ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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01 September 2024 - Twenty-second 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 (Sept - April)

Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 7:00pm in Chapel True Life in God: Last Friday @ 6:00pm in the Cloister Cafe

OTHER GROUPS

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

Credo Youth Ministries

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Religious Hypocrisy

STUDIES OF HOW we communicate have concluded that only 7% of meaning is conveyed in the words we use, whereas a whopping 38% is communicated through tone. A smart husband learns to pay great attention to the tone of his wife's words...Tone tells us how strongly a person feels about something and this is definitely true in the case of Jesus.

You might expect Jesus to use his harshest tones when he is addressing what we would think of as "sinners" but interestingly that doesn't prove to be the case. When Jesus addressed Matthew the tax collector, effectively a liar and an extortionist, he just invited Himself to dinner.



When He addressed the woman caught in the act of adultery, He spoke gently. Now He undoubtedly calls them to stop their sinning, but everything tells us that His tone was gentle.

No, Jesus reserves His harshest tone, His deepest, most passionate condemnation, for religious hypocrites. People who appeared religious on the outside but whose hearts were all wrong. "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." A religious hypocrite is someone who gives the outside impression of being holy but is very different underneath.

So, why is it that Jesus reserves his greatest condemnation for religious hypocrites?

Well, an obvious "sinner" who clearly either doesn't believe in a faith or doesn't practise it, mostly just damages themselves, but a person that pretends to be holy but is really something very different underneath, can do terrible damage to *other people* trying to live their faith. Hasn't our Church been terribly damaged by people who pretended to be holy and religious who were then found to be doing the most terrible things? They didn't just damage the people they abused, they damaged people's attitude towards the Church, the faith, and towards all the truly beautiful, truly loving, truly holy priests that have given up their lives to shepherd their flocks. Many, many, good people have turned their back on a Church that they desperately need, because of the actions of a few appalling hypocrites

None of us are like those monsters, but we still need to understand that if people consider us "religious", then they will look very closely at how we behave, and if our behaviour doesn't match our words, then that can have a serious impact on how they view the whole Christian faith.

Jesus tells us that our actions all begin in our hearts. A Christian's life should be a process of transforming their hearts, through God's grace, into hearts that become more and more like Jesus's heart. If we do, then over time, our actions will match what we profess with our lips. St James summarises what we are aiming for: we should be actively involved in outreach to people in need, and we must not allow the values of the world to become our values.

This week, let us challenge ourselves with these questions:

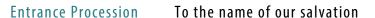
How well do my actions reflect what I say I believe? Am I actively involved in Christian outreach? Are my values clearly different from the values of the world? If someone looked at my life, would they immediately know that I am a Christian? And would they look at my actions and consider that being a Christian was a good thing to be?

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Deacon David

LITURGY GUIDE

INTRODUCTORY RITES





Text: Giorinas substrates, 15th cent; translated by J.M.Neale 1851 (selected verses)

Music: ALLELUIA DULCE CARMEN 87.87.87. Melody and bass from. An Essay on the Church Plainchant, 1782/Samuel Webbe; harmonised by W. H. Monk (all)

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **R** And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

(all strike their breast, three times)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Focusing the Word



Key words and phrases

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- Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders?
- Why do you put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions?
- This people honours me only with lipservice, while their hearts are far from me.
- Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you.
- You must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it.

to the point

 Jewish law and tradition understood religious purity in ritual terms washing hands, purifying pots, etc.
 Jesus redefines the terms of the debate. Purity before God flows from a heart turned to God and a life lived in observance of God's moral law.

Connecting the Word

to celebrating liturgy

Our own celebration of liturgy cannot get caught up simply in ritual observance but must always lead to right living.

to human experience

It is easier to do 'outside' actions such as cleaning 'jugs and kettles' than it is to do the harder work of cleaning one's heart. But it is as we do the 'inside' work of the heart that our 'outside' actions become pure.

LITURGY GUIDE

Kvrie Missa 'Pater cuncte' Chant Mass XII Missa 'Pater noster' G. P. da Palestrina Gloria The cantor intones then all repeat At the Solemn Mass, the Choir sings the Gloria. All SIT. Cantor then ALL Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory to God in the highest, Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. 1- son. Chris-te and on earth peace to people of good will. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. We praise you, we bless you, Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Ky-n-e 1- son. we adore you, we glorify you Gratias agimus tibi Missa 'Pater noster' G. P. da Palestrina Kyrie 11:00am we give you thanks propter magnam gloriam tuam. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison for your great glory, Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Lord God, heavenly King, Gloria R. Proulx A Community Mass Deus Pater omnipotens. O God almighty Father. Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe. Glo-ry to God in the high and on earth peace to peo-ple of Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, bless you, dore Qui tollis peccata mundi: you take away the sins of the world, miserere nobis. thanks, glo-ry glo - ri-fy you, we give you for have mercy on us; Qui tollis peccata mundi: Cantor: Lord, God, heav'nly King, You take away the sins of the world, O God, almighty Father. suscipe deprecationem nostram. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Be - got - ten_ receive our prayer; Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris: Cantor: Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You are seated at the right hand of the Father, you take away the sins of the world: miserere nobis. have have mercy on us. 411 Cantor: you take away the sins of the world: Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. For you alone are the Holy One, praver: OUL Tu solus Dominus. All you alone are the Lord, Cantor: you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mer - ev Collect Let us pray. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly you a -God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, Lord Ione the Most High, Je are you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, with the Ho rit. who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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Fa - ther.

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R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

(4:1-2, 6-8)

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5



Second Reading

A reading from the letter of James (1:17-18, 21-22, 27)

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Taize

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor: The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

R. Alleluia

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Profession of Faith Nicene Creed

I believe in one God.

the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Universal Prayer

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

During the Offertory, collection plates are passed along the pews.

There is only one collection taken up at St Patrick's Cathedral.

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Offertory Motet 11:00am

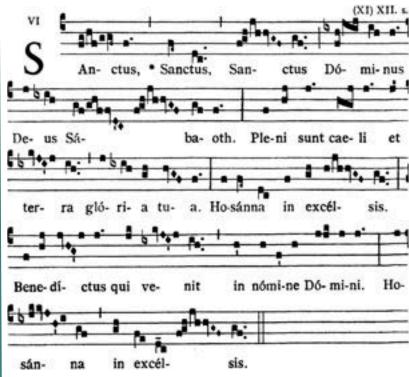
Teach me, O Lord

W. Byrd

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ps. 118(119)







LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



A -gnus De - i, * qui tol-lis peccá- ta mundi: do- na no-bis pa-cem.

Agnus Dei 11:00am

Missa 'Pater noster'

Amen Missa 'de Angelis' - men. A - men. A -

> From the Roman Missal...

Chapter VI THE REQUISITES FOR the CELEBRATION OF MASS I. THE BREAD AND WINE FOR CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

319. Following the example of Christ, the Church has always used bread and wine with water to celebrate the Lord's Supper. 320. The bread for celebrating the Eucharist must be made only from wheat, must be recently made, and, according to the ancient tradition of the Latin Church, must be unleavened.

321. By reason of the sign, it is required that the material for the Eucharistic Celebration truly have the appearance of food. Therefore, it is desirable that the Eucharistic Bread. even though unleavened and made in the traditional form, be fashioned in such a way that the Priest at Mass with the people is truly able to break it into parts and distribute these to at least some of the faithful. However, small hosts are not at all excluded when the large number of those receiving Holy Communion or other pastoral reasons call for them. Moreover, the gesture of the fraction or breaking of bread, which was quite simply the term by which the Eucharist was known in apostolic times, will bring out more clearly the force and importance of the sign of the unity of all in the one bread, and of the sign of charity by the fact that the one bread is distributed among the brothers and sisters. 322. The wine for the celebration of the Eucharist must be from the fruit of the vine (cf. Lk 22:18), natural, and unadulterated, that is, without admixture of extraneous substances

G. P. da Palestrina

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Antiphon

Domine memorabur

Ps. 70: 16-18

O Lord, I will be mindful of your justice alone; you have taught me, 0 God, from my youth; and so, unto old age and grey hairs, O God, forsake me not.

Communion Hymn O God, you search me and you know me



Prayer after Communion

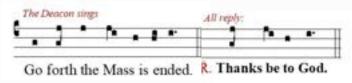
Let us pray.

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal



Postlude

Toccata and Fugue in F

J. Grison



8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. R.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. R.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia,

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

R. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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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!

Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal

31 August / 01 September

Please support the Fathers' Day Appeal this weekend. Your tax-deductible donations will help care for those many aged and sick clergy who have served so faithfully for many decades. Thank you!

Let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal by visiting the donation website at paracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you!

Envelopes are available on the pews or at the doors for you to take home and return on Fathers' Day weekend. You can also contribute via the Cathedral App.





National Child Protection Week 2024 Theme: "Every Conversation Matters"

This weekend begins National Child Protection Week. In today's Mass we are reminded that all of God's creation is good. We are challenged to do all we can to help and nurture all God has created.

In our prayer, in our conversations and in our actions, let us always show our commitment to actively promote the dignity and rights of all persons and, most particularly in this week, let our ministry and service actively support the voices and wellbeing of children in our Parish and local community.





Diary Claimer

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 29
September at 12:30pm (after the 11:00am Mass) in the Cathedral Hall. Apologies for the mistake with the date in last weekend's bulletin.

PARISH NOTICES

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Please keep those children preparing for Confirmation in your prayers.

Bishop Vincent will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, **07 September at 11:00am** in the Cathedral.

First Friday - 06 September @ 7:00pm

We warmly invite you to join us for our First Friday Devotion this Friday, 06 September, starting at 7:00pm in the chapel. This is a special time to come together in prayer, reflection, and devotion. All welcome!

Maintenance - Audio and lighting

As most of you know, we have had some major issues for some time with out audio in the cathedral, and now with our lighting. Bearing in mind the cathedral is now over twenty years old, this is not surprising. The Diocese has given approval and funding for work to start on a major overhaul of the technology that drives our audio and lighting. I will keep you posted on developments. Fr Robert

Mini Bazaar - Babecue Fundraiser



We are there!

Thank you to all who have worked hard to bring success to our fundraising efforts to purchase two new barbecues for our parish. This includes those who gave so generously of their time to cook, set-up and sell items, the donors and so many others. Thank you too, of course, to those who purchased goods to help meet our fundraising target.

This doesn't mean our fundraising bazaars will be ending, however!

We will be informing the parish of our next target and focus project in the a couple of weeks' time. Thank you again!

Young Adult Formation... Join Fr Tom Green

How not to be a proselytizer...

Followed by fun, fellowship and pizza

For Adults 18-35

Date: Sunday 08 September 7:00pm-8:30pm

Where: The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy St, Unit 4, Minchinbury

Suggested donation: \$5

Our parish Young Adult Credo Group will meet, as usual, on the third Sunday of the month, **15 September**, after the 6:00pm Mass in the Cloister Cafe. All 18-35s welcome!

Parish and JRS Community Lunch

Parish/JRS community lunch at St Pat's Cathedral, **Saturday 14 September.** Our parish is hosting a community lunch to give parishioners and people supported by JRS the opportunity to meet, share a meal and get to know each other better. There will be free food prepared by people supported by JRS, a jumping castle, music and children's activities. Event bookings via the parish app. Places are limited. We hope to see you there!

Foodbank in August

Another overwhelming success. Thank you to all who generously donated goods and vouchers. They will certainly go a long way in replenishing the cupboards of the JRS organisation. Your last chance to contribute is this weekend. Once again, thank you!

Items to donate include: cooking oil, basmati rice, canned coconut milk, long life milk, coffee and gift vouchers for Coles and Woolworths.

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.









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PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Dr Joseph Kur, Riath Korkes, Raymond Robinson, Jose Santos, Antonio De La Pena, Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, Rev Te Nguyen, Sam Jao, Peter Lamberson

Deceased: Lucy D'Mello, Liza Khourga, Judith Soso, Narar & Lewis Nissan, Deanna Hsu, Primitivo & Estrella Distraso, Belen Distraso, Arnulfo Distraso, Ivica Stipcevic, YT Hsu, Dora Kirk, Antonio

Anniversaries: Pauline & Benigno, Jose Ramirez, Norm Hector, Mary Thottan, Angela Tantini & Valentino, Agnes Nethercott, Jaime Blandon, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Margaret Russo, Alexis A Santiago, Anna Le

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: Gaulbert Pais, Mark Slee, Galulbut Pais, John Ryan, Maria Llave, John Wright, John Ryan, Felicitas Appathurai, Maria, Victoria, Krys, Jim, Helga, Rohan Rodricks, Martina Galea, Joey S Bugo, Melissa, Fred & Odette Harb, Nasr Nasr, John Ryan, Anne-Marie 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, Olivia Harb, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Naleen, Tian & Raveen, Nguyen Xuan Duc, Agnes Patacsil, Stephen & Chris, Stephen Senjak & family, Carmelita Perez, Joey Bugo, 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

BAPTISMS



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

Jaxon Mieth
Micah Sorromero Mostoles





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

Kristine del Rosario & Damien Bower Chloe Pace & Todd Bassingthwaighte

POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for September



For the cry of the Earth

"We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live."

From Pope Francis...

From a tweet dated 24 August

"We live in a world at war, with ongoing crises and conflicts. Let us find the wisdom and strength to see beyond the clouds and read the signs of the times. In the hope generated by faith, may we inspire young people to work for a better tomorrow."

Saint of the Week

04 September - St Cuthbert (c.634-687), Bishop

According to tradition, he was a shepherd boy. Certainly he became a monk, and later prior, at Melrose. After the Synod of Whitby in 664 he became prior of Lindisfarne and gradually won over the community to Roman ecclesiastical customs. He was zealous in preaching the Gospel but most attracted to living the life of a hermit, and in 676 he left the monastery and lived in solitude on the nearby island of Inner Farne. For the last two years of his life he served as bishop of Lindisfarne, but he returned to his island to die, on 20 March 687. His remains were removed from their resting place at Lindisfarne to escape Viking raiders and were eventually enshrined at Durham Cathedral. Because the anniversary of his death always falls within Lent, his feast is celebrated on the anniversary of the enshrinement of his remains at Durham.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"... the Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried."



G K Chesterton (1874-1936) Author and Christian apologist

Did You Know...?

...that ritual purity such as we hear about in this weekend's Gospel?

An Australian liturgy periodical, *The Summit*, notes that "The laws governing washing probably originated in practices to ensure health and hygiene, but physical signs of impurity came to be seen as symbolic of a moral or spiritual imperfection." We are all familiar with the priest symbolically washing his hands at the start of the Eucharistic Prayer, a sign of his desire for a pure heart.







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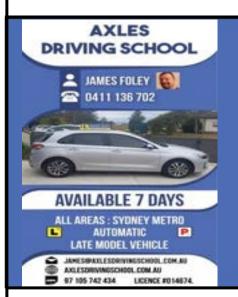
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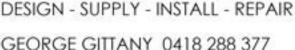




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