

## ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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Bishop of Parramatta: Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, DD

09 June 2024 - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

#### **Mass Schedule**

#### **SUNDAY**

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 7:30am Morning Prayer 8:00am Mass

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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 GROUPS

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

#### **Credo Youth Ministries**

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#### God's plan, seriously?

EVERY SO OFTEN someone says to me:" Everything happens for a reason. Isn't it all part of God's plan. And I think: "What a load of rubbish!" I mean just look at our world, do you seriously think this is all part of God's plan? It's awful - genocide, abuse, abortion, broken families, drugs, violence. This is the enemy's plan, not God's. God certainly does have a plan, an awesome plan. A plan to turn this all around. He communicates His plan through His will. But God gave us the right to choose and sadly, almost from the outset many, many people have used their choices poorly. And their lives, and our world, show the consequences.



Sometimes these poor choices are to do something bad - the enemy tempts us with pleasures, with fantasies, but these things are traps. They never live up to what they promise and they invariably drag us into the prison of sin.

Sometimes our poor choices are not something obviously bad, but they are just not God's will. For Adam and Eve, eating the fruit of the tree wasn't in itself an evil thing, it was wrong because it was something that was against God's will.

Some of us have grown up with the idea that God just says "no" to a lot of things because he wants to stop us having fun, but what that really shows is that we have a distorted image of God. God loves us deeply, and if He steers us away from something it's because He knows it will be no good for us. The knowledge that Adam and Eve gained by eating the fruit, did them no good. Their lives afterwards were so much less than their lives had been before.

Jesus told us: "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full."

If we believe that God loves us, then we have to realise that His will for us is to be happy and fulfilled. Everything He does is to help us find that path, and if we each follow that path then God's will for the world will be fulfilled. This is why in today's gospel, Jesus, as he always does, encourages us to do God's will.

So, if we truly want to be happy and fulfilled, our entire focus should be on trying to discern and follow God's will for our lives.

In this journey we must always remember that whatever God wants for us, the enemy wants the exact opposite. In fact, the worse the result, the better for the enemy. He revels in unhappiness, "life to the empty".

For us then, there are two actions to take away from this:

First, we need to create some space to actually hear God's will for our lives. Our lives are busy and noisy. We need to build some time into our day and week to actually listen. Secondly, we need to pray for the grace we need to follow where His will leads us. There will be challenges and temptations but if we pray for God's grace, we will get that grace.

God's plan is an awesome plan, but it will not just unfold if we sit passively watching the world go to ruin. We each have a significant part to play in this plan. Let us become true brothers and sisters of Christ and join in His work of changing the world, by seeking and doing God's will.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Deacon David

## 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!



#### First Holy Communion Celebration

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate with the remaining 13 children from our parish who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 9:30 AM Mass. These children are part of the group of 40 who have been diligently preparing for this special sacrament.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the children and their families for their dedication to attending formation sessions and spiritually preparing for this significant day. Congratulations to all of you!

May this Holy Communion be the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Christ. We encourage you to continue attending Mass regularly, allowing yourselves to be continually nourished by the Holy Eucharist.

Let us all keep these children in our prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

#### **Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal this weekend**

This month's Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal supports Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth.

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal.

Donation envelopes are on the pews or or scan this QR code to donate via credit card. Thank you.



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#### Gift Shop - End of Year Sale - Sun 9-30 June

If you're strolling through our gift shop in search of a deal, you're in luck.

We're clearing out a wide selection of stock with discounts of up to 50% on select items. Hurry in before it's too late – grab the best deals while they last!



#### **PARISH NOTICES**

#### **King's Birthday Public Holiday**

On **Monday 10 June**, the Public Holiday timetable will be observed. 8.00am Mass only. No adoration of confession.



#### **Sacraments of Initiation - Confirmation**

Children 10 years or older who have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist are able to join in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is important to note that there is no maximum age for children who have been baptised as infants to complete their Initiation into our Faith Community.

#### Registration will open on our website on 17 June 2024.

Sessions begin on 23 July through to 31 August. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 7 September 2024. All sessions are compulsory.

#### A note from the Hospitality Coordinator

Thank you to the people who left biscuits and a cash donation in the Donations Basket.

However, anyone wishing to make a cash donation in the future, please hand it to one of the volunteers on duty rather than putting it in the Donations Basket.

#### Morning Tea Cancelled this weekend,

Due to the celebration of First Holy Communion this weekend, there will be no morning tea after the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses.

Morning tea will resume on the weekend of June 16. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to sharing fellowship with you then.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our parish community.

# Mass with Cardinal Giorgio Marengo & Bishop Vincent

followed by a meet and greet.

Date: Saturday 22 June 2024

Time: 6 PM

Where: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Catholic Mission and the Diocese of Parramatta are pleased to announce that Cardinal Marengo IMC will be celebrating Mass with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv followed by the opportunity to meet the Cardinal over some light refreshments, where you can hear more about his mission in Mongolia.

The event is free to attend, however registration is essential. Please register here via https://parracatholic.org/cardinalmarengo

#### **Seeking Submissions for St Pat's Matters**

The next issue is due out in late July/early August Editor's wish list of contributions:

**Ministy:** If you serve in any of St Pat's many ministries consider sharing how, when and why you took on the role.

Parishioners: whether longstanding or new, why not submit a brief profile and photo to 'introduce' yourselves to the wider parish family.

Faith Matters: God's presence in the lives of you and family.

**RCIA:** Always keen to receive stories from anyone who is journeying to the Catholic Faith.

First Eucharist: (2nd & 9th June) is an important sacramental milestone in every Catholic's life. Children and parents we invite you to write about your experience in our parish magazine

**Archival Matters:** Articles/photos pertaining to the history of the priests, people and events of our remarkable parish welcomed.

Email submissions to M. Polizzi - balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office marked for St Pat's Matters.

#### **Become an SRE Catechist**

Are you passionate about sharing the Catholic faith and making a positive impact on the lives of students?

Would you like to play a pivotal role in fostering Catholic faith and understanding among children? Do you want to volunteer in public schools and make a difference in the lives of young students? If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Catechist, we would love to hear from you! Please reach out to us at "St Pat's Cathedral SRE Team" via email at sre@stpatscathedral.com.au.



#### **PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES**

#### CATHEDRAL APP TOWARDS LAUNCH DATE



#### **Liturgical Volunteers Roster**

Last week, our liturgical volunteers received their roster via ParishStaq, enabling them to manage their serving times by swapping, finding a replacement, or declining a serving time directly from the email without needing to sign in to a webpage. We are excited to announce that this process will become even more efficient with the upcoming launch of our App.

With the App, volunteers will be able to see an overview of their serving weekends, including who they will be serving with, and even put names to faces of their fellow volunteers. This enhanced visibility aims to foster a stronger sense of community and collaboration among those serving at Mass.

We thank all our liturgical volunteers for their dedication and patience as we continue to improve our systems.

We encourage you to register for the walkthrough session if you are having difficulties?

## Did You Receive the Bulletin via Email This Weekend?

As mentioned last week, we are now sending the bulletin and liturgy guide via ParishStaq to your email. These emails are sent to all parishioners who have provided their email addresses and are recorded in our database. If you received the bulletin by email and prefer not to receive it in the future, you have the option to unsubscribe.

We understand that there may be some initial teething problems during this transition, and we appreciate your patience as we work through these issues. We are confident that these will be resolved as we move forward.

If you are registered as a family in our parish database, you may have received the email twice, or multiple family members may have received it. If you do not wish to receive duplicate emails or if you prefer that only one member of your family receives the bulletin, please use the unsubscribe link provided in the email.

Didn't get the bulletin? Contact the parish office to subscribe.

#### **App Walkthrough**

We are excited to introduce our new Parish App and IT system, and we invite you to join us for walkthrough sessions to get familiarised with these new tools. All training sessions will be held in the Cloister Cafe at the following times:

- Monday, June 17: 10:00am 11:00am (Mass Volunteers)
- Monday, June 17: 7:00pm -8:30pm (Mass volunteers)
- Wednesday, June 26: 2:00pm -3.30pm
- Wednesday, June 26: 7pm 8:30pm
- Monday, July 1: 10:00am 11:00am

We prefer to have smaller groups for these sessions to ensure that everyone receives personalised attention and can have their questions answered effectively.

Please register with the parish office if you plan to attend. If possible, bring a laptop, or tablet to the session to follow along with the training.





#### **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.

Note: There is only one collection taken up at the Cathedral each Sunday.

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Foo Siew Moi, Tom Scicluna, Sr Enda Ryan, Janet Cotter, Brian McCarthy, Nelly Estay, Dynes Woodrow, James McKee, Marie K El-Kazzi, Frederick Fisher, John Burrow, Yolanda Roxas, Annette Van Tilburg, Maria Davino, Kevin Smith

**Deceased:** Lucy D'Mello, YT & Deanna Hsu, Christine Vas, Lewis & Nassar Nissan, Ennas, Mrs Annanas, Philip Vas

Anniversaries: Paul Mahoney, Mr & Mrs Baxter, Joseph Manubay, Maria & Moses Villaldelgado, Engr Maximo Caneda Sr., Mriyanayam, Josephine & Edward, Rexis, Joseph Teuma, Lucy D'Mello, Pelcy D'Souza, Dems Morreiro, Waldmar Drankowski

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: Martina Galea, Joey S Bugo, Baldo Polizzi, Melissa, Fred & Odette Harb, Nasr Nasr, John Ryan, Anne-Maraie Douaihy, Colleen Johnston, Melissa Carter, Kathleen, Mary Tito, Fr Bob Bossini, Fatima Rodricks, Azar Al-Ters, Melissa Carter, Terry Pumati, Leonora, Shana, Fr Peter Henry, Athony Tran, Leonardo Close, Michael Perez, Franz Tito, Soane Kikanoi, Sharon Melville, Orvil Noe M Villalobos, Olivia Harb, Maria, Samira, Maria & Tony Obeid, Stephen Borg, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Cenacle Group, Ping Hsu, Tian, Raveen, Sarah Khalil, Kiesie, EJ, Hoang Minh Nguyen, Fr Peter Henry, Peter Newman, Naleen, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Michael Perez, Sarah Ferguson, Kate Middleton, Agnes Patacsil, Patrick N, Madeleine Suttie, Fancesca Ryan, Helen Perrottet, Paul & Mouzel Carson, Stephen Senjak, Peter Newman, 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

#### **BAPTISMS**



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

Helena Mihalyi





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

Elise Pham and Reno Cheong

# POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for June



#### For migrants fleeing their homes

"We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them."

From Pope Francis...

From a tweet dated 25 May

"Dear boys and girls, God has loved us from all eternity. He looks upon us with the eyes of the most loving father and the gentlest mother. God never forgets us. He accompanies us every day and renews us with His Spirit."

#### Saints of the Week

11 June - St Barnabas the Apostle

Saint Barnabas, originally named Joseph, was born on the isle of Cyprus and was a Jew of the tribe of Levi (see <u>Acts 4:36</u>). Nothing else is known about his early life. During Jesus' public ministry, Joseph became His fervent follower and might have been one of the seventy-two disciples whom Jesus sent out on a mission (see <u>Luke 10:1–24</u>). After Pentecost, as the Church in Jerusalem began to grow, the Apostles changed Joseph's name to Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement." His name change might have occurred because Barnabas supported the Church when he "sold a piece of property that he owned, then brought the money and put it at the feet of the apostles" (<u>Acts</u> 4:37). This is the first mention of Barnabas in the New Testament.

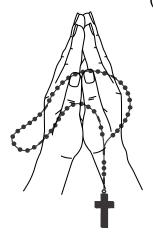


Information: mycatholic.life

#### "Quote of the Week"

"Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven."

Saint Ephrem of Syria (306-373)



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In Australia alone, the Catholic Church operates over 1,700 schools, educating more than 800,000 students, and employ over 109,000 staff.
Additionally, Catholic healthcare services, including 76 hospitals and 550 aged care facilities, provide essential care to millions of Australians each year.

Information: National Catholic Education Commission; treasury.gov.au





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