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14 April 2024 - Third 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

Credo Youth Ministries

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Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au



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There are only two options

IN THE GOSPEL of Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples that, "he who is not with me is against me," teaching them, contrary to what perhaps a lot of modern Christians would like to admit, that there are essentially two paths on which to walk, one that leads to salvation, and one that does not. Or in the words of St Peter in our first reading this week, we are faced with the option to "deny the Holy and Righteous One, [or] ask for a murderer to be granted to [us]," showing the Jews in their decision to elect Barabas over Jesus, that they were ultimately choosing between the giver of life and the bringer of death. These are the two fundamental options presented to each created soul, that we either choose to follow the way of Jesus, and so choose life, or choose another way, any of which amount to death.



But Peter, after himself denying Jesus and then being forgiven by him, encourages the same Jews he accuses that this God whom they denied, knew beforehand what they did by ignorance and invites them once again to make that fundamental choice. In other words, even though we might have chosen to go against Jesus, he is always ready to renew the invitation to follow him. Choosing to go against Jesus is to choose to sin. But in the words of St John, "if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's."

Whenever this renewed invitation is offered to us, it is that same Risen Jesus who appeared a second time to the disciples in our Gospel today who offers it. The confidence that Peter and the apostles display in Acts, that courage to follow the way of Jesus even if it meant suffering and death, is possible because Jesus is Risen, he is alive. Death, that most fearful of all things, doesn't have any power over the one whom they follow, and so there is nothing for them to fear. They don't need to choose any other way than his, they don't need to sin, because Jesus is Risen. But they walk with even greater confidence knowing that the one whom they follow is always ready to give them another chance should they deviate from the path he has set.

My brothers and sisters, may this same confidence in the Risen Lord and in his ways fill our hearts this Sunday, so that we may make that firm decision to walk his way. We know that any other way leads to death. But we also know that should we in our weakness turn down one of those paths, the Risen Lord will come after us and offer us the invitation once more, "follow me".

Wishing you a blessed Easter season,

Fr Tom

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!

Encountering Joy: A Week of Living the Resurrection

This week, our hearts and minds turn to the Gospel reading from Luke (24:35-48), where we encounter the disciples' profound joy upon seeing the Risen Lord. Their initial disbelief transformed into overwhelming joy, serving as a testament to the power of faith and the reality of Jesus's resurrection. Just as the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, we are invited to see his presence in our daily lives and in the community around us.

Week's Action

Inspired by the disciples' experience, let us make it our week's mission to recognise and celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ in all aspects of our lives. Whether through acts of kindness, moments of prayer, or in the breaking of bread with our families and friends, let us be conscious of Jesus walking beside us. Let this awareness inspire us to spread his joy and hope to others, especially to those in need of encouragement and love.

Blessing

As we step into this new week under the light of the Easter season, we pray with the Psalmist's words: "May the light of the Lord shine upon you." May this divine light illuminate your path, guide your actions, and warm the hearts of everyone you encounter.

Good Shepherd Appeal



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



Donate at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

In the spirit of generous giving and communal support, we are called upon to uplift the future leaders of our Church through the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. This initiative is close to our hearts, as it directly supports our Holy Spirit Seminarians, those brave souls ready to "go out into the deep" in service to God and his people.

Our seminarians are on a journey to cast their nets wide, fostering faith, and addressing the spiritual and pastoral needs of our vibrant community.

To aid in their journey, donation envelopes are now conveniently available on the pews for those who prefer to give in person. Additionally, for our parishioners who find ease in digital giving, you can contribute to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal in the same manner as you generously donate to our parish. Simply **TEXT 'GIVE'** to **0488 202 202**, follow the link provided and choose Bishop's appeal, or scan the QR code.



We thank you in advance for your generous hearts and unwavering support. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of our seminarians and, subsequently, on the spiritual journey of our community.

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 the 28th of 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!!!



News from the Social Justice Group

We are joining a webinar on 'climate change impact on oceans': the Sisters of Mercy co-ordinated group, Coalition of Catholics for Justice and Peace, have shared details of an upcoming webinar on climate change impacts on oceans. The event will be held on **Thursday 18 April via Zoom**, details below.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8458286068>

Passcode: 42658

Return of Project Compassion Boxes

We have a our largest response in a very long time. Thank you for your generosity and for joining in this important act of giving. Together, we make a significant difference in the lives of others.

We will finalise monies this week. If you still have donations at home, can you please bring them to Mass or to the parish office.

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.

PARISH & Diocesan NOTICES

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*

Funeral at the Cathedral

Condolences to Ben and Edwin Figueira on the recent passing of their mum, Regina Figueira, also known as Rose.

A Requiem Mass will be held at the Cathedral (Chapel) on Friday 19 April at 1:30pm.

Please pray for the repose of her soul and for peace and strength for Edwin and Ben in their time of loss.



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

If you would like to join us, please rsvp to Donna on 8839 8400 or email enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au by 26 April. Don't wait for a tap on the shoulder - be pro active. We can't wait to see you all at another social gathering. If you haven't joined us before, come and investigate - you may even find it enjoyable.

As lunch will be provided, we will charge a small fee at the door.

Hope you can join us for another fun-filled get together!



Pentecost Retreat

A date for your diary.

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

More information in next week's bulletin.



MET FaithLIFE Theology Short Course: from 16 April

Considering learning about theology? Wanting to expand your language for expressing your faith? Seeking ways to deepen the way you put your faith into practice? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Dr John Collins on Tuesdays 16 + 23 + 30 April! Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

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 csfn.cristina@gmail.com

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 lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Natural Fertility Sympto-Thermal Method Instruction Session: 30 April

The most important symptom alerting women to ovulation is used in all methods of Natural Family Planning. The Sympto-Thermal Method includes measuring your basal body temperature, which also confirms ovulation! This session will be held on **Tuesday 30 April from 7:15pm to 8:15pm** via Zoom. To book your place or for further information, please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan

You may have seen some flyers around the cathedral over the past couple of weeks about the development of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. This plan is being developed on the foundations of the Synod held in the Diocese six months ago. More information to come!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

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

Anniversaries: Carlo Indorato, Frere Levananh, John Baptiste Lien, Crisanta Valdez, 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 & 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, 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: Fr Bob Bossini, 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, Fr Peter Zytka, Leonardo Close, 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 Lysewycz, Lucy, Anita & Jean Claude Perrottet, Ankica, Ruzica Chmielewski, Kumavan Guuasagaran, Rachel & Kathleen, Tracy, Michelle Travis

BAPTISMS



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

Inew Elias **Philippa Jansen**
Zachary Magbiray

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 11 April*

"The joy of the Resurrection is ours, because it was given to us on the day of our Baptism. May we embrace the joy of this Easter Season! Let us hasten to seek out the Risen Christ in the Eucharist, in His forgiveness, in prayer, and in charitable deeds."

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
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