

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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11 August 2024 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND

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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The Journey into Divine Life

"IF YOU DON'T KNOW where you are going, you might not get there." These were the words of an American business guru, Yogi Berra. They sound simple but they are really quite profound. They certainly apply in business but they also apply to the rest of our lives. Have you ever thought about this? Where is it that you are trying to get to? Some people might say: "We are trying to get to heaven." and that's fair enough, but when I hear this I sometimes worry – it can sometimes feel like a primary school version of our faith – we do good or avoid sin in order to "qualify" for heaven. This puts God as some sort of scorekeeper or judge and our



lives as some sort of test, that we will pass or fail. This is not how we should understand our faith, in fact it is dangerously close to a heresy called Pelagianism. At its essence Pelagianism suggested that we could behave well morally through exercising our will, in other words we could reach heaven by our own efforts. Our faith teaches us, however, that we need God's grace in order to live as we are called to live, and that we cannot do this just through our own efforts.

A better way to understand all this may be to see our lives as a journey, and the destination of that journey is divine life with God. Again, some people think that divine life begins when we die, but that is not the case, divine life is here and now. It began when Jesus came into the world. A Christian journey is one that draws us deeper and deeper into divine life with God in the here and now. If we live this way, then death is just another step deeper into that divine life.

So, where does sin come into all this? Well, sin is what draws us away from the divine life. We cannot live in sin and also be in real relationship with God. It distracts us, draws us away, and can take us off the road to God entirely. And sin is real, and the enemy is active. The enemy will constantly try to draw us into sin. Our own will is not enough to keep us on track, and that is where Jesus comes in. Jesus is the "bread of life". This is the bread given to us by God to sustain us on our journey into divine life.

We receive Jesus clearly in the Eucharist, and we also receive Him in His word. Remember, the Eucharist is not just some magic wafer, it is a sacrament, and a sacrament is only as fruitful as it is received. In other words, we must receive the Eucharist with great faith, faith that we are taking into ourselves the very person of Christ. In a similar way, we receive Christ in His word, not by simply listening to it, but by taking it into our hearts, and living it out in our lives.

In the first reading the angel tells Elijah: "...eat, or the journey will be too long for you." This message is for us too. We need Jesus, in His sacrament and in His word. If we truly take Jesus into our bodies, into our hearts, into our lives, we too will have the strength to complete the journey to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God, and the fullness of divine life.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Deacon David

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!

Gearing up for our Second Monthly Barbecue and Bazaar

Apart from slices and small cakes, we will have a range of plants (succulents) and books for bargain basement prices.

If you have a fruit tree laden with a crop you can't give away, bring them and we will sell them. Hate to see good food going to waste. Andy and Carmen's grapefruit were a real hit.

The barbecue will be cranked up with sausage and bacon and egg sandwiches tempting the nostrils.

If you would like to donate items for us to sell or would like to volunteer on the day, please call the office. Although we usually are never short of helpers just turning up, it helps us allocate jobs.

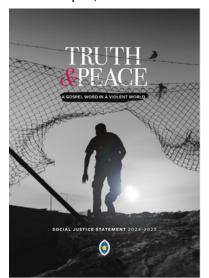
Our next barbecue event will be held on Sunday 25 August.

Our callout for volunteers also brought in a few new faces to the parish, providing a wonderful opportunity to get to know them and build relationships. If you would like to put your name down to help out for the next barbecue, please call Donna or Pat from the office.

To those who volunteered to help out with events, we are putting together a group for this. We will contact you in the next week to check out messages and the group on our Cathedral App.

Social Justice Sunday - 25 August

Each year the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference publishes a Social Justice Statement. This tradition goes back many decades, to 1940, in fact, and the range of topics covered by these statements is wide and varied. From issues concerning First Nations Peoples, to the eradication of poverty, to the concerns of the elderly and



through to immigration and the plight of prisoners, the Social Justice Statements leave no stone unturned in pursuing the call of Jesus and the Church to build the kingdom of God here and now. This year, Social Justice Sunday falls on 25 August.

The title of this year's statement is **Truth and Peace:** A Gospel World in a Violent World. It
will be available online shortly at the Australian
Catholic Bishops Conference website and
elsewhere online. For a preview, go to
https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/06/26/
truth-and-peace/

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated this week on **Thursday 15 August.** A reminder that this is a a **holy day of obligation**, one of just two for Latin Rite Catholics in Australia. As well as the usual 6:30am and 12:30pm Masses on that day, there will be an additional Mass at 7:30pm on the same day.



PARISH NOTICES

Weekly App Update: Focus on Events Check-in

This week, we would like to focus on the new Events Check-in feature of our Cathedral App. Last week, we launched the Check-in feature, and it was successfully tried out by the parents whose children are being confirmed at the Cathedral during their second parent information session.



The check-in feature will be beneficial to us in many ways, including tracking attendance at events, signing in for those serving at Mass, and we hope to utilize it for emergency security purposes as well. More details on this will follow.

Please note that the check-in feature will only work if you are a registered member of the parish.

Events:

To access and register for events in the Cathedral:

- Go to "Connect" (at bottom of screen)
- Click on "Calendar and Events", then...
- · Click on "Upcoming Events" to see a list

Seeking Seamstresses

St. Patrick's Cathedral Music department is seeking one or two seamstresses or sewers to assist in the making of a number of additional choir robes and cassocks for the cathedral choir, cantors and organists.



Fabric and design templates will be provided. If you would like to assist in outfitting our cathedral musicians, please contact the cathedral office.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

We have 46 children who are registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. We look forward to accompanying these children and their parents on this exciting faith journey.

Timetable for future sessions is as follows:

- Saturday, 10 August, 4:30pm in the Cloister Hall Session 3
- Saturday, 24 August, 4:30pm in the Cloister Hall Session 4
- Saturday, 31 August, 4:30pm in the Cathedral Practice
- Saturday, 07 September, 11:00am in the Cathedral Order of Confirmation.

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 11 August from 7:00pm in the Cloister Cafe.**

All young adults from 18-35 years of age are welcome to join.

Refreshments will be provided - donations welcome!

Position Vacant

The Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, is seeking applications for a full time, Benefactor Support Coordinator. The role is based at the national office in Penrith. Experience in customer service and/or the processing of donations is ideal. For information visit, www.aidtochurch.org/jobs. Applications close 23 August.

Foodbank in August

We are once again organising a foodbank drive for our Jesuit Refugee Service partners in Parramatta. This will run throughout the month of August.

We are in need of: cooking oil, basmati rice, canned coconut milk, long life milk, coffee and gift vouchers for Coles and Woolworths. Gift vouchers to the office, please! Check the sign in the chapel for quantities of these various items.



You will see the space in the chapel for donations to be placed. Please support this very worthy enterprise!

Congratulations Andy & Carmen!

Congratulations to Andy and Carmen Cutajar who celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Thursday, 08 August. Fr Chris del Rosario kindly popped back to his old parish to celebrate the 12:30pm Mass on that day and give a blessing to Andy and Carmen on this momentous occasion. May you both have many more years of blessed marriage together!









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.

From Around The Diocese

Launch of Diocesan Synod document on Saturday 10 August



Next Saturday, 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta will hold a significant Diocesan Gathering. This event will bring together various members of our Diocese to discuss and implement the newly developed Diocesan Plan within our communities. This gathering is the culmination of a journey that began in March 2023, when Bishop Vincent Long 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 reflected on their experiences, engaged in discussions, and submitted their responses. These contributions were synthesized 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. From February to July 2024, this plan has been further developed through ongoing synodal practices and Think Tank Sessions involving local leaders and ministry teams.

We are honored to announce that the launch will feature two esteemed keynote speakers: Dr. Myriam Wijlens, a renowned expert in canon law and ecclesiology, and Dr. Ormond Rush, a distinguished theologian known for his work on the theology of the Second Vatican Council. Both have been deeply involved in the Synod on Synodality, and their insights and perspectives will be invaluable as we embark on this synodal journey.

In addition to the keynotes, the Diocesan Gathering will include workshops and opportunities for networking.

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.

The Hospitality Coordinator was amazed!

Last Sunday as I arrived in the café after 11:00am Mass, a young man came hurrying in laden with two bags of mini cupcakes. He said they were left after his daughter's celebration of her first birthday.

I was so overwhelmed by his donation that I forgot to ask him his name! I did however thank him, saying "God bless you for your generosity."

If he sees me around the cathedral, I'm hoping he will tell me who he is!

I am continually amazed by how St Pat's parishioners support the Sunday morning teas, bringing items to augment supplies.

ACBC "Absent from the Table" Survey

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass. The survey, for those who self-identify as Catholics and are 18 years and over and who do not regularly attend weekly Mass on Sunday, is anonymous and will close on **20 August.** The survey and information about the project can be found at https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: 18 August

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday 18 August from 10:00am to around 3:00pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea will be provided. For enquiries, please contact Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or call 0437 340 250.

Universal Sisterhood Women's Retreat: 17 August

Universal Sisterhood is hosting a women's retreat on Saturday 17 August from 8:45am to 5:15pm at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. This retreat is open to all women 18+ who want to develop a deeper understanding of their faith and are searching for an authentic relationship with the Lord and with other like minded women. Registration is \$100. To register, please visit: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1171377. All enquiries, call 0403 962 181.

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Jose Santos, Antonio De La Pena, Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, Rev Te Nguyen, Sam Jao, Peter Lamberson, Vera Fernandes, Bernadette Merl-King, Peter Gale, Laarni Elegino, Laarni Gara Elegino, Leo Bardetta, Foo Siew Moi, Tom Scicluna, Sr Enda Ryan, Janet Cotter, Brian McCarthy, Nelly Estay

Deceased: Liza Khourga, Judith Soso, Narar & Lewis Nissan, Deanna Hsu, Primitivo & Estrella Distraso, Belen Distraso, Arnulfo Distraso, Ivica Stipcevic, YT Hsu, Dora Kirk, Antonio, Maria & Benjamin Fuenyes

Anniversaries: Jaime Blandon, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Margaret Russo, Alexis A Santiago, Anna Le, Paul So Nguyen, Mathew Joseph, Sophie Ellis, Eufemio Ramirez, Fe & Emy Masangkay, Harriot Kurera, Annette Van Tilburg, Johannes & Maria Lelyveld

Perpetuals: Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Paul Mahoney, 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: Galulbut Pais, John Ryan, Maria Llave, John Wright, John Ryan, 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 AlTers, Melissa Carter, Terry Pumati, Leonora, Shana, Fr Peter Henry, Anthony Tran, Leonardo Close, Michael Perez, Franz Tito, Soane Kikanoi, Olivia Harb, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Agnes Patacsil, Raveen, Stephen & Chris, Stephen Senjak & family, Carmelita Perez, Joey Bugo, Naleen, Tian, Jake Del Mar & family, Esther Lee, Bernabe Patacsil, Juan M Cabezas, Naleen, Andrew, Kelly Berg, Joey Bugo, Cenacle Group, Ping Hsu, Sarah Khalil, Kiesie, EJ, Hoang Minh Nguyen, Fr Peter Henry, Peter Newman, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Michael Perez, Sarah Ferguson, Kate Middleton, 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

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following child who was recently baptised here...

Keira Sean





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

Aylin Gonzalez & Evan Adam

POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for August



For political leaders

"We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs."

From Pope Francis...

From a tweet dated 07 August

"All of us sometimes find ourselves, in life, in situations beyond our strength and ask ourselves: "How can I cope with this situation?" It helps, in such cases, to remember that "With God nothing will be impossible" (Lk 1:37). And if we believe this, we will perform miracles."

Saints of the Week

13 August - Sts Pontian (d. 235), Pope, Martyr & Hippolytus (d.235), Priest, Martyr

Hippolytus was a priest and a learned man, the most important writer of the Church at Rome in the early third century. He strongly attacked the popes of the time, and was set up as a rival Pope to St Callistus. Some time later, in Maximin's persecution, he was sent to labour in the quarries of Sardinia. There he met the then Pope, Pontian, and was reconciled with him. Pontian was made Pope in 231, and was sent to the quarries in 235, where he resigned the papacy and died. Pontian's successor, Fabian, had both bodies brought back to Rome for burial, and Pontian and Hippolytus were already being venerated by the Roman Church by the start of the fourth century.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"The situation will not chnage unless the Church adopts a completely new model of pastoral ministry, different from that of territorial parishes, unless it offers a new understanding of the priest's mission in the Church and in society, unless it creates the conditions for a new style of training for the priesthood, and unless it creates even greater scope for the involvement of the laity, both men and women, in the life and activities of the Church."



Tomas Halik
(b.1948)
Czech priest, theologian and
philosopher
The Afternoon of Christianity (2024)

Did You Know...?

...that chapter six of John's Gospel, which we are currently hearing in our Sunday Masses, is one of the longest chapters in the Gospels?

If you look through the Gospels and examine the number of verses in each chapter, you will find that John 6 has 71 verses, the same number as Luke 22. These chapters have fewer verses however than Luke 1 and Matthew 26, which have 80 verses and 75 verses respectively. Mark 14 has 72 verses. As a matter of interest, the chapter with the least number of verses is

Matthew 3 with just 17 verses. We need to bear in mind that the scriptures were not originally composed with chapters and verses. These were added at a much later date.





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