



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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14 July 2024 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (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
Facebook: credo.stpats
Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au



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"We want no more prophesying..."

THE PROPHET AMOS lived some seven hundred and fifty years before Jesus. He hailed from the southern kingdom of Judah and spoke out against the sins of the northern kingdom of Israel. Amos was not a professional prophet but, as we hear in today's first reading, "...a herdsman and a tender of sycamore figs." (Amos 7:14). Significant is the extent to which he railed against the social injustices of the time. For example, he accused the merchants of "making the ephah small and the shekel great and use false weights to cheat people; that we may buy the poor for money and the impoverished for a pair of sandals and sell worthless wheat." (8:5-6)



With such a message, it is hardly surprising the Amos, like all prophets, got the negative response we hear today: "Go away, seer...We want no more prophesying in Bethel." Amos challenged the greed that both bred and sustained the injustices that kept so many people of Israel poor and downtrodden.

Prophets are not fortune-tellers, as is often believed. Put simply, prophets are people who see the current world through the lens of God and so can track the fate of a group of people should they continue their current (usually un-Godly) course. This being so, we can understand that prophets are by no means limited to those we encounter in the Hebrew scriptures. We might even see the Twelve that Jesus sends out in pairs in today's Gospel as having a prophetic voice, especially in calling for repentance. Jesus clearly understands that they might prove equally as unpopular as the Old Testament prophets, instructing them to shake the dust off from under their feet in such circumstances.

Prophets are still among us today – and equally unpopular much of the time. One of the reasons they may be unpopular and ignored is that the prophetic voice will often call us to emerge from our comfort zone to confront a reality we find distasteful, upsetting, or frightening. The reality may be something we have to deal with individually or it may require a corporate effort, such as meeting the challenge of climate change, institutional racism or the effects of poverty. Either way, the prophetic voice, if it is genuinely the voice of God - and this is something we need to discern – exists as a vehicle for helping manifest the kingdom of God in our time and place.

Of course, the prophetic voice will not always emerge from the likeliest of sources. It may come from an ostensibly religious figure or institution, or from that which is unlikely – God has a way of manifesting in the most improbable of people and circumstances! We must not discount the possibility that the person we find annoying, or too quiet, or too "shabby" or irreligious is, in fact, a vehicle for God to make something known to us, perhaps as an individual, or perhaps on a larger scale as a parish, a diocese, the universal Church, or humanity in general! Whatever the case, ignoring the prophetic voice, the voice of God, risks not only our personal salvation but the God-given dignity of our brothers and sisters.

Let us listen closely to how God is speaking to us and, on hearing that disquieting voice, let our response be in stark contrast to that of so many of those who heard the voice of God in the prophets of old.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert

THE BULLETIN

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays after the 11:00am Solemn Mass. 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.

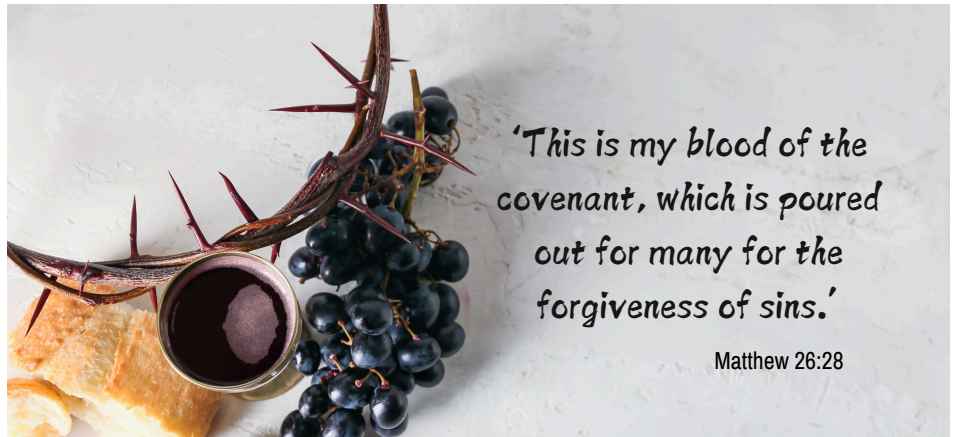
First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

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!



