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29 October 2023 - 30th Sunday (Year A)

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)
9:30am Mass (Old Rite)
5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (September - April)
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact the office or find information on

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A reflection on the recent diocesan synod

AS YOU ARE AWARE, a couple of weekends ago there was a gathering of laypeople, religious and clergy, from across our diocese at CommBank stadium for the first synod of our young, diverse, and vibrant diocese. I was fortunate to be a part of this gathering and, it being such a significant event, I thought I would share some of my impressions with you.



Before doing so, it is important to understand why Bishop Vincent called for a synod. He mentions that from his arrival in the diocese he has desired to hold a synod. With the advent of Covid, the calling of the synod was delayed, but at the beginning of this year, wheels were set in motion, an organising committee formed, and the demanding work of organising the event was set in motion. Clearly, Pope Francis is keen on the synodal process, calling for the Church to be synodal by its very nature. Bishop Vincent wants to make this happen in the local church of Parramatta, and the calling of the synod is the first step in making this a reality.

Over two hundred people were present at the synod in Parramatta, held in a conference room at CommBank Stadium, across the road from the cathedral. The gathering was not dominated by clergy, with many representatives from parishes, diocesan agencies, Catholic schools, and with a handful of observers (not able to vote) from a couple of other Catholic dioceses and other churches, including the Anglican and Greek Orthodox churches.

To ensure that the process ran smoothly, there was a strict protocol in place. Prior to attending the synod, all members were required to undertake some online preparation, ensuring that they understood the dynamics of the synod process, and so on. At the Opening Mass on the Friday evening, all synod members were required to make an Affirmation of Faith, reminding us that everything we were to do at the synod had to be in accordance with the core beliefs of Catholic faith. There were six "themes" to the synod, each with a series of propositions attached, which were voted on individually by the members at the end of the discussion of each theme, a two-thirds majority needed for a resolution to pass. Four themes were covered on Saturday and two on the Sunday. The six themes were as follows:

- An inclusive and welcoming Church
- A humble and healing Church
- A listening Church
- A Church renewed in spirit and prayer
- A Church that reaches to the margins
- A Church walking together

Space restricts me saying too much more at this time but more information about the synod is available on the Diocese of Parramatta website, including the results of the voting and videos covering all three days.

I found the synod process excellent and have every confidence that this synod will assist in ensuring that the Church in Parramatta remains vibrant and relevant to both the membership and the broader community. A Pastoral Plan, based on the outcomes of the synod, is scheduled to be launched around the middle of next year.

I look forward to not only that, but also ensuring that our Cathedral parish will follow the synodal way into the future.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. 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!

All Souls Mass Times - Thursday, 02 November

All Souls Mass, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a significant event in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. This solemn occasion is observed on November 2nd each year, one day after All Saints' Day (November 1st).

The primary purpose of the All Souls Mass is to remember and pray for the souls of the departed. During the All Souls Mass, special prayers and intentions are offered for the deceased, and the liturgy emphasises God's mercy and the hope of eternal life. Catholics often visit cemeteries during this time to offer prayers and blessings at the graves of their loved ones.

All Souls Day Mass Times at Parramatta are:

- 6:30am, 12:30pm and 7:30pm in the Cathedral
- 6:00pm at St Patrick's Cemetery



November Mass Intentions

November is, of course, the month that we traditionally pray for the Holy Souls.

Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available from the narthex and entry to the Cathedral for those who wish to offer Masses for the souls of their departed family and friends. Names of the deceased will be entered into the Book of Remembrance, displayed in the chapel throughout the month.

Cloister Cafe - Closed 29 October

The reason: A luncheon will take place in the Cloister Function Room following the 11:00am Mass. Couples from around the Diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries have been invited to attend the Mass and luncheon afterwards. Open again next week!



Table Talk with People Seeking Asylum

The cathedral parish and the Jesuit Refugee Service will be hosting a Table Talk event on the evening of **Wednesday 08 November, 7:00pm - 9:00pm** in the parish hall.

This presents a unique opportunity for those of us who would probably never have any interaction with someone seeking asylum to hear from them, to hear their stories, and discuss how this impacts us as people of relative privilege.

Please see the flyer insert in the bulletin for further details and the QR code for registering. In case the flyer is missing, the QR code is reproduced below.



PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

125TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

St. Patrick's Cathedral Organ

Sunday 12 November at 3:00pm

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the construction of our Cathedral Organ, a special gala concert will be held on **Sunday 12 November at 3:00pm**. The 90-minute concert will feature the magnificent Organ Concerto by F. Poulenc performed by international Organ Soloist Mr David Drury, with strings and timpani from the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Our cathedral choir and musicians will also perform a number of musical items and poetry reading.



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Profits from the concert will go to supporting Catholic Agencies who minister to the homeless and needy in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Tickets are now on sale online. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.

In Memory of David Mannall



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David Mannall, a treasured member of our parish. David was a multi-talented individual who served in several roles, including Acolyte, SRE Coordinator, and Immigration Consultant. Please keep David and his family in your prayers.

A prayer service will be held in the Chapel of Gregory & Carr Funerals, 14 Delhi Rd, Macquarie Park.

Date: Tuesday 31 October, 11:00am

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

“St Pat’s Matters”

All going well, Issue 118 of our parish magazine will be out about mid-December.

What can I write about you ask? Some suggestions:

- Why you love belonging to St Pat’s.
- Have you been called to serve in a particular ministry? Share how, when and why you became involved.
- How does faith shape daily life for you and your family?
- Why I go to Mass.
- Anyone who has become a Catholic, we’d love to share your journey to the faith.
- Wanted: articles/archival photos about the longstanding history of our remarkable parish — its priests, people and events.
- Any topics you think worth publishing!

Want to know about Ritual Matters? Email questions to Fr Robert: frrobert@stpatscathedral.com.au and he will happily enlighten you in his column, “Why we do what we do”.

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

Deadline for submissions: End of November.

Sacraments of Initiation - Reconciliation & Eucharist - 2023/2024

Please mark in your diary the following (compulsory) sessions:

- Penance 1 Session - **31 October OR 7 November** - 7:30pm
Parents only (*extra session scheduled for those unable to attend 31 October.*)
- Penance 2 Session - **11 November** - 4:30pm - Parents & Children
- Penance 3 Session - **25 November** - 4:30pm - Parents & Children - Practice session.
- Reception of the Sacrament of Penance - **28 November** - 7:00pm - Parents & Children

To be eligible for preparation children should be 7 years or older before 01 July 2023.

Registration is now closed for 2023/2024 program.

Appreciation Dinner for Volunteers at the Cathedral

The Cathedral staff would like to invite all our volunteers to an annual dinner to celebrate your contributions. Your tireless work across various ministries has been invaluable in advancing the mission of the Cathedral parish. As volunteers are the heart of any organisation, we are proud to recognise your efforts.

Here are the details for the dinner:

- Date: Friday, 17th November at 7pm
- Venue: Cloister Function Room
- RSVP: Contact your ministry leader or the Cathedral office to confirm your attendance by 12 November.

Exciting Update on Seniors’ Ministry

Our senior’s ministry had a delightful time last Tuesday touring the Mary MacKillop museum. The group enjoyed a morning tea break at Mrs Macquarie’s chair before venturing on to MacKillop Place in North Sydney. The weather was stunning, the company was fantastic, and the museum proved to be an uplifting and spiritual place to visit.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the Seniors’ Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, 07 November – start your search for the perfect hat or fascinator now!

Cost: \$10 for food plus \$5 if you wish to join a sweep.

Venue: Cloister Function Room



Prayer Intentions

We pray for our beloved dead...

***"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them..."***

Recently Deceased: David Mannall, Emile F Khoury, Keith Mathews, Angela Tantini, Peter Noronho, Angela Tantini, Heather Loudon, Fr Mark Beard, Alan Overton, Jo O'Brien, Edmund & Anthony Fernandes, Epifania P Etueni

Deceased: Bernardino Lanzona, Ambrosia C. Stanley, Jorge Guimaraes, Joachim Nguyen, N.N., Ralf Hartmann, Fidel Perez, Rebecca & Artemio Patacsil, Fr Augustus, Abraham Patacsil, Donald Muir, Yolanda Muir, Edgardo Perez, Ashley Brown, Lily Gloria Morales, Pedro Obar Morales, Leopoldo 'Poldy' Corrales Martinez J, Amor Justiniano Martinez, Natividad Corrales Bassos

Anniversaries: Anton Basa, Giovanni & Giuseppina Rechichi, Sione M Loto'aniu, Leela Cyprian, Ellen Carlos, Edmond Matta, Rexis Marmanayauam

Perpetuals: Paul Mahoney, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Royan & Andrews families, Don 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: Nasr Nasr, Leonardo Perez Close, Vic Moran, Christopher Doughty, Fr Bob Bossini, Seini Loto'aniu, Joseph Lin, Hildegard Schulz, Fr Peter Zytka, Leonardo Close, Pina Ferrero, Terry O'Brien, James Vargas, Rachael Sumagui, Fred & Odette Harb, Jenny Cheung, Hilgerdaro Schole, Finn McConnor, Jenny Cheung, Debra Thomas, Ashley Brown, Martina Soh Tin Thio, Michael D'Penha, Serg M., Habib Nohra, Mary Rose Perez, Buenaventura Zafiro Jr., Betty Tobin, Sandrella Toubia, Vincent Rowan, John Lowe, Stephen Senjak, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Dra Julie Lee, Nima, Jorge & Lyn Vargas Patacsil, Franz Tito, Santiago & Antonio Tito, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Terry Joseph, Michael Perez, Tian, Kumaran Gunasagaran, Amarro Bumactao, Raveen, Jewel Peterson, Joe Suttie, Bartolome Cabezas, Amarra Bumaciao, Isabella Suttie, Zoe, Harriet, John, Charles & Ignatius Perrottet, Patrick & Stephen, Katie, Judy, John R Casimiro, Atty M Allena, Prince William, Carmelita Perez, Monica Ybarer-Wijf, Zayne Bumactao

BAPTISMS



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

Hunter-Madison Reid Sofia An Nazareno
Dominga Pinto Penelope Alvarez

WEDDINGS



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

Kimberley Pascua & Peter Pakoti
Aleen Assaad & James Sakr

POPE FRANCIS'

Prayer Intention for October



For the Synod

"We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."

From Pope Francis...

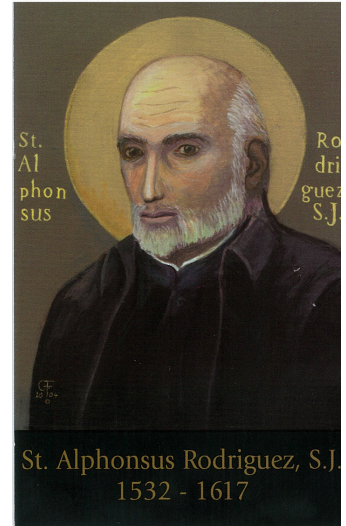
*From a tweet
dated 25 October*

"I am always thinking of the serious situation in Palestine and Israel. I encourage the release of the hostages and the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza. I continue to pray for those suffering and hope for paths of peace in the Middle East and other regions wounded by war."

Saint of the Week

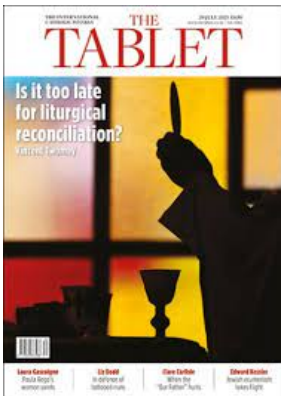
31 October - St Alfonso Rodriguez (1533-1617), Religious

Alfonso Rodriguez (1533-1617) was born in Segovia, Spain. His family played host to Saint Peter Faber, who prepared the young Alfonso for his First Communion. He left school at age 14 to help his widowed mother run the family wool business. At age twenty-seven, he married and had three children. Five years later, he found himself a widower with one surviving child, who died soon after. He joined the Society of Jesus as a Brother at the age of thirty-eight. He spent the next forty-six years of his religious life as guest master and doorkeeper of the Jesuit college in Majorca, where he exercised a marvellous influence not only on the members of the college, but upon a great number of people who came to him for spiritual advice. He was a friend and advisor to Saint Peter Claver, encouraging him to go to the missions in South America. His daily routine, though ordinary, offered him opportunities for holiness of life: each time the bell rang, he looked at the door and envisioned that it was God who was standing outside. He was often heard to say "I'm just coming, Lord."



Information: Universallis

"Quote of the Week"



"The synod is not just an event taking place in Rome this October and next. Synodality must become a permanent part of life of the Church. With the synodal process Pope Francis is making the mission-oriented Catholicism envisioned by Vatican II a project of the whole of the people of God - in which he includes not only the lay faithful but all the baptised, all people of faith, all people of good will."

The Tablet (Magazine)
Editorial
30 September 2023

Did You Know...?

That Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, that we are currently hearing in our Second Reading at Sunday Mass, is regarded as the oldest text in the New Testament?

Scripture scholars generally date this letter from Paul to the Greek Church at Thessalonika as having been written around the year AD45, less than fifteen years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. This makes it some twenty-five years older than the oldest Gospel, Mark, written around AD70.



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The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29th, 2023



How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our _____
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Unscramble The Gospel

Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading,
and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the ⁷ _____?" He said to him, "You

TREASGET shall love the ⁴ _____, your God, with all DOLR

your ⁶ _____, with all your ⁸ _____, ARTHE OSUL

and with all your _____ ⁹. This is the greatest IDMN

and _____ ¹ commandment. The second is SRTFI

like it: You shall _____ ⁵ your neighbour as OEVL

_____ ² _____. The _____ ³ _____ ESUYFOLR LOHWE

law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

What is the most important thing for us to ever do?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



The Greatest Commandment



What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?

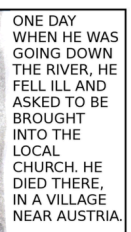
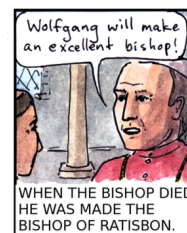
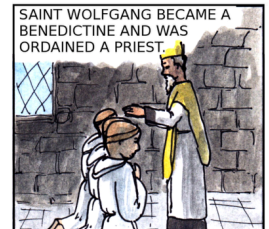
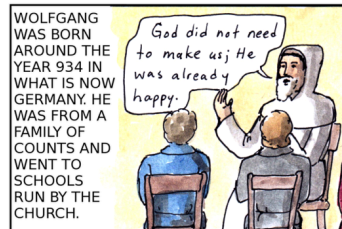


Answers to Unscramble: greatest, Lord, heart, soul, mind, first, love, yourself, whole, TO LOVE GOD

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Saint Wolfgang

October 31



SAINT WOLFGANG WAS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PATRON SAINTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN EUROPE THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE AGES. HE WAS THE TEACHER OF A FUTURE EMPEROR AND SEVERAL ARCHBISHOPS. HIS TEACHING KEPT THESE MEN CLOSE TO GOD AND HELPED THEM RULE WELL.

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Prayer for Peace

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets,
God of Love,

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace



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Food Assistance

Food assistance is available in the Parramatta local area. If you are struggling to put food on the table, here are some options which may be of assistance.

St Vincent de Paul Support Centre at 72 Harris St, Harris Park (8861 9757) offers food parcels. They are open Monday - Friday from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

Karabi Community Services have a foodbank which operates on Wednesdays from 12:00noon - 2:00pm. Bookings are required prior to visit on 9631 6575 (9:00am-4:00pm Monday to Friday). They are located at 41 Fyall Avenue, Wentworthville.

Turbans for Australia are located at 14 Martha St, Clyde (0432 017 000) and run a food bank where they provide hampers every Sunday – arrive at 10:00am.

The Salvation Army has 'Second Bite' program based at 426 Church Street Parramatta (9635 6870), running Mon/Wed/Fri 10:00am – 12:00noon, across bakery items, frozen meat and veggies.

Parramatta Mission – located at 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta (9891 2277) offers breakfast and lunch on weekdays. Their hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm and Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Parramatta Community Care, located at 18 Barney St North Parramatta, run a food bank operating Friday morning 9:00am - 11:30am. By appointment only, phone 0497 805 788. Covers free plus heavily discounted fruit, veggies, meat, fish, eggs, milk and baked goods. Service available to Centrelink recipients, refugees, asylum seekers and students.

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All going well, Issue 118 of our parish magazine will be out about mid-December.

What can I write about you ask? Some suggestions:

- Why you love belonging to St Pat's.
- Have you been called to serve in a particular ministry? Share how, when and why you became involved.
- How does faith shape daily life for you and your family?
- Why I go to Mass.
- Anyone who has become a Catholic, we'd love to share your journey to the faith.
- Wanted: articles/archival photos about the longstanding history of our remarkable parish — its priests, people and events.
- Any topics you think worth publishing!

Want to know about Ritual Matters? Email questions to Fr Robert: frrobert@stpatscathedral.com.au and he will happily enlighten you in his column, "Why we do what we do".

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

Deadline for submissions: end of November.

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is offering English and citizenship classes at its All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Courses are subsidised by the New South Wales Government. Please register to participate in the program by phoning 0477 952 024. You can also contact Nepean Community College on (02) 4724 9000.

RCIA - Christian Initiation of Adults

The parish has recommenced the RCIA process for those adults who are seeking initiation into the Catholic Church on **Tuesdays at 7:30pm**, meeting in the presbytery meeting room. If you, or someone you know, is seeking more information on this, please contact the Parish Office.

Diocesan Tribunal

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews available for those unable to attend the office. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Car Park Turning Circle

Thank you to the vast majority of you who do the right thing and refrain from parking in the turning circle, but there still seems to be a small number of people who feel that they are an exception to the rule concerning parking here. Please do the right thing. The turning circle is there for two reasons: firstly, to facilitate manoeuvring of vehicles leaving the car park and secondly, to assist **emergency vehicles** should they need to use it. If you feel you have a valid case to park in the turning circle, please approach me personally and we can discuss the matter. *Fr Robert*

Sick and Housebound

A reminder to please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of someone living in the parish who can't get to Mass due to illness or restricted mobility and would like a visit from the clergy or from a minister of communion. It is our duty to care for ALL parishioners!



“Laudate Deum”

Pope Francis writes....

“Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations, etc.”



Access the full document free of charge via the Vatican website (www.vatican.va)

For more information, go to www.LaudateDeum.org

Legion of Mary

Legion members gather on Tuesday evenings in the Cloister Cafe weekly. The Legion of Mary is a group of Catholic Christians who meet each week who share their experience of service to Mary the mother of Jesus.

Prayer is of great emphasis at the weekly meeting and this is complemented by active work that has been carried out by each member between meetings.

We are always open for new members of any age. If you would like more information on what the Legion does and what's involved, contact Geraldine on 0434 799 902.

Taking Action to Respond to the Call of Laudato Si'

10 Things You Can Do



Reduce your energy consumption by switching off lights, appliances and computers when not in use



Use products made from recycled materials such as toilet paper and printer paper



If your superannuation fund invests in fossil fuels, ask it to stop supporting coal and oil projects



Use biodegradable detergent in your kitchen and laundry



Buy FairTrade certified products such as coffee, tea and chocolate



Grow native plants suitable for your locality in your garden



Get involved in Clean Up Australia Day on the first Sunday in March



Be aware of how much food you throw away and make a conscious effort to reduce food waste



Don't buy fruit and vegetables which are pre-wrapped in plastic

Read a few paragraphs of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, each day and use it as the basis for your private prayer and reflection.



This resource has been prepared by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. If you would like any information about *Laudato Si'* or want help to take further action to care for our common home, please e-mail ojep@catholic.org.au



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