



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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**22 September 2024 - Twenty-fifth 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 9:30am - 11:00am  
**Facebook:** Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

### Crede Youth Ministries

Contact the office or find information on  
**Facebook:** [crede.stpats](https://www.facebook.com/crede.stpats)  
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## Being Ambitious for Humility

"PRIDE, AMBITION, JEALOUSY!" It sounds like a blurb for a new Netflix series. Actually, it sounds like a blurb for a hundred Netflix series... Well, this time around, it's not a TV series, it's this week's scriptures!

Human beings are strange creatures: we are very relational - we like to be in relationship with other people, and that's a good thing, but then there can be this other part of us - we like to be hierarchical, there has to be a pecking order, we want to feel we are above the other people we are in relationship with, and that is definitely not a good thing.

Our culture constantly encourages ambition, and ambition in itself is not a bad thing. We should aim to do well, to do better, to be better, but it seems as though the ambition the world mostly pushes at us, is ambition over other people, which is sad, even sadder because it brings out the worst in people. As St James tells us: "Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done". This negative form of ambition is just a form of selfishness, and selfish people are never really happy, whereas humble selfless people are among the happiest people I know.

In this week's Gospel the disciples showed the disappointing, and sadly, normal side of ambition. "I'm the greatest!" No, I'm the greatest!" How sad for Jesus to have to hear all this. Jesus' own lived example was the exact opposite. His was a life of humility, right from the moment He was born in a stable. He had never behaved any other way, and yet here they were, His very own disciples, full of self-pride. It's no wonder He gave them a good lecturing. Jesus used the example of a child to make His point. In Jewish culture at that time, children were considered to have no value at all. So, Jesus turned the conventional, normal, hierarchy on its head.

Why is it that we are encouraged to think we only have value if we are better than someone else? What a lie! It's just not true. People have an inherent dignity just by virtue of who they are. Each one is beautifully unique. That is the truth, and that is the truth that Jesus is sharing. When we make ourselves a servant to other people, when it's not a competition, we can see the beauty in them, and perhaps they may see some beauty in us.

So where does all this unhealthy ambition come from? Well, it comes from the master of all lies, the enemy. It was his own pridefulness that caused Satan to rebel against God. That pridefulness ended in disaster for him, and that kind of disaster is exactly what he wants for us. In time, one way or another, pride always leads to a fall.

Jesus calls us to the path of humility, His path, and in common with Jesus' own journey, if we take this path, we will still have challenges: our choices will make the people around us uncomfortable. Our choices make them look bad. So, do not expect an easy ride. We do this because it's right, it's good, and as the psalmist tells us - despite any challenges that may come our way, the Lord will uphold our lives.

This week, let us be ambitious in developing humility.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Deacon David*



# LITURGY GUIDE

## Entrance Procession Lord, whose love in humble service

1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the  
2. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your  
3. Called from wor - ship in - to ser - vice forth in

1. weight of hu - man need, who did on the  
2. love's re - veal - ing light, till the height and  
3. your great name we go, to the child, the

1. cross, for - sak - en, show us mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
2. depth and great - ness dawns up - on our hu - man sight;  
3. youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show.

1. we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a -  
2. mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion  
3. Hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and

1. lone, but heart; con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose  
2. bids us bear, stir - ring us to faith - ful ser - vice,  
3. peace we give, that your child - ren, Lord, in free - dom,

1. ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
2. your a - bun - dant life to share.  
3. may your mer - cy know, and live.

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Tune: IN HARBORNE 87.87D; *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boekenlijst*: 1710

## Sign of the Cross and Greeting

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

✠ Amen.

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

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

### Focusing the Word



### Key words and phrases

- The Son of Man is to be handed over but they did not understand.
- If anyone wants to be first he must make himself last of all and servant of all.
- I have God for my help.
- The Lord upholds my life.

### to the point

The structure of the gospel narrative is this: Jesus predicts his passion, death and resurrection; the disciples fail to understand; Jesus instructs them on true discipleship. The purpose of the prediction is not merely to foretell future events but also to describe a present way of living. The Master's death must be embraced by the disciples becoming 'servant of all.'

### Connecting the Word

#### to the first reading

'If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him.' God did, indeed, deliver the Son - not by sparing him from 'cruelty and torture' but by raising him from death.

#### to biblical culture

The Greek word for 'child' [paidion] also means 'servant,' indicating the insignificance of children in Greco-Roman culture where they had no social or legal status. In Isaiah 53:2 'paidion' is used to describe the 'suffering servant.' Receiving such a child/servant is, indeed, receiving Christ who is 'the servant of all.'

# LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie Congress Mass A. Rees

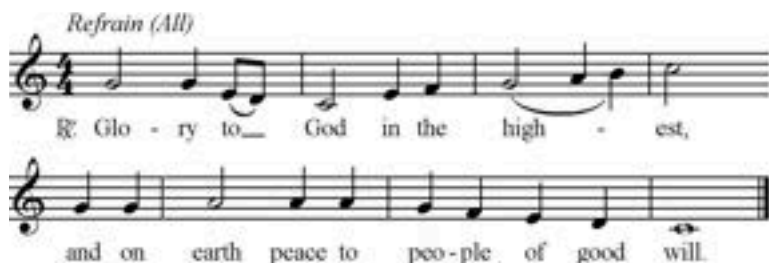
*The cantor intones then all repeat*



Kyrie 11:00am Missa 'Orbis factor' Chant XI

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison  
 Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Gloria Mass Shalom Smith/Mason



*The choir sings:*

We praise you,  
 we bless you,  
 we adore,  
 we glorify you,  
 we give you thanks for your great glory,  
 Lord God, heavenly King,  
 O God, almighty Father.

*R. Glory to God.....*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;  
 you take away the sins of the world: receive our prayer;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

*R. Glory to God.....*

For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father.

*R. Glory to God.....*



Gloria Mass of the Western Wynde J. Sheppard

*At the Solemn Mass, the Choir sings the Gloria. All SIT.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
 Glory to God in the highest,  
 Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
 and on earth peace to people of good will.  
 Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
 We praise you, we bless you,  
 Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
 we adore you, we glorify you  
 Gratias agimus tibi  
 we give you thanks  
 propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
 for your great glory,  
 Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
 Lord God, heavenly King,  
 Deus Pater omnipotens.  
 O God almighty Father.  
 Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.  
 Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 Qui tollis peccata mundi:  
 you take away the sins of the world,  
 miserere nobis.  
 have mercy on us;  
 Qui tollis peccata mundi:  
 You take away the sins of the world,  
 suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
 receive our prayer;  
 Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris:  
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 miserere nobis.  
 have mercy on us.  
 Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.  
 For you alone are the Holy One,  
 Tu solus Dominus.  
 you alone are the Lord,

## Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom (2:12, 17-20)

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,  
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.  
Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.  
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.  
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9



## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James (3:16 - 4:3)

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

A.G. Murray OSB

*The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat*

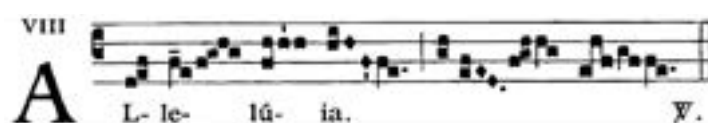


**Cantor:** God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**R. Alleluia**

11:00am

Chant Mode 8



## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (9:30-37)

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ...  
All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

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## Offertory Motet 11:00am

For the beauty of the earth J. Rutter

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light,

3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Lyrics by Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917*

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy) Congress Mass A. Rees

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,  
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Ho - san - na ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Mystery of Faith Missal Tone ICEL

S Ave us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Re-sur-rection,  
you have set us free.

## Amen Congress Mass A. Rees

A - men, A - men, A - men.

## Agnus Dei Congress Mass A. Rees

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

## Agnus Dei Mass of the Western Wynde J. Sheppard

### Communion Antiphon Tu mandasti mandata Ps.118,4

You have ordered that your commandments be kept diligently;  
0 that my ways may be guided towards the keeping of your statutes.

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Communion Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace: where

1. there is ha-tred, let me bring your love, where  
2. there's de-spair in life let me bring hope, where

1. there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
2. there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and

1. where there's doubt, true faith in you. To v.2 D.S. v.3  
2. where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy. 3. O

3. Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so much to be con-  
3. soled as to con-sole, to be un-der-stood as to un-der

3. stand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-

4. ing that we are par-doned, in giv-ing of our-selves that we re-

4. ceive, and in dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

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## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament,  
that we may come to possess your redemption  
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

## Postlude

Medieval Suite: V - Acclamations

J. Langlais



## 8:00am Mass Propers

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth. R.

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. R.

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. R.

### Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be  
carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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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!

## Sacraments of Initiation Reconciliation & Eucharist 2024/2025

An Information Evening will be held on **Tuesday 15 October**, at 7:30pm in the Cloister Function Room for those interested in registering their child(ren) for the Sacramental Program for baptised children. A Commitment Mass will follow on **Sunday 27 October**, at 9:30am.

Children must have turned **7 years old by 01 July 2024** to be eligible. Registration opens online via our website and app on Wednesday, 16 October. A copy of your child's Baptism certificate will be required.

For further details, email secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au or call Pat on 8839 8412.

## Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed!

### Notes to Parents

#### Where to from now?

Now that your child has been sealed with the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, here are three ways you can continue to encourage their spiritual growth:

- **Join the Credo Junior Youth Group:**  
This is a great opportunity for your child to stay connected with their faith and peers in a fun and nurturing environment. If you're interested, please contact Fr. Tom at frtom@stpatscathedral.com.au.
- **Encourage your child to become an altar server:**  
Serving at the altar is a wonderful way for your child to actively participate in the Mass. Fr. Tom also coordinates the altar server group, so you can reach out to him at the same email address above for more information.
- **Encourage your child to read their Bible gift.**

### Photos

A link to the photos from this celebration was emailed last week. Please note that this download link will expire on 18 October 2024, so we encourage you to download the photos you want as soon as possible. If you encounter any issues, kindly contact the parish office for assistance.

## Parish & JRS Community Lunch

The parish/JRS community lunch was held last Saturday 14 September, with around 100 parishioners, people supported by Jesuit Refugee Services and local high school students attending. We were blessed by great weather. Thank you to parishioners who supported the event by attending, donating dessert and drinks, supported the July trivia night fundraiser or washed dishes and helped with event pack up. Thank you also to the parish social justice group members, JRS and the 22 students from Catherine McAuley and Parramatta Marist who helped run the event.



# PARISH NOTICES

## SEASON OF CREATION 2024: "To Hope and Act with Creation"

*"We are well aware that the whole creation, until this time, has been groaning in labour pains, as if in one great act of giving birth." (Romans 8:22)*

The 2024 Season of Creation has been presented with the theme "To Hope and Act with Creation", a time of prayer and reflection running from September 1st, the Feast of Creation, to October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This season calls on Christians around the world to respond to the cry of creation and act to protect our common home.

The symbol guiding this year's celebration is "**The First Fruits of Hope**," drawn from Romans 8:19-25. In this passage, St. Paul reminds us that "Creation groans" (Rom 8:22) because of the harm we cause through selfishness and unsustainable actions. It shows us that we often treat the Earth, not as a gift from God, but as a resource to exploit. Yet, this same passage also calls us to a "hope" that does not mean passive waiting, but an active struggle to bring about new life, even in the face of challenges (Rom 8:20-21).

To hope, in the biblical sense, means to work, to cry out, and to act for a better future for creation. Creation itself teaches us that hope is present in patient expectation and in taking action toward that better future. As we worship the Creator, we are also called to work for a dynamic and fruitful future—one that brings about the first fruits of hope.

### A Simple Call To Action

**This week**, let us reflect on how we can contribute to this hope by considering our own actions. One area to consider is our participation in the throwaway culture. How can we make more mindful choices, reduce waste, and be better stewards of creation?

Encourage your family and friends to join in this reflection and consider small steps they can take to care for the environment in their daily lives. Together, we can plant seeds of hope and nurture the first fruits of a healthier, more sustainable world.

May this Season of Creation inspire us all to be active participants in the care of our common home, trusting in the hope that springs from both prayer and action.



## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

*This reflection is based on content from the Vatican website (Vatican.va).*

## Parish Pastoral Council - Commissioning



Last Sunday, we had the joy of commissioning, presenting, and welcoming the PPC team to our parish. Following Mass, they were available for a conversation during morning tea. If you didn't have the opportunity to connect with a team member, please feel free to email any suggestions or concerns you may have to: [ppc@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:ppc@stpatscathedral.com.au). This email will be directed to the entire PPC team.

## Parish Pastoral Council Update

At our fourth meeting on 16 September we took stock after four meetings together. As expected when a new group comes together, it is taking us time to get to know one another and to clarify our priorities after considering your needs and gifts in the context of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, launched just a month ago. We are continuing to discern what actions will help grow the people of our parish and its visitors.

Deacon Dave spoke to us about the Alpha program. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions on life, faith and meaning. It has potential to provide an easy entry point for spiritual growth and opportunities for participants to be of service. We have not made a decision about it yet, but several PPC members have experience with Alpha and vouch for its value.

For reflection: what is a current strength of our parish you would like to see amplified in the coming years?

**As always, we welcome your input in person or by email at [ppc@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:ppc@stpatscathedral.com.au), and please continue to pray for us.**

*Kerry Giumelli (Chair), Claire Pospischil (Deputy Chair), Aileen Bernardo, Martin Graham (Secretary), Susanna Loto'aniu, Helena Roumanus, Anne Stanton, John Starkey (with Fr Robert, Fr Tom and Mili Lee who are ex officio members of the PPC).*

## Reminder: Altar Servers Training

A quick reminder that Altar Servers training will be held on Monday, 23rd September 2024 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Cathedral.

We look forward to seeing all current and new servers for this important session.



# PARISH NOTICES

## Parish AGM Invitation

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Sunday 29 September at 12:30pm** (after the 11:00am Mass) in the Cathedral Hall.

The AGM is an important opportunity for us to come together as a parish community to reflect on the past year, discuss our current initiatives, and look ahead to the future. It is also a key moment for stewardship, as it allows for dialogue, accountability, and transparency in the way we manage our parish's resources and ministries.

Your participation is vital in ensuring that we continue to grow as a vibrant, responsible, and faithful community. We encourage all parishioners to attend and take part in this important discussion about the life and mission of our Cathedral parish.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

## Mini Bazaar Barbecue - This Sunday

Can you smell that barbecue sizzling? This weekend, we'll have our two new barbecues up and running, so come hungry! If barbecue isn't your preference, feel free to enjoy a cup of tea and some homemade cake— all at reasonable prices (*donations of cakes/muffins gladly accepted on the day*).

We also have a generous donation of handmade crocheted blankets and wraps that are sure to go quickly. The plant stall and white elephant sale will be lively as well.

What are we fundraising for, you might ask? The Presbytery is in need of a makeover, with half of the window frames already painted. We need to complete this project, and our funds require a boost. Hosting four to five mini bazaars should help cover the costs.

If you've attended one of our bazaars before, you know that the true highlight is the community spirit that these events foster; everything else is secondary.

On that note, we hope to see you there!

## St Elisabeth Convent - Thank you

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of your help during the visit of our Sister to your parish in July of this year. Your help is truly a blessing for us because it enables us to continue our missionary work in Belarus and to help those who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction as well as mentally and physically challenged people.



## Congratulations to Fr. Tom on His First Anniversary of Ordination

Yesterday, Saturday, 21 September, we had the joy of celebrating Fr. Tom's first anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. On behalf of the entire parish community, we offer our heartfelt congratulations and prayers as he continues his journey in serving God's people.

Fr. Tom was ordained on the Feast of St. Matthew, a significant day in the Church. St. Matthew, once a tax collector, was called by Jesus to become one of His apostles and the author of one of the Gospels. His transformation from a life focused on worldly gain to one of faith, discipleship, and evangelization is a powerful reminder of God's grace and the invitation extended to each of us to follow Him. St. Matthew's example of answering God's call echoes in Fr. Tom's own vocation to the priesthood, where he, too, has responded to the call to serve the Church and proclaim the Good News.

As we congratulate Fr. Tom, we give thanks for his ministry over this past year, and we pray that, like St. Matthew, he continues to be a faithful witness of Christ's love and mercy. May his priesthood be filled with joy, wisdom, and many more blessings in the years to come.

Please join us in keeping Fr. Tom in your prayers as he continues to serve our community with dedication and grace.

*"Follow me," Jesus said to Matthew, and he got up and followed Him. (Matt 9:9)*

## 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.

# PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

## Weekly Update on our Parish App

### Gallery of Events

This week, we've added an exciting new feature to our App—a Gallery container! You can now access it by selecting the 'Connect' link, which is located on the blue ribbon at the bottom of your device screen. The Gallery will showcase selected pictures from various events held at the Cathedral. Take a moment to explore and see what we've been up to over the past two months!

*Reminder from last week: Parishioners at St Pat's Cathedral Group*

All parishioners who have downloaded the App have been automatically added to the "Parishioners at St Pat's Cathedral" group. However, please note that due to St Patrick's status as a Cathedral parish, not everyone who worships here is automatically considered a registered parishioner.

If you would like to officially join the St Patrick's Cathedral parish, we invite you to complete a parishioner registration form by contacting the Cathedral office. By downloading the app, we assume that you have chosen to be part of the parish. If you prefer not to be part of the St Patrick's Cathedral community, you can easily unsubscribe from the weekly emails sent by the Cathedral office.

*We warmly welcome any new visitors to the Cathedral to fill in a parish registration form and become a part of our community!*



## Children's Liturgy @ 9:30am Mass

We invite all primary school-aged children to join us for the Children's Liturgy during the 9:30am Mass each Sunday (except during school holidays). This is a wonderful opportunity for children to engage with the Word of God in a fun and age-appropriate way!

Preschool-aged children are also welcome to join, with parental supervision.

Come and be part of this special time for our young parishioners to grow in their faith. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Welcome Baby Xavier Grella!



Last weekend, we had the joy of welcoming one of the newest members of our parish community at Mass—Xavier Grella, born on Saturday, 31 August! Congratulations to proud parents Eric and Bianca Grella—Eric, our Assistant Music Director, and Bianca, a soprano in our choir.

Please join us in warmly welcoming baby Xavier into our parish family and in praying for the continued health and happiness of the Grella family during this joyful time.

## HSC Mass

Parishes around the Diocese are encouraged to offer a special blessing to those students preparing to undertake the HSC in October. Here at the Cathedral, we have set aside the **6:00pm Mass on Sunday, 06 October** for this purpose. Fr Tom will be the main celebrant. All students undertaking the HSC this year are welcome to attend, Catholic or otherwise. Spread the word around!

## Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Fund

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment.

The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one.

Please scan this code or visit

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>.

Applications close 18 October.



## 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.

# PARISH NOTICES

## Online Rosary with Fr. Tom - October 2024



October is the Month of the Rosary, a time in which the Church encourages us to deepen our devotion to Mary and reflect on the life of Christ through the Mysteries of the Rosary. This beautiful tradition helps us draw closer to God through prayer and meditation on the key events in the life of Jesus and His Mother.

In honor of this special month, we are excited to announce that Fr. Tom will be leading an online Rosary via Zoom each Monday in October at 8:30 PM, starting on October 7. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community in prayer, even from the comfort of our own homes.

The schedule for the Rosary Mysteries is as follows:

- October 7 – Joyful Mysteries
- October 14 – Luminous Mysteries
- October 21 – Glorious Mysteries
- October 28 – Sorrowful Mysteries

The Zoom link for the online rosary will be shared via our parish App, social media pages, and will be emailed to all parishioners next week.

Mark these dates in your calendar and join us in praying the Rosary with Fr. Tom. We look forward to this time of spiritual connection and reflection with you!

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - Luke 1:28*

## Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Do you, or someone you know, feel called to explore the Catholic faith? Our Cathedral parish has just begun the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process, each **Tuesday at 7:30pm** in the Parish Office. It's not too late to join!

The RCIA is a journey of spiritual reflection, prayer, and learning, designed for adults considering becoming Catholic, especially those who have not yet been baptised. It offers an opportunity to deepen one's relationship with Christ and discern whether to enter full communion with the Church.

For more information or to express interest, please contact Fr Robert at [frrobert@stpatricscathedral.com.au](mailto:frrobert@stpatricscathedral.com.au) or call the Cathedral office on 8839 8400.

## Faith for Climate Justice

Last Tuesday, St Patrick's Cathedral had the privilege of hosting the ARRCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change) Faith for Climate Justice gathering. ARRCC is a multi-faith network committed to addressing climate change from a spiritual and ethical perspective.

The gathering was blessed with the presence of Bishop Vincent and leaders from various faith communities, including Rev. Mata Havea Hiliau, Moderator of the Uniting Church NSW/ACT; Uncle Rev. Dr. Ray Minniecon, Co-chair of the Indigenous Peoples' Organisation; Ven. Bhante Sujato from the Buddhist community; and other Christian congregational leaders. Together, we shared prayers, reflections, and a commitment to take action for the sake of our common home.

Now more than ever, it is vital to stand for the care of creation and to show solidarity with our Pacific island neighbours, who are bearing the brunt of climate change. May our united efforts bring about the transformation our world so urgently needs.



# DIOCESAN NOTICES

## Positions Vacant:

- Development Manager – Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta.
- Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 25 September
- Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 3 October
- Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 12 October

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

## From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: 'Behold, I Am With You Always'

"The People of God have shared their hopes, fears, dreams and anxieties. These have now gained shape and form this Pastoral Plan. Our pastoral plan invites every person to become co-creators in the building up of the Kingdom of God. We take heart, trusting in God who loves us unconditionally and without limits, allowing the words of Jesus to echo in our hearts 'Behold, I am with you always' – Matthew 28:20." (Pg. 7, Diocesan Pastoral Plan). Download your copy of the Plan at [www.parracatholic.org/synodality](http://www.parracatholic.org/synodality).

## Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting [parracatholic.org/weddingmass](http://parracatholic.org/weddingmass) or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

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## Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

## Father's Day Appeal

Thank you for caring for our retired priests' health and wellbeing. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal has provided much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity ensures that our retired priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve during their retirement.



If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you for your continued support and love!

## Campion College Early Christianity Symposium: 27 – 28 September

Campion College is delighted to announce an upcoming symposium, "Shepherd at the Crossroads: Converging Traditions in Early Christianity," to be held on September 27-28, 2024, at the college campus in Toongabbie. This event offers a unique opportunity to delve into the multicultural and multi-traditional character of Early Christianity and its enduring influence. Two-day tickets are available for \$120 per person while a one-day ticket will cost \$70 per person. Concession pricing is available.

To purchase tickets and learn more about the event, visit <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/early-christianity-symposium/>

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**  
at St Patrick's Cathedral  
SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER at 11.00am  
Couples and their families invited to a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall after Mass.  
Please register attendance by 20 October at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone 8838 3460  
Please include full names, years of marriage & number of family attending.

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

## We pray for our beloved dead...

**Recently Deceased:** Odette Harb, Joseph Sassine, Luz Del Socorro Guzman, John Ryan, Richard Stephen Newport, Elizabeth Cabrido, Marcia Machliss, Dr Joseph Kur, Riath Korkes, Raymond Robinson, Jose Santos, Antonio De La Pena

**Deceased:** Lucy D'Mello, Miguel Custodio, Lance Hart, YT & Deanna Hsu Kayla Ho, Sally Elkatrib, Maureen Pereira, Peter J Noronha, Liza Khourga, Judith Soso, Narar & Lewis Nissan, Deanna Hsu

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Fung, Juan Manongdo, Anita Pajarillo, Pauline & Benigno, Jose Ramirez, Norm Hector, Mary Thottan, Angela Tantini & Valentino, Peter Jackman, Agnes Nethercott

**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:** Fred Harb, Cathy Deveros, Patrick Slatter, Felicitas Appathurai, Vicky Chow Wing Ki, Nasr Nasr, 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, Anne-Marie Douaihy, Colleen Johnston, Melissa Carter, Kathleen, Mary Tito, Fr Bob Bossini, Fatima Rodricks, Azar Al-Ters, Melissa Carter, Terry Pumati, Sharon Webb

**Special Intentions:** Marie & Norbert Saldanha Fatima Rodricks, Raveen, Naveen, Tian, Viva J Policarpio, Apo Marita, Apo Policarpio/VJ, Apo Antonio, Richard Magalanes, Michael Nguyen Xuan Duuc, Apomariya & Fely Olay, Jess & Pat, Janlyn Dimaiwat, Apo Policarpio, Amarita & Sylvia, Nikola Senjak, Salvatore Loria & Rosa Mancini, 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

## BAPTISMS



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

**Ava Tohme, Annamaria Lichaa  
Dakota & Savannah O'Neill**

## WEDDINGS



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  
16 September*

"When we make space for the Lord, we are able to open ourselves to all of Creation and to every creature. We then understand that life is a gift from the Father, who loves us deeply and desires that we belong to Him and to one another." [#SeasonOfCreation](#)

## Saint of the Week

28 September - St Lioba (c.710-782), Abbess, Missionary

Born of a noble Wessex family, she became a nun in the Benedictine double monastery at Wimborne (Wimborne Minster, Dorset, England). Because of her holiness and learning St Boniface asked for her assistance in the evangelisation of Germany, along with Saints Thecla and Walburga. He established a convent at Tauberbischofsheim in Franconia (in the modern German state of Baden-Württemberg) and Lioba was its abbess. She had responsibility over all the convents of the region and played a leading part in its evangelisation.



Information: Universalis

### “Quote of the Week”

“When you cease to doubt and you are unable to feel the ambiguity and the mystery that is God, when you have to have all the answers and be sure of them, you have at that moment made yourself God, and you call it religion!”



**Sr Joan Chittester**  
(b.1936)  
Benedictine nun, theologian  
and author

### Did You Know...?

**...that our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being conducted next Sunday?**

Each year around this time, we hold our AGM to report on the state of the parish, as a means of the leaders recognising their stewardship role. It is a chance for all parishioners who are interested to hear reports on the parish, to receive a copy of the Annual Report (which will also be available online) and meet some of those in leadership roles - and share in some refreshments! So please, come along next Sunday, 29 September after the 11:00am Mass, in the hall.



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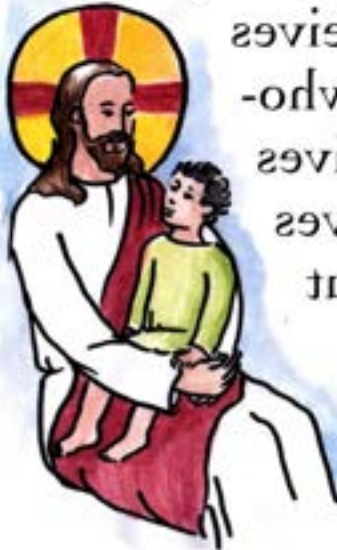


# The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 22nd, 2024

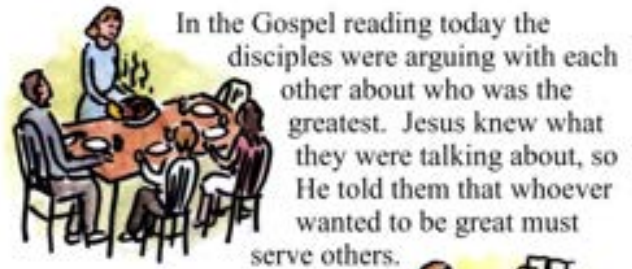
What did Jesus say to the apostles after He told them that anyone who wanted to be great must be the servant?  
Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

Whoever receives one  
such child in my  
name receives  
me; and who-  
ever receives  
me, receives  
not me but  
him who  
sent me.



Mark 9:30-37

## Who is the Greatest?



In the Gospel reading today the disciples were arguing with each other about who was the greatest. Jesus knew what they were talking about, so He told them that whoever wanted to be great must serve others.

Can you think of anyone who serves you? What about your parents? Priests, teachers and doctors also serve us. How can you serve others?

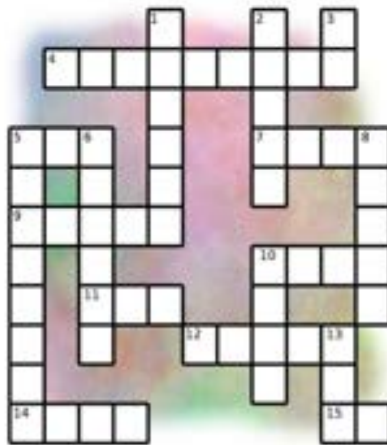


What would you like to do when you grow up? How will you be able to serve people then?



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 5. Cool, 7. Heal, 9. Offer, 10. Life, 11. Ink, 12. Wash, 14. Save, 15. In. Down: 1. Power, 2. Night, 3. Sin, 4. Goodness, 6. Defend, 8. Trust, 10. Lead, 13. Ink.  
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## Psalm 54 Cross- Word



Unscramble the words in today's Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.  
a=Across d=Down

O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me,  
and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDED 6d) my cause.  
O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d);  
hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.  
For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d),  
the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a);  
they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.  
Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper;  
the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.  
Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a);  
I will praise your name, O Lord,  
for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).



## SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN SEPTEMBER 26



SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN IMITATED JESUS IN HIS CARE FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING PEOPLE. THEY ARE PATRON SAINTS OF DOCTORS AND SURGEONS. WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM TO CARE FOR OTHERS LIKE JESUS DID. WE SHOULD ALSO IMITATE THEIR PERSEVERANCE IN THE FAITH IN SPITE OF PERSECUTION.

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