'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'

Matthew 26:28

July: Dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, a time to reflect on the profound sacrifice He made for our salvation. The Precious Blood represents the ultimate act of love and redemption, poured out for us on the cross.

This month, we are invited to meditate on the significance of this sacrifice and the deep love that it embodies. The Blood of Christ not only signifies His suffering but also His victory over sin and death, offering us the gift of eternal life.

As we contemplate the Precious Blood, let us remember its power to cleanse, heal, and renew. May this reflection deepen our faith, strengthen our commitment to live in the grace of God, and inspire us to share His love with others.



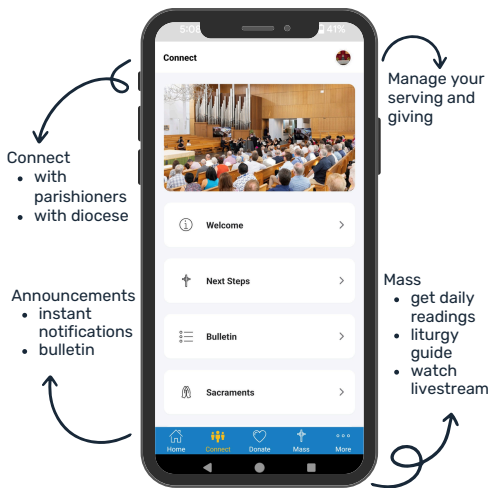
Seniors' Morning Tea

Last Tuesday, we were delighted to host 40 seniors in the Cloister Function Room for a long-awaited morning tea. This gathering provided a wonderful opportunity for the older members of our parish to socialise and reconnect with one another.

During the event, the group enjoyed a short walkthrough of the Cathedral App, showcasing our community's commitment to embracing technology for enhanced connectedness. We salute our senior members for their enthusiasm and adaptability in navigating this technological shift. Your participation and openness are truly inspiring.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made this event a memorable one. We look forward to more such gatherings in the future.

PARISH NOTICES



HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE APP

1. Scan QR Code below to go to Google Play Store or Apple App Store on your mobile device.
2. Tap the "Install" button to download and install the app.
3. Once installed, open the app and finish setting up your profile.

APP UPDATES

Each week we will bring you updates and familiarisation notes to help you get the most out of your St Patrick's Cathedral App. Today we highlight the following:

Forms:

The following forms are now available for your use.

- Parish Registration Form - For all those new to the parish.
- Mass Offering - Request Mass Offering straight from the APP.
- Baptism and Wedding forms are available from the Sacraments section.

My Groups and Serving

This is now available under CONNECT. Go to the blue banner at the bottom of the screen, click on 'Connect' then you will find a folder called 'My Groups and Serving'. If there is an issue with your serving, please contact us.

Morning Prayers

You can now access daily morning prayers via Universalis thanks to the Diocese of Parramatta Communication team.

Calendar and Events

Don't forget To RSVP to Fr Tom's birthday lunch. Thank you to all who have made this transition easy for us to manage.

App Walkthrough sessions:

Please book a time at the parish office. We are here to help you. Walkthrough can be done via Zoom if preferred.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

We invite children aged 10 years and older, who have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist, to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation - the final step in their initiation into the Church. This important sacrament deepens their bond with Christ and fully integrates them into our faith community.

There is no maximum age for completing this initiation for children baptised as infants. We welcome all eligible individuals to join in this significant journey of faith and spiritual growth.

**Register via the App or the Cathedral website.
Registration closes 28 July 2024**

We look forward to journeying with you and your children as they take this significant step in their faith.

Session 1	Tues 23.7.24 - 7.30pm	Parents
Session 2	Tues 30.7.24 - 7.30pm	Parents
Session 3	Sat 10.8.24 - 4.30pm	Parents & Children
Session 4	Sat 24.8.24 - 4.30pm	Parents & Children
Practice	Sat 31.8.24 - 4.30pm	Parents & Children
Order of Confirmation	Sat 7.9.24 - 11.00am	Parents, Children & Sponsor

Celebrating Fr Tom's 30th Birthday

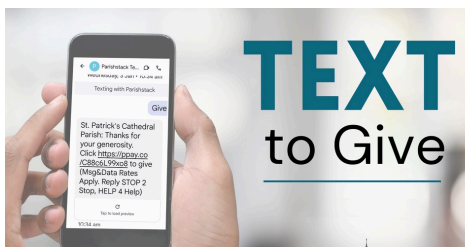
Mark your calendars for **next Sunday, 21 July**, after the 11:00 Solemn Mass.

An event invitation was sent out via our App this week. Please RSVP and note what you will be bringing to lunch. That is: a main dish or dessert to share. I know we all like a sweet but we are always more in need of main meals rather than desserts.

If you would rather use pen and paper, there is a list at the entrance of the chapel and cathedral.

Also, whether you are bringing something to share or not, we would like all attendees to RSVP their attendance.

It is quite daunting to cater for an unexpected mass of people. Please help us in that area. Thank you!



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.

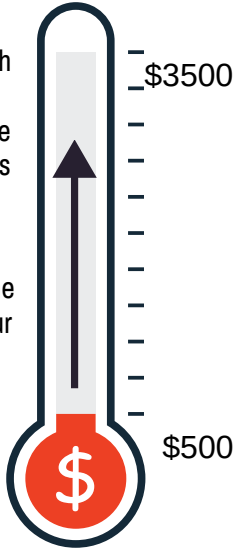
PARISH NOTICES

New Parish Barbecue

After the success of last week's barbecue launch for the Cathedral App, where we raised over \$500, we have decided to continue the barbecue gathering after the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses to raise funds for our new parish barbecue.

The cathedral barbecue is a valuable asset in building and gathering our community here at the Cathedral. It is used by various groups within our community for fellowship and events.

We need two new barbecues. Each new barbecue will cost \$1700, so we need to raise a total of \$3400 to cover the cost of both.



Fourth Sunday Mini Bazaar

Join us for our next barbecue fundraiser on **28 July** after the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. We kindly ask for volunteers who can spare an hour or two to help us cook. Please let the office know if you can assist. Additionally, if you would like to donate plants or baked goods to help raise funds, your contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support in this initiative to purchase new barbecues that will enhance our parish gatherings and strengthen our community spirit.

You are cordially invited...

The **Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery** extend a warm invitation to you to join us at our upcoming meeting, scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday, 16 July in the Cloister Function Room.

As a small but impactful group, we are already effecting positive change.

Take this opportunity to meet individuals you may recognise but have never had the chance to greet.

Peter's Pence Collection - 20/21 July

We will be holding the Peter's Pence Collection on the weekend **20 & 21 July**. This collection is for the Holy Father. All donations to Peter's Pence from all parishes are submitted to the Diocese who in turn sends on to the Apostolic Nunciature. The funds raised from all over the world are used by the Vatican for philanthropic purposes.

Welcome to Fr Chinonye Akamadu

It is with pleasure that we welcome Fr Chinonye to St Patrick's Cathedral. Fr Chinonye is from Nigeria and has been working in the Parramatta Diocese for quite a few years now, even having a short stint here at one point. He will be in residence here at the Cathedral as he embarks on a period of study at the Australian Catholic University. Like Fr Joseph, he will assist on weekdays with Masses and Reconciliation, though not on Sundays when he will assist elsewhere in the diocese.

Welcome, Fr Chinonye!

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

National Tree Planting

Are you interested in attending the Parramatta district national tree community planting event? It will be held Sunday 28 July at Upjohn Park, Dundas, 10:00am-1:00pm. The parish is keen to organise a group to attend if there's interest. There's no cost to attend but prior registration is required. Please contact Claire Pospischil via socialjustice@stpatscathedral.com.au to receive more details.

Jam Preserving - an open invitation

The next preserving night will be held **Thursday 18 July** from 5:00pm in the presbytery kitchen. We'll be making preserves to contribute to an upcoming parish drive across August supporting the JRS foodbank. Please email Claire from the Social Justice Group for additional information and to rsvp your attendance at: socialjustice@stpatscathedral.com.au

Parramatta Mission

An invitation is extended to parishioners of the cathedral parish interested in preparing and serving lunch to some of our marginalised and vulnerable neighbours at Parramatta Mission, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta, on Tuesday 23 July from 10:30am-1:30pm. Please phone Adam on 0476 064 973 if you are interested. A rewarding and enjoyable few hours with our sisters and brothers!

Trivia Night

Have you got your ticket? Don't know anyone? Don't worry, come along and make new friends. See the notice below for details!

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP PRESENTS A

TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a fun evening as we test our wits and tease our brains to see who will triumph as St Patrick's Trivia Champion for 2024!



[BOOK HERE](#)

**SATURDAY
27 JULY 2024**

7:00PM - 10:00PM

\$10 per person or
\$80 per table of 8

BYO nibbles and drinks.

or contact socialjustice@stpatscathedral.com.au

Our Social Justice Group is raising funds for a parish community lunch celebrating with refugees supported by the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS).

PARISH NOTICES

Condolences

It is with deep sadness that we extend our heartfelt condolences to Margaret Connelly (Meg) and her family on the passing of her beloved father, Peter Gale.

Meg recently resigned as our Cathedral parish sacraments coordinator, and her dedication and service have been greatly valued by our community. During this difficult time, we offer our thoughts and prayers to Meg and her family.

May the love and support of our parish community bring you comfort and strength.

Happy 90th Birthday, Phil Russo

This week, we joyfully celebrate the 90th birthday of Phil Russo, a cherished member of our parish community. Phil, your life has been a testament to faith, love, and dedication, and we are grateful for the many ways you have enriched our lives.



May your special day be filled with joy, surrounded by loved ones, and may God continue to bless you with health and happiness in the years ahead.

Credo Young Adults - Formation & Fellowship

After a successful re-launch of Credo for Young Adults, we will be holding another night of faith and fellowship on **Sunday 21 July from :007pm in the Cloister Cafe.**

All young adults from 18-35 years of age are welcome to join. If you know anyone that may be interested in joining us, please bring them along.

Refreshments will be provided - i.e. FREE FOOD (*donations welcome*).



St Elisabeth Convent from Belarus

St. Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus, a Christian community that supports a large psychiatric hospital; takes care of an orphanage for children with mental and physical disabilities and runs a rehabilitation centre and a shelter for the homeless will be visiting St Patrick's on the weekend **03 & 04 August.**

You are invited to use this opportunity to purchase a beautiful religious article or souvenir made with love and prayer. As a result, many people with special needs and/or addictions who labour in our workshops get a chance to rehabilitate through supporting themselves and feeling needed by the society.

We thank you for your generosity in advance by assisting us in carrying out this very important ministry of God.

Diocese to Launch Synod Document



On 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta will hold a Diocesan Gathering, inviting various members of the Diocese to discuss the implementation of the Diocesan Plan within our communities. This has been a result of a long journey, beginning in May 2023.

In March 2023, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv formally announced the convocation of the first Diocesan Synod for the Diocese of Parramatta, marking a historic moment for our community. Between May and July 2023, members of our faith community were invited to reflect on their experiences, engage in discussions, and submit their responses. These contributions were collected and synthesised by the Synod Writing Group to develop the agenda and Synod Working Document for the first Synod Assembly, held from 13-15 October 2023.

In January 2024, the official Decrees and Declarations were launched, outlining the outcomes of the Synod and forming the foundation for the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church. This plan is being developed from February to July 2024, with continued synodal practices and Think Tank Sessions involving local leaders and ministry teams.

We ask for your prayers for Bishop Vincent Long and all members of the Diocese involved in this important launch. May their efforts be guided by the Holy Spirit to foster a more synodal and united Church.

Spotlight on Ministry - Christian Meditation

Every Tuesday at 9:30 am, a committed group of Christians gathers at the presbytery for an hour of peaceful meditation.

Through the years, strong friendships have formed, fostering a sense of camaraderie among participants.

If you're interested in experiencing serenity and inner peace, you're welcome to join them.



From Around The Diocese

Bishop Vincent presents Dr Myriam Wijlens

Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultor to several Vatican bodies, Dr Myriam Wijlens will be coming to Australia to deliver a series of free public lectures on the topic of 'The prophetic voice of the laity in the renewal of the Catholic Church.' Dr Myriam will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series on **Monday 05 August** at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6:00pm. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/drmiriam

First Diocesan Kids' Art Competition

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! Children and young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme "My Church community is a safe place for me". Entries close on Friday 26 July. For more information and to enter, please visit parracatholic.org/artcompetition

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening: 25 July

You are invited to a Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening with keynote speaker John Lochowiak, Chair of NATSICC. The event will reflect on the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People", and is hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, together with the Diocese of Parramatta and Archdiocese of Sydney: 25 July 2024, 6:00pm, The Epping Club (45-47 Rawson St, Epping). Please register by 17 July at trybooking.com/ctcfo

Holy Hour for Vocations: 19 July

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown with Fr Tom Green on Friday 19 July from 6.30pm, followed by Mass. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812 or email galbert.albino@parracatholic.org

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email marriage@parracatholic.org or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

Serving at the Altar Seminar: 03 August

The Office for Worship is hosting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) on "Back to Basics of Serving at the Altar" on **Saturday 03 August** from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Chris Ohlsen will present the seminar, which will revisit some of the basic principles in serving at the altar. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To RSVP by 31 July, please contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

Worship Music Copyright Workshop

Calling all Parish musicians and members of our parish communities who create slides and booklets for our masses. Mr Eric Grella will be holding a workshop titled "The Importance of Copyright". Bring all your questions to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on 30 July or to St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on 01 August at 7:00pm. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship> or email lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org.

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

At St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, we are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to...

- Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person;
- Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

From Around The Diocese

Winbourne Key Learnings from Mark's Gospel Reflection Day: 27 July

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on key learnings from the Gospel of Mark on Saturday 27 July from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The messages in the Gospel are still appropriate in our times and uncovering it could be vital for your spiritual growth. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email info@winbourne.org

Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on **17-18 August**, with future dates in November and February 2025. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust Applications open

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and application forms are available on their website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship. Applications close 31 July 2024.

Soul Food Podcast

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food

Great Saints of Italy: Pilgrimage with Fr Chris Del Rosario

Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, it is also a land made rich in grace by its colourful history of holy men and women. Follow their paths etched into our faith heritage, from the great Christian centre of Rome to sacred towns. This is an amazing opportunity to deepen our faith and explore the rich tapestry of culture, art, and history that Italy has to offer.

COMMENCES MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2024
11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

Rome (3 nights) • Pietrelcina • San Giovanni Rotondo (2) • Monte Sant'Angelo • Lanciano • Cascia • Assisi (2) • Siena • Florence (1) • Bologna • Padua (2) • Venice

Bookings & Enquiries
Harvest Journeys - 1800 819 156

Worship A Journey of Faith RCIA Seminars: Beginning 31 July

The MET Worship team are holding a series of seminars for RCIA coordinators to come together to learn and ask questions about how to run an RCIA program in their parish. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays (and one Tuesday) from 31 July to 28 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Participants may attend as many workshops as they are interested in. For more information and to register, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=rcia-seminars> or contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

Peace, Justice and Ecology Table Talk – Housing for Everyone: 3 August

Many people in our communities struggle to find a home, due to high prices to rent or buy, lack of availability, or lack of social housing. At this Diocesan Table Talk, you are invited to hear and discuss inspiring stories from people affected and insightful information from an expert: 03 August 2024 from 7:00pm – 9:30pm (after Mass) at The Good Shepherd Parish, 130-136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton. Light dinner will be included. Please register at tinyurl.com/housing-table-talk24



Are you up for fun, fitness, and fellowship? Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf on Sunday 11 August

Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code or visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Peter Gale, Laarni Elegino, Laarni Gara Elegino, Leo Bardetta, 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

Deceased: Dora Kirk, Antonio, Maria & Benjamin Fuenyes, Cyprian Fernando, Leela Cyprian, Teodulo Sarreal, Lucy D'Mello

Anniversaries: Annette Van Tilburg, Johannes & Maria Lelyveld, Juan Montesco, Maximina Manlangit, Vittoria Teuma, Deanna Hsu, Juliet Noronha, Aurelia S Bernardo, Chen Jing Xian, Benny & Alban Fonseca

Perpetuals: 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: Felicitas Appathurai, Maria, Victoria, Krys, Jim, Helga, Rohan Rodricks, 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, Anthony 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

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BAPTISMS



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

Penelope Russo Cid Jimenez
Caleb Campos

WEDDINGS



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

Alexandria Ng & Dexter Bellett

POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for July



For the pastoral care of the sick

"We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 07 July*

"God hides in the dark corners of lives and cities. His presence is revealed precisely in faces marked by suffering. The Lord becomes a friendly presence in the wounded flesh of the least, the forgotten, and the discarded."

Saint of the Week

20 July - St Thorlak (1133-1193), Bishop

Thorlak Thorhallsson was born in 1133 at Hlíðarendi in the see of Skálholt in southern Iceland. He was ordained a deacon before he was fifteen and a priest at the age of eighteen. He studied abroad at Paris with the Victorines and then studied canon law at Lincoln. He returned to Iceland in 1165 and founded a monastery of Canons Regular at Þykkvabær. There he devoted himself to a strictly religious life, refusing to marry (many other Icelandic priests were married) and devoting himself to reciting the Our Father, the Creed, and a hymn, as well as fifty Psalms.

Thorlak was consecrated bishop of Skálholt by Augustine of Nidaros and worked to regulate the Augustinian Rule in Iceland, as well as to eradicate simony, lay patronage, and clerical incontinency.

He died on 23 December 1193 and after having been informally venerated as a saint for many centuries he was officially canonised by Pope John Paul II, who named him patron saint of Iceland.

Information: Universalis



“Quote of the Week”

"The austerity of a desert hermit or the discipline of a Trappist monk is not for everyone. But if these paths are not for us, there still remains the challenge to resist the downward drift of the world, to take possession of our own souls, to incline our hearts to the source of life, and to know, before we die, that we have truly lived. If we succeed, we may become, like the saints, a source of life and light to others."



Robert Ellsberg
(b.1955)
Catholic Author & Publisher

Did You Know...?

...that the shaking off of dust from the bottom of one's feet was a common gesture in the time of Jesus?

Jesus orders the Twelve to do this if they are not warmly received by people as they go out on their mission in pairs. For the Jewish people, who often had to pass through pagan territories when returning to their own land, this gesture was a common one. It was symbolic of cleansing oneself from that which was not Godly on returning to their own, blessed land.



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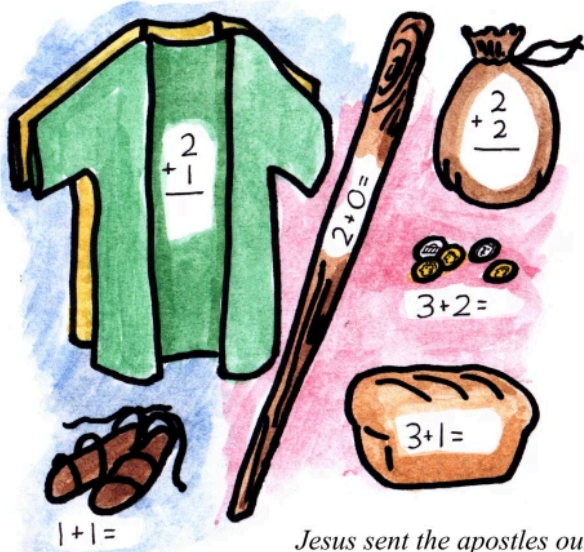
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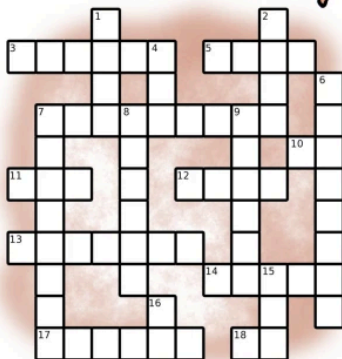
Jesus sent the apostles out two at a time to teach the people about Him and heal the sick and cast out demons. What did He tell them to take with them?

Add up the numbers. The ones that equal 2 are the things that Jesus told the apostles to take.

Mark 6:7-13

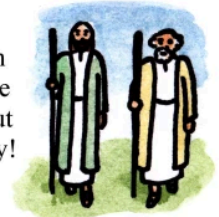
Jesus Sends the Apostles Two by Two Cross-Word

And he called to him the _____ 9D and began to send them out two _____ 18A two, and gave them _____ 7A over the _____ 13A spirits. He charged _____ 12A to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money _____ 16D their belts; and to wear sandals and not put on _____ 4D tunics. And _____ 10A said to them, "Where you enter a house _____ 2D there until you leave the place. And if _____ 15D place will not receive _____ 11A and they refuse to hear you, when you _____ 14A, shake off the dust that is on your _____ 1D for a testimony against them." So they went out and _____ 6D that men should _____ 3A. And they cast out many _____ 17A, and _____ 7D _____ 5A oil many that were sick and _____ 8D them.



Jesus Sends Us Out to Teach

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus sends the apostles out to teach and heal people in other towns. The apostles had never taught before, but Jesus was sending them out anyway!



God wants you to teach people about Him too. It doesn't matter if you've never done it before. Sometimes the best way to teach people about God is by being good, like He is, but sometimes you can tell people about Him too.



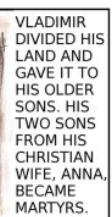
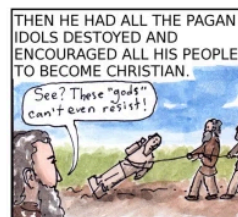
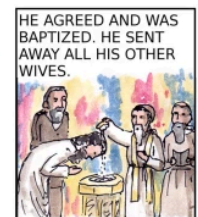
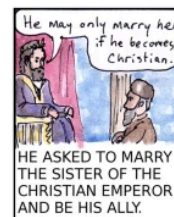
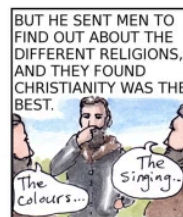
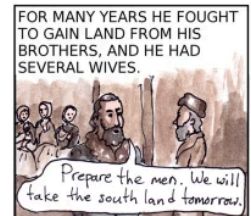
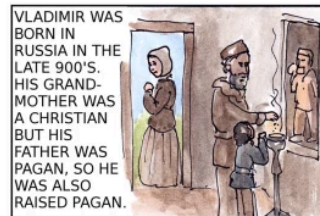
Jesus wants all Christians to be apostles and tell the world about Him. Some people, like priests and parents and teachers, teach people about Jesus as part of their job. Other people just tell about Jesus by being like Him. What would you like to do when you grow up? How will you be able to teach other people about God?

Answer to puzzle on front page: sandals and staff.
7.authority, 10.he, 11.you, 12.them, 13.judean, 14.leave, 17.demons, 18.by
Down: 1.feet, 2.stay, 4.two, 6.preached, 7.anointed, 8.healed, 9.twelve, 15.and, 16.in.



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Saint Vladimir July 15



VLADIMIR DIED WHEN HE WAS OLD. HE HAD SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE FIGHTING TO GAIN HONOUR FOR HIMSELF, BUT WHEN HE FOUND THE TRUE FAITH HE JOINED IT. HE HAD MANY CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES BUILT. WHEN A PERSON WHO HAS LED A BAD LIFE CHANGES, THEY CAN HELP BRING OTHERS TO GOD.

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