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27 April 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)

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)
5:00pm Reconciliation (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration/Confessions)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

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

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUPS

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

OTHER GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 11:30am
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What exactly is the problem?

TODAY'S FIRST READING shows a beautiful picture of the early Church. A powerful picture of a faithful, courageous, loving community. A picture of a community so full of love that the people around them praised them and great numbers were drawn to join them, even though it was clearly dangerous to be with them. And this was not just some sentimental love – this love had power behind it. Power that showed itself in signs and wonders – people healed, evil spirits driven out. It sounds a lot like Jesus' ministry, and so it should - Jesus promised them that they would do the same kind of things as He did once the Holy Spirit would come upon them, "even greater things" He promised. And so they did...



So, what is our problem? Why do we not do these kind of wonderful things – healings, casting out evil spirits? Why do people not praise our community? Why are they not drawn in great numbers to us? Were the promises only for the early Christians? Does the Holy Spirit not work anymore? Has he grown old, or tired?

Well, the problem is not the promises – if we are disciples of Christ, then every promise made to them was made to us. And the problem is not the Holy Spirit – the Holy Spirit is alive and kicking. So, if the problem is not with the promises, and not with the Holy Spirit, then the problem must be us.

Perhaps we are not the faithful, courageous, loving community that we should be. Is our faith like that of Thomas – are we lukewarm, do we need just a little more proof? Or are we afraid to call on the Holy Spirit? Are we not courageous – how do we give witness to our faith? Do we keep our faith private, afraid to show the people around us who we are, and what we stand for? Are we a visible community of love, or are we a community that just shares certain religious practices? If someone came to our Mass, would they be welcomed? If they looked in our bulletin, would they see lots of opportunities to join groups doing good works? Would outsiders find people from our community actively working with refugees, homeless, marginalised people?

The Holy Spirit offers us grace, but for grace to be fruitful, we need to cooperate with that grace. We need to do our part. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to form us individually and as a community into the faithful, courageous, loving community that will naturally occur if we surrender to Him. The scriptures describing the early Church are not some sweet fairy tales for us to enjoy, they are a real model for what we must strive to be as a community. When we live like them, we will do what they did.

Ours is a wonderful parish. It is full of wonderful people. There are a growing number of people that are truly embracing their faith in a living and active way – getting involved in Outreach, Social Justice, Evangelisation. They are growing in their faith, growing in their courage, growing in their love. This week, as we celebrate our Risen Lord, as we celebrate the life of our faithful, courageous, loving Pope Francis, let us add to their numbers. Let each of us finish Lent, and embrace Easter by taking a step into a new life.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and holy Easter season,

Deacon David

THE BULLETIN

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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.

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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 **12:00 noon on Wednesday**. 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!



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe meets Pope Francis in 2022

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference reflection on Pope Francis

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, says Pope Francis will be remembered as a man of simplicity, humility and compassion.

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, became the first non-European pope in centuries, the first Latin American pope, the first Jesuit pope and the first to take the name Francis when he was elected to succeed Pope Benedict XVI in 2013.

"The sad news of the death of Pope Francis, while it does not come as a surprise given his age and his declining health in recent years, will be received with great sadness by Catholics, and by people of good will, all over the world," Archbishop Costelloe said.

"When Cardinal Bergoglio appeared on the balcony overlooking Saint Peter's Square on 14 March 2013, and was introduced to the world as the newly-elected Pope Francis, his simplicity and humility set the tone for a papacy which would be marked by an emphasis on the mercy and compassion of God, and on the Church's vocation to be a sign and bearer of that merciful love in an increasingly troubled world.

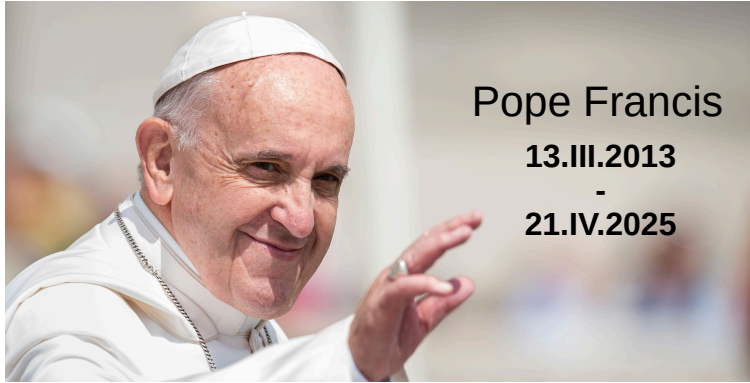
"His famous description of the Church as a field hospital where wounds could be healed and hearts could be warmed was a call to a renewal of the Church's life and mission, grounded in a return to Christ as the source and inspiration of everything the Church sought to do and to be.

"The 12 years of the papacy of Pope Francis were not without controversy. His constant call that the Church should be open to everybody caused some to fear that he was putting at risk the integrity of the Church's faith and moral teaching.

He himself insisted, however, that he was 'a loyal son of the Church' who, in recognising his own sinfulness, had come to understand that it was the task of the Church, as it was the task of Christ, to embrace people in their brokenness and fragility and lead them to healing and wholeness."

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Archbishop Costelloe got to know Pope Francis better over the past couple of years in his roles as president of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia and as a key figure in supporting the Synod on Synodality.

Parishes around the country will hold special memorial Masses for Pope Francis in the coming days. Information on those commemorations can be found on local parish and cathedral websites.

"While the Catholic Church, and indeed the whole world, will now turn its attention to the election of a new pope, faithful Catholics will also be praying for Pope Francis, that the mercy and compassion of God which he proclaimed to the world will now embrace him as he enters into the mystery of eternal life," Archbishop Costelloe said.

"They will also join with so many others around the world who will remember with gratitude the simple goodness of a humble man who was ready to make of his whole life a gift of love and service, not just for his fellow Catholics but for everybody.

"May he rest in peace."

The process of the election of a new pope will unfold in the coming days and weeks.

Cardinal Mykola Bychok CSsR, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul, will be the sole attendee from Australia at the conclave.

Australian Church and civic representatives are expected to travel to Rome for Pope Francis' funeral.

Prayer for the Cardinals Preparing for the Conclave

As the Church around the world mourns the passing of Pope Francis, we now enter a significant and prayerful moment in the life of the Church — the preparation for the Conclave, where the College of Cardinals will gather to elect the next Pope.

The days following the funeral of Pope Francis are marked by deep reflection and discernment, as Cardinals from around the world come together in Rome. Entrusted with the solemn responsibility of choosing the next Successor of St Peter, the Cardinals are called to set aside personal concerns and listen attentively to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We invite all parishioners of St Patrick's Cathedral to join the universal Church in prayer for the Cardinals, that they may be united in faith, wisdom, and openness to God's will.

Below is a prayer shared by the Vatican for this sacred time:

Prayer for the Cardinals in Conclave

*Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Shepherd of your Church,
You constantly guide your people with wisdom and love.*

*We entrust to you the Cardinals who will gather in conclave.
Send upon them the Holy Spirit, that they may discern your will and
choose a Pope*

*who will, with a father's heart, lead your Church in truth, mercy,
and unity.*

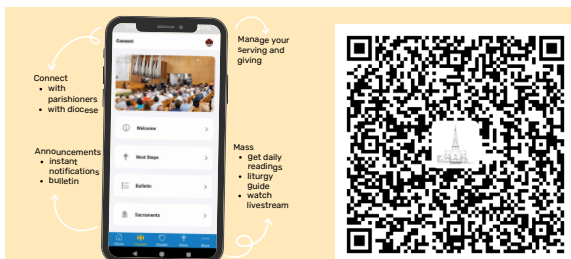
*May he be a shepherd after your own heart, courageous in
mission,
faithful in service, and filled with compassion for the poor and the
wounded.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Peter, pray for us.

All holy men and women, pray for us.



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What a Wonderful Celebration – Welcome to our Newest Members!



What a truly joyful and grace-filled celebration we shared over the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday here at St Patrick's Cathedral! The beauty of the liturgy, the depth of the prayers, and the spirit of our community came together as we welcomed new members into the Catholic Church — a moment of true resurrection joy. At the Easter Vigil, we witnessed the incredible step of faith taken by our neophytes — those newly baptised and fully initiated into the life of the Church. We give thanks for and warmly congratulate:

- Amanda Donsasurith
- Cassandra Phoon
- Molly Yu
- Binod Nepali
- Max York
- Sarah Khoshnow
- Rebecca Chow
- Candy Khoshnow
- Karez Khoshnow
- Kathleen Hunt
- Shirlee Simmons
- Jenna Molesworth

And on Easter Sunday, we celebrated with joy as the following were confirmed and received their First Holy Communion, completing their journey into full communion with the Church:

- Maneerat (Victoria) Sangsuwan
- Thomas Do
- Stefani Sinanto
- Jack Craythorn
- Aden Romero

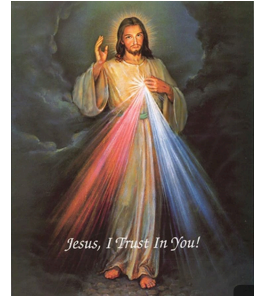
These new members now continue their journey in a special period called Mystagogy — a time of reflection and deeper integration into the sacramental and communal life of the Church during the Easter season.

To all who walked alongside them — especially our RCIA team, sponsors, catechists, and volunteers — thank you. Your presence and support made all the difference.

Let us keep our newest brothers and sisters in our prayers as they settle into life as part of our Cathedral family. Welcome home — and congratulations!

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration - 27 April

You are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, 27 April 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place—a special moment in this Jubilee Year of Hope.



Program highlights:

1:30pm – Sacrament of Confession available (until 4:00pm)

1:30pm – 2:45pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy & reflections from the Diary of St Faustina

2:45pm – Silent Adoration and preparation for the procession

3:00pm – Eucharistic Procession through Church St and Victoria Rd

4:00pm – Holy Mass, followed by a shared fellowship meal in the Cloister Hall

Let us gather as a community to seek the Lord's mercy and share in the joy and hope of this extraordinary feast. All are welcome!

Project Compassion boxes

Don't forget to bring back your Project Compassion box as soon as possible! Thank you for your compassion this Lent.

St Pat's Matters - Share Your Story

We invite you to contribute to St Pat's Matters! Whether it's a personal reflection, a parish event, or a story of faith in action, your experiences can inspire and engage our community. What may seem ordinary to you could be truly meaningful to others.

Send submissions to: stpatsmatters@stpatscathedral.com.au

Deadline: **Saturday, 03 May.** We look forward to hearing from you!

Concert in the Cathedral

• Vivaldi's Gloria & Vieira's Stabat Mater

Friday 23 May | 8:00pm - 10:00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Experience an evening of breathtaking sacred music in the stunning surrounds of St Patrick's Cathedral.

Join River City Voices and the Western Sydney Philharmonic for a one-night-only performance featuring the Australian premiere of Amaral Vieira's Stabat Mater — a deeply moving and powerful work by the acclaimed Brazilian composer.

The program also includes Vivaldi's beloved Gloria (RV 589), a choral masterpiece, performed with sparkling orchestral colour.

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/vivaldi-and-vieira/tickets>

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

At St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, we are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to...

- Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person;
- Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Those newly initiated into the Catholic Church

Sick: All the sick, Patricia Pinto, Joshua Neely, Jeanette Uvero, Thi Bloan Nguyen, Greg Dunn, Barbara Chaplin, Joshua & Andrea Nealy, Pat Phelan, Gabriel, Fr Paul Gurr, Rosana Lee, Pedro Romulo, Ryan I Limlingan, Gareth Huynh, Michael Lilley, Felicitas Appathurai, Martina Galea, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Victor Rex, Veronica, Hanne Bitar, Raveen, Naleen, Nicole & Patrick Slatter, Aaron Bugo, Tian, Maxmillian Lovett, Raveen, Pamela Coleman, Michele O'Donnell, Rose Delmar, Jundee Delmar, Paul Peters

Recently Deceased: Rodrigo M. Valencia, Teresa Van Tilburg, Kit Fong Leung, George Abela, Zhilan Wu, Anthony, Madeleine & Rosalee, Phil Davies, Lydia Pallaya, Cheng Hieng Tan, Joan Brady, Ng Anie, Christine de Neve, Edward Popa

Deceased: Noelene Saldanha