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05 May 2024 - Sixth 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

Contact the office or find information on
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What do you mean by love?

IF THERE IS A WORD most associated with the Christian religion, it would be "love". Famous passages like the ones we read in today's lectionary are staples for the Christian community which was born from love and from the beginning was known by its love. Love is what the world has come to expect of Christians, and it calls them out when they fail to live up to their own profession. Everything in our faith is summed up by love, and at the end, when we meet our maker, it will be the only thing that counts.



The English-speaking world suffers for only having one word for love, whereas other languages might have the advantage of several words which help them to distinguish clearly between different kinds of love. This becomes a challenge for much of the Western world which has become increasingly English dominant, because different people can say the same thing and mean many different things by it. It seems to me that when John Lennon sang, "All you need is love," he meant something a little different than me saying "love will be the only thing that counts," and from the love that St John writes about in today's readings. The Lennon-love is that kind of vacuous, soppy love that has ever since dominated pop songs and pop culture in general; that feel-good love which doesn't mean much else than "leave me and everyone around me alone to do whatever we want and just be happy for us and accept us for who we are and whatever we become."

But the Christian idea of love is not this. John explains it in our first reading: "this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away." The love by which we are meant to live is not like the love we have for God, because our love is characterised by a response to having been loved first. In that sense, our love for God is always an imperfect love, because it never begins as a free gift from us, but always as a response. You can see how the Lennon-love is more like "our love for God," when we reflect upon how so many of that type are so intolerant and hostile to anyone would question their behaviour – they love only in response to those who, in their eyes, have first "loved" them.

No, the love that is expected of us for each other is the love that God has for us, by which he came to deliver us from our sins through his self-immolation. The love than which there is no greater, by which one lays down their life for their friends. That love which inspires the Christian to pray for his enemy, to love those from whom he's never received love. It is a love which is for others, which seeks their good and goes to great lengths to attain it, and like Christ, seeks to deliver people from the greatest evil of all, sin.

This is what the Church means by love, what do you mean by it?

May the remainder of Easter be blessed,

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!

FORMATION OF A NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A Call to Serve: Parish Pastoral Council Nominations Now Open

Dear Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick's,

We extend our deepest gratitude to those who joined us for the discernment night last Wednesday. Your participation and enthusiasm are a testament to the vibrant and engaged community we are blessed to have at the heart of the Bishop's church.

As we proceed with the nominations for our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), we wish to emphasise the vital role the council plays within our parish. The PPC is instrumental in guiding the operational and pastoral mission of our church, providing leadership that aligns with our values and spiritual commitments.

For those among you who have ever hoped to see changes or enhancements in our parish, or who have ideas that could lead us to new heights, now is the moment to step forward. Nomination forms are available in the narthex and at all entrances to the Cathedral. This is more than a role - it is an opportunity to influence, lead, and contribute to the future of our parish community.

We kindly remind you that the deadline for nominations is approaching, with all forms due by **5:00pm on Friday, 10 May**. Let us together seize this chance to foster growth and deepen our faith as a community.

"LIFTED" Sports Day 2024

A few of the Credo Youth members along with fellow parishioners came together to represent St Pat's parish and participate in the annual Catholic Youth Parramatta 'LIFTED' Sports Day for 2024.

The end result of what was a beautiful and fruitful day, was that the Credo team of St Patrick's Parramatta Cathedral claimed the Holy Spirit Plate for the best sportsmanship of the day!

Even though we wanted that win, the thing that mattered most was the unity of the members of our parish coming together as one and sharing their love through the gift of sports alongside other youth groups from all over the Parramatta dioceses.

I'd love to give a shoutout to every Credo member who went out there and participated on behalf of our congregation. Alongside a massive thank you to our parents of the day - Jean-Luc and Kathleen Touche for feeding and motivating us, and finally, thanks to the Lord for bringing us through such a successful day!

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

(James 1:17)



PARISH NOTICES

Seniors at St Pat's

Last Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome over 60 seniors to our get-together and luncheon.

Phil Slattery did a great job with entertaining us with a few jokes and more seriously, trivial pursuit - good to get the brain matter working.

Mili spoke briefly about the role of the PPC and expressed how valued our seniors are. They bring much experience to the table and have contributed years of volunteering to make this parish what it is today.

Lyn Mahoney enlightened us on how successful Mahjong has become. It started with an idea not so long ago and now we have a lively group meeting up every Tuesday in the small hall. So successful it has been, now they wish to incorporate Scrabble. If this is more your style, enquire at the parish office.

Our next seniors' outing is scheduled for July. We are contemplating a retreat day at Baulkham Hills. What this space!



Pentecost Sunday - 18 May

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 from 10:00am to 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

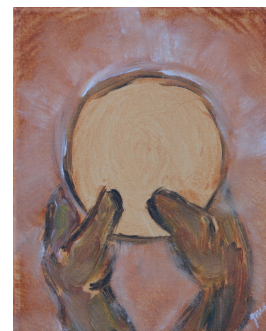
Morning tea and lunch provided. For catering purposes, please rsvp to: secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au



Sacraments of Initiation Recommencing

The second session of the Sacrament of Eucharist will take place on Tuesday, 07 May at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Please note that this is a **'parents only'** session. Attendance at all sessions is compulsory for those who have registered for SOI 2023/2024. We look forward to your participation as we embark on this sacred journey together.



Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

Our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who generously contributed to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal held recently. Your tax deductible donation plays a crucial role in nurturing the vocational journey of our Seminarians.

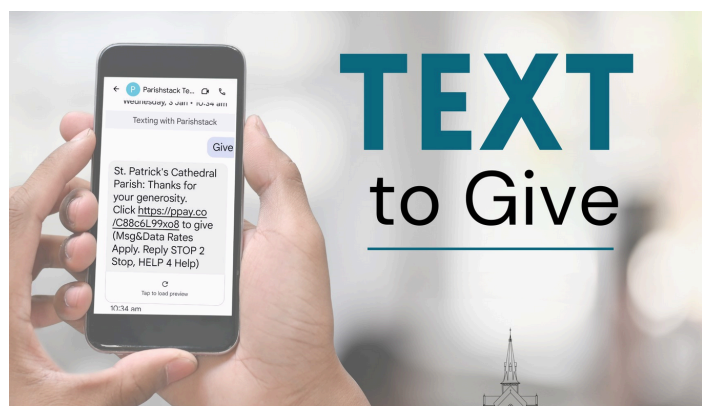
If you were unable to contribute and still wish to do so, we invite you to fill in one of the donation envelopes that are available around the cathedral.

Alternatively, for a convenient and immediate way to donate, simply text 'GIVE' to 0488 202 202. Follow the link provided to choose the Bishop's Appeal option or scan the QR code located in the back of the church or within this bulletin.



Synod 2023 Update: Local Think Tank Sessions from May-June

Parishes and other local faith communities across the diocese are holding local Think Tank Sessions, giving local leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan. Contact the parish office to inquire about our local Think Tank session, or visit parracatholic.org/synod for more.



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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Marie K El-Kazzi, Frederick Fisher, John Burrow, Yolanda Roxas, Annette Van Tilburg, Maria Davino, 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

Deceased: Ennas, Mrs Annanas, Lucy D'Mello, Philip Vas, Leticia Vas, Jan, Ludwig, Henry K, Umberto & Fran Papagno, Juan Montesco,

Anniversaries: Maxima Manlangit, Juan Montesco, Joseph Teuma, Anna-Lena Lopez, Anna-Lena Lopez, Germelina Montemayor

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: Fred & Odette Harb, Colleen Johnston, Melissa Carter, Kathleen, Patti Murphy, Mary Tito, 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: YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Naleen, Tian, Raveen, Michael Perez, Sarah Ferguson, Kate Middleton, Agnes Patacsil, Patrick N, Madeleine Suttie, Fancesca Ryan, Helen Perrottet, Paul & Mouzel Carson, Stephen Senjak, Peter Newman, Raveen, Felicitas Appathurai, Santiago Tito, Antonio Tito, Dianne Mary Tito, Elizabeth Perez, Dynes Woodrow, Nikola, Ankica, Mara & Stephen Senjak, Vera, Rita & family, 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

BAPTISMS



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

Faith Cadion

WEDDINGS



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

Sacha Abrahams and Jamie Hoban

POPE FRANCIS'

Prayer Intention for May



For the formation of religious and seminarians

"We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 02 May*

"During this month of May, may we entrust to the Blessed Virgin Mary our personal and family matters, as well as the suffering of those who fall victim to war. Let us pray together for the Church, all nations, and for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East."

Saint of the Week

10 May - St Damien of Molokai (1840-1889), Priest, Missionary

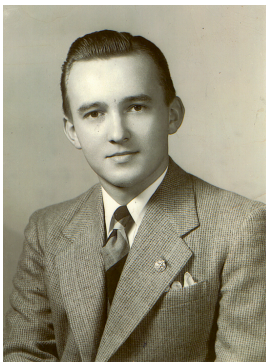
Joseph de Veuster was born in Belgium and took the name Damien on entering the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary at Leuven (Louvain). He landed in Hawaii in 1864, fulfilling his dream of becoming a missionary. In 1873, at his own request, he took up residence at the leper colony at Kalaupapa and ministered to its spiritual and material needs until he caught leprosy himself and eventually died of it.



Information: Universalis

“Quote of the Week”

“Being holy...does not mean being perfect but being whole; it does not mean being exceptionally religious or being religious at all; it means being liberated from religiosity and religious pietism of any sort; it does not mean being morally better, it means being exemplary; it does not mean being godly, but rather being truly human.”



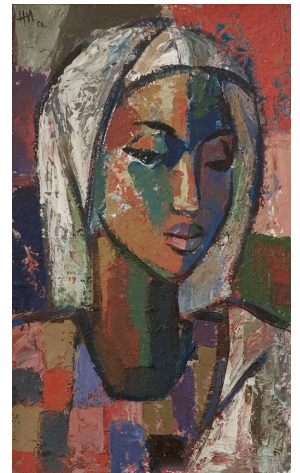
William Stringfellow
(1928-1985)
Lawyer and lay theologian

Did You Know...?

...that May is often referred to as the “Month of Mary”?

The following quotation from the Catechism helps us understand a little better the importance of Mary to the faithful:

“By her complete adherence to the Father’s will, to his Son’s redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church’s model of faith and charity. Thus she is a ‘preeminent and...wholly unique member of the Church.’; indeed, she is the ‘exemplary realisation of the Church.” (n.967)




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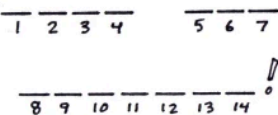
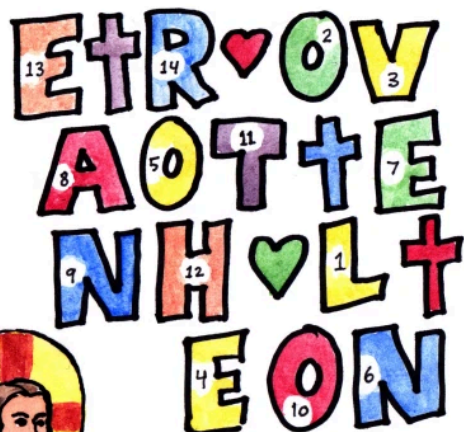
Baptism

You are a child of God,
you are wonderfully made,
deeply loved and
precious in His sight.
May God bless you today
and every day of your life.



The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5th, 2024



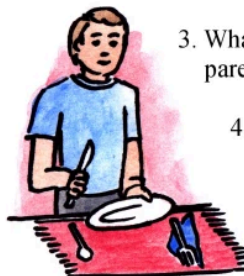
What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading?
Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!

Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?



3. What can you do for your grandparents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?

When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



Answer to front page puzzle: Love one another!
Answer to Word-Find: To lay down one's life
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Love One Another Word Find

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

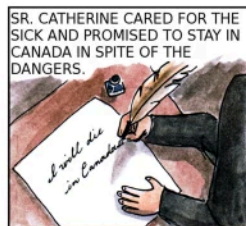
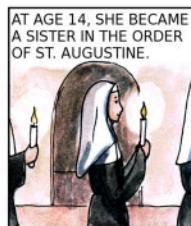
As the FATHER has loved me, so have I loved you; REMAIN in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be COMPLETE. "This is my COMMANDMENT, that you love one another as I have loved you. GREATER love has no man than this, that a man lay DOWN his LIFE for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No LONGER do I call you SLAVES, for the slave does NOT KNOW what his MASTER is DOING; but I have CALLED you FRIENDS, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I CHOSE you and appointed you that you should go and bear FRUIT and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ASK the Father in my NAME, he may GIVE it to you. This I command you, to love one ANOTHER.

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No one has greater love than this:



Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine May 8



BLESSED CATHERINE LOVED THE SICK PEOPLE AND CARED FOR THEM BECAUSE SHE KNEW THAT BY HELPING OTHERS SHE WAS BEING KIND TO JESUS. WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE WHO IS POOR OR SICK OR LONELY, REMEMBER THAT BY BEING KIND TO THAT PERSON YOU ARE BEING KIND TO JESUS.

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