

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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29 September 2024 - Twenty-sixth 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

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Your wealth is rotting

THE LETTER OF ST JAMES is challenging to read. It is not like the letters of Paul which are written to particular local churches with their particular circumstances and often vary in their emphases, sometimes simply trying to expand upon a theological truth. The letter of James, on the other hand, is written for every follower of Jesus, in every time and place, and seeks simply to challenge the believer to live up to the standard of the Gospel. That standard is a very high



standard, encouraging not just an outward observance of good deeds, but an interior conversion to goodness itself, a heart purified and set free to cling only to that which is good. The Letter of James is challenging to read then because it places this standard before our eyes, and because it does so without pulling any punches, without mincing of words. St James doesn't shy away from the pricklier subjects, like money.

This week, St James acts as financial advisor, giving "an answer for the rich," which reads very much like the warnings of the prophets of old to the rich and powerful, as he seeks to awaken their minds to the injustices wrought by their gain-seeking. He is taking aim at those who say, "today or tomorrow we shall go into such and such a town, spend a year there doing business, and make a profit" (4:13). Now of course, if profit comes one's way, then thank Providence. But St James points out that those who seek profit for profit's sake, those who store up their wealth "for a rainy day" are banking on a future for themselves that may not be. And in doing so, they neglect to attend to the poor who, in the here and now, need what the wealthy have in abundance.

Hence the vivid imagery in the reading today. "Your wealth is all rotting," James says, "your clothes are all eaten up by moths," which sounds very similar to something Jesus himself said, "do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven." We are only given this moment, we only have today in which to act, and so we must do what we can today and not put off our works of charity for a future about which we have no certainty. As the Proverb goes, "do not say to your neighbour, 'Go away! Come another time! I will give it you tomorrow,' if you can do it now." If we have been fortunate enough to have been given more than we need, that excess isn't for us to indulge ourselves with or store up needlessly for the future. Rather, it belongs to those in need *today*. This might seem like daft financial advice, but that's because financial advisors aren't usually trying to get their clients to heaven. St James is.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Tom

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!

Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Sunday at 12:30pm

Parishioners are encouraged to attend the St. Patrick's Cathedral AGM today at 12:30pm in the Cathedral Hall, after the 11:00am Mass. This is a key opportunity for us to reflect on the past year, discuss current initiatives, and plan for the future. Your participation is crucial to ensuring the growth and stewardship of our parish community.

Apology:

Due to unforeseen delivery issues, the AGM booklet will be available in print next weekend. In the meantime, an online version is available on the Parish App, and it was also emailed earlier this week.



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.

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@stpatscathedral.com.au or call the Cathedral office on 8839 8400.



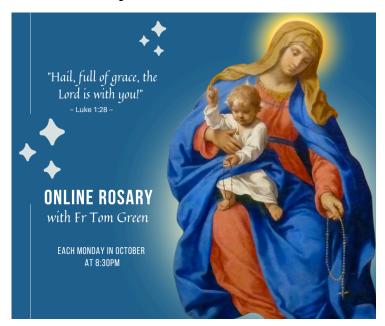


Daylight Saving begins on Sunday 06 October

Don't forget, clocks go **forward** one hour before bed on Saturday night!

PARISH NOTICES

Online Rosary with Fr Tom - October 2024



As we enter October, the Month of the Rosary, we invite you to join Fr Tom for a special online Rosary each Monday in October at **8:30pm.** This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a parish community in prayer, reflecting on the life of Christ and our Blessed Mother.

Details for the online Rosary:

07 October – Joyful Mysteries **14 October** – Luminous Mysteries

21 October – Glorious Mysteries

29 October - Sorrowful Mysteries

Time: 8:30pm each Monday in October

Zoom Link: check your email, Facebook or the App

Meeting ID: 847 0669 5431

Passcode: 255624

If you haven't received the link already, it's also available through our parish App (under "Connect") and on the St Patrick's Cathedral Facebook page (under "Events").

We hope you will take part in this beautiful time of prayer and reflection with Fr Tom. Let's come together in faith, even from the comfort of our own homes.

Looking forward to seeing you online!

Weekly Update on our Parish App

- AGM Booklet now available: You can find the AGM booklet on the App under "Connect" and then go to "Parish Life."
- Event Check-in feature: Our new feature allowing you to check-in to Cathedral events is now live! It will be ready to use at our next parish event.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Registration: For those
 wishing to enroll their children in this year's Sacrament of
 Reconciliation program, the registration form will go live on
 the App on Wednesday, 16 October.

Be sure to explore these new features and stay connected with all that's happening in our parish!

Notice from the Cloister Cafe

Due to the AGM happening after 11:00am Mass, the Cloister Café will not be open.

But come Sunday 06 October, Hospitality Team members will be on duty to serve morning tea after 9:30am and 11:00am Masses.

Social Justice Group meeting

The next parish Social Justice Group meeting will be held on Thursday 03 October from 7:00pm in the presbytery. We will be reviewing the community lunch event plus reflecting on the 2024/25 Australian Catholic Bishop's conference social justice statement 'Truth & Peace: a Gospel word in a violent world'. All parishioners are welcome! Enquiries to Claire via socialjustice@stpatscathedral.com.au or to the parish office please.

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday 27 October at 11:00am** 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

<u>parracatholic.org/weddingmass</u> or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome!

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 NOTICES

October Parish Stewardship Focus: A Call to Discipleship

This October, we will reflect on the importance of parish stewardship, which is more than financial support—it is our response to God's call to share our time, talents, and resources to spread the Gospel. Stewardship also helps shape our parish budget, enabling us to meet the needs of our ministries and serve our community effectively.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this vital mission. Members of the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) will be available one weekend in October to answer questions about the parish budget, and the AGM booklet provides additional details.

Young Adult Faith Formation

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on **Sunday 13 October** at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7:00pm. The speaker is Christian Stephens who will talk about and lead discussion on "Is Evolution Compatible with Faith?" All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark buhagiar on 0477 004 678.

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.

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.

A notice about St Pat's Matters

This is to advise, that due to unforeseen circumstances, the next issue of our parish magazine will not be published until December. Nevertheless the editor urges anyone interested in making a submission to take advantage of the extra time and get cracking now, on writing an article.

Here's the Editor's wish list of contributions:

- Ministy: If you serve in any of St Pat's many ministries consider sharing how, when and why you took on the role.
- Parishioners: whether longstanding or new, why not submit a brief profile and photo to 'introduce' yourselves to the wider parish family.
- Faith Matters: God's presence in the lives of you and family.
- RCIA: Always keen to receive stories from anyone who is journeying to the Catholic Faith.
- Sacraments of Initiation: Important sacramental milestones in every Catholic's life. Parents: Share the reasons why you have your children receive Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Archival Matters: Articles/photos pertaining to the history of the priests, people and events of our remarkable parish welcomed.
- Any topic you think worth sharing with readers.

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

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!

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 03 October
- Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 12 October

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/









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PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: William Safadi, Odette Harb, Joseph Sassine, Luz Del Socorro Guzman, John Ryan, Richard Stephen Newport, Elizabeth Cabrido, Marcia Machliss, Dr Joseph Kur, Riath Korkes

Deceased: Charlotte O'Brien, Maria Csseli, Lucy D'Mello, Miguel Custodio, Lance Hart, YT & Deanna Hsu Kayla Ho, Sally Elkatrib, Maureen Pereira, Peter J Noronha, Liza Khourga, Judith Soso

Anniversaries: Marian G Ermac, Leela Cyprian, Joseph Fung, Juan Manongdo, Anita Pajarillo, Pauline & Benigno, Jose Ramirez, Norm Hector, Mary Thottan, Angela Tantini & Valentino

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, Maria Llave, John Wright, John Ryan, Felicitas Appathurai, Maria, Victoria, Krys, Jim, Helga, Rohan Rodricks, Martina Galea, Joey S Bugo, Melissa, Anne-Marie Douaihy, Colleen Johnston, Mary Tito, Fr Bob Bossini, Fatima Rodricks, Azar Al-Ters, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Melissa & Glenda Carter, EJ, Kaysie Elliott, Robert Sabbagh, 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, 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 children who were recently baptised here...

Valencia Valdivia, Jaiden Simbulan & Ernie Lee-Law





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

Stephanie & Dylan Swampillai

POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention

for October



For a shared mission

"We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and laypeople."

From Pope Francis...

From a tweet dated 25 September "I am saddened by the news coming from Lebanon about bombings, death, and destruction. May the international community make every effort to stop this terrible escalation. It is unacceptable. I express my solidarity with the Lebanese people, who have already suffered too much."

Saint of the Week

03 October - St Francis Borgia (1510-1572), Priest

Francis Borgia was born in Valencia, Spain. Although as a child he wished to become a monk, his family sent him instead to be trained for life at court, where he distinguished himself in the diplomatic service of Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor and king of Spain, and as viceroy of Catalonia. He married in 1529 and had eight children. A gifted musician and composer, he was considered one of the chief restorers of sacred music (prior to Palestrina). In May 1539, he was missioned to accompany the corpse of the empress Isabella, who had died unexpectedly fifteen days earlier, to her burial place in Granada. He was shocked to see her beautiful face disfigured beyond recognition. This experience proved to be the turning point of his life. After his wife's death in 1546, he joined the Society of Jesus. In 1565 he was elected the third superior general of the Society of Jesus. He died in Rome in 1572.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"If the first purpose of the liturgical movement is to lead the faithful into more intimate participation in the liturgy of the Church, then the further objective must also be that of getting the liturgical spirit to radiate forth from the altar of Christ into every aspect of the daily life of the Christian."



Dom Virgil Michel (1888-1938) Benedictine monk and leader of the Litrugical Movement

Did You Know...?

...that the sort of extreme language used by Jesus in this weekend's Gospel was not unusual for the culture and time in which he lived?

One of the difficulties we often encounter in reading the scriptures is that we are reading texts thousands of years old. Not only that, we are reading them in

translation from ancient languages and reading them in a time and culture far removed from the original context. These factors mean that we must be careful not to read scripture always at face value and thus fail to comprehend its nuances and openness to

interpretation.







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