let Pat in the parish office know.



The sports day team is open to young people age between 16-35. Go Parra!!!

Annual Leave

Please note that Fr Tom will be on his annual leave from **14-28 April.** As always under these circumstances, there will be no interruption to the usual cathedral schedule.



Text to Donate!

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

thank you!

St Pat's Matters

Hooray! With your support, we have successfully released the latest issue - 119.

Please share one copy per family, as these are a cost to the parish and sharing helps keep expenses low.

The content mainly originates from the community, and we are grateful to those who contribute by submitting their article. The photos you will agree capture the essence of our vibrant community and its events. Always happy to share your photos. Thank you once again for your help. - *Marian Polizzi, Editor*

St Pat's Seniors' Lunch

A big shout out to all St Pat's seniors! We are having another get together - lunch at the Cloister Function Room.

Tuesday 30 April @ 1:30pm

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance by calling Pat at 8839 8400 or via email at secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au by the 26th of April.

Don't wait to be invited; take the initiative to join us! Whether you're a regular at our events or this is your first time, we encourage you to come and see what it's all about. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow parishioners, enjoy good company, and have a great time. You might just find it delightful!

An entry fee of \$10 is requested to cover the cost of the lunch provided.

We look forward to welcoming you to another fun and engaging gettogether. See you there!

Pentecost Sunday - 18 May

What is the main message of the Pentecost? It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. This important event in the Christian faith is described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31).

For those interested in delving deeper into the meaning of Pentecost, we are organising a special 'day' retreat. Take this opportunity to strengthen your faith.

"A day of prayer and talks deepening the meaning of Pentecost." "As they prayed, the house where they were assembled rocked. From this time, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim the word of God fearlessly." Acts 4:31

PENTECOST RETREAT

Saturday 18 May - 10:00am - 3:00pm

10:00 Introduction and Opening Prayer

- 10:15 Morning session led by Fr Tom Green
- 1:45 Afternoon session led by Annette Hartman
- 3:00 Day concludes

Morning tea and lunch provided. For catering purposes, please rsvp to: secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

Heritage Festival Tour of St Patrick's Cemetery

Visit our very own cemetery, the oldest Catholic cemetery in Australia with a distinctly Irish flavour although surprisingly multicultural with German, Chinese, Swiss, Italian and Aboriginal people represented. Hear stories of convicts, politicians and ministers. Laugh at their antics and sorrow at their injustices. Visit our Catholic heritage!

Who was the inspector of Nuisances?

See the Martin vault of Martin Place fame and the Inspector of Distilleries who died of drink. These and many other stories will be revealed.

Saturday 27 April 2:00pm – 3:30pm \$15 entry Closed shoes, water and a hat required Bookings: 0408 234 002 judith@pasttimestours.com

ANZAC Day Thursday 25 April



Please note that on Anzac Day, we will have a special Mass to honor our brave service members. Mass will be held at 8:00 AM only. We encourage everyone to join us in this solemn observance as we remember and pray for those who have served and sacrificed for our nation. We look forward to seeing you there as we pay our respects together.

L There will be no Reconciliation or Adoration on this day.

Youth Mass 'round the Diocese: 21 April

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday 21 April for 6:00pm Mass. For more information, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on <u>csfn.cristina@gmail.com</u>

Exploring Music for the Solemnities following Easter: 30 April and 02 May

All are invited to the next music workshop organised by the Office for Worship and presented by Eric Grella. This workshop is perfect for all parish musicians and also for anyone who wishes to learn more about music for the Solemnities after Easter. As there has been a large interest in these workshops there will be two locations!!

- **30 April** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7:00pm
- 02 May at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith from 7:00pm.

RSVP by 28 April to <u>lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org</u> or 0460 037 795.



We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Kevin Smith, Adoracion Soriano, Regina Figueira, Jessica Hanna, Noreen McLean, Bridget Phelan, 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

Deceased: Mrs Annanas, Lucy D'Mello, Philip Vas, Leticia Vas, Jan, Ludwig, Henry K, Umbert & Fran Papagno, Juan Montesco, Buenaventura Zafiro Jr, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu

Anniversaries: Doyle D'Costa, Simeona Agcaoili, Carlo Indorato, Frere Levananh, John Baptiste Lien, Crisanta Valdez, Aloma Pospischil, Bernard & Grace Rodricks, Judy Gallagher

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 & Pat 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, Svlvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

We also pray for...

Sick: Fr Bob Bossini, Fatima Rodricks, Azar Al-Ters, Melissa Carter, Terry Pumati, Leonora, Shana, Fr Peter Henry, Nasr Nasr, Athony Tran, Leonardo Close, Michael Perez, Franz Tito, Soane Kikanoi, Sharon Melville, Orvil Noe M Villalobos, Olivia Harb, Maria, Samira, Maria & Tony Obeid, Tony Chang,Francisca Olay, Maximilian Epondulan, Vasvi V Arcot, Stephen Borg, Nicole Slatter, Leonardo Perez Close, Vic Moran, Christopher Doughty, Seini Loto'aniu, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Naleen, Peter Newman, Stephen Senjak, Raveen, Felicitas Appathurai, 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 Lysewcyz, Lucy, Anita & Jean Claude Perrottet,

BAPTISMS



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

Angelo Tejada Levi Morados Sebastian Kannampuzha

WEDDINGS 🔊

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

Sarah Stringfellow & Gabriel Toubia

POPE FRANCIS'



Prayer Intention for April

For the role of women

"We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of the discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world."

From Pope Francis...

From a tweet dated 16 April

"Let us pray together for millions of children who live in conditions bordering on slavery. Every child who has been abandoned, marginalised, or left without health care or schooling is a cry that rises up to God!"

Saint of the Week 23 April - St George (died c.303), Martyr

Information: Universalis

George was martyred at Lydda (now in Israel) in about 303, during the persecution of Diocletian. Like so many saints of that period, the only fact that we can be certain of is his martyrdom. His cult spread quickly through both the East and the West, and the legend of St George and the Dragon only appeared some time afterwards.

During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as the patron saint of several city states and countries, including England and Catalonia. King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under the protection of St George, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a holiday.



"Quote of the Week"

"No misfortune should distract us from [this] happiness and deep joy; for if anyone is anxious to reach a destination, the roughness of the road will not make him change his mind. Th charms of prosperity must not lead us astray; for only a foolish traveller, when he sees pleasant fields on his way, forgets to go on towards his destination."



Pope St Gregory the Great (c.540-604) On the Gospels

Did You Know ...?

...that this week we celebrate the feast of St Mark, on 26 April?

Each of the four Evangelists has a unique story and wrote for a particular audience, just as any good writer shapes their work to their audience to maximise its impact - most likely in Mark's case for a gentile audience. Mark's Gospel was also the first to be written. The other three Evangelists' feast days are as follows: St Matthew - 21 September; St Luke -18 October; St John - 27 December. Mark's feast is

celebrated on 25 April everywhere else in the world, but a day later in Australia due to ANZAC Day. Mark's traditional symbol is a lion to convey his courage as a preacher of the Gospel.







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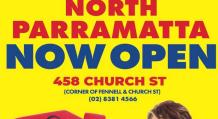
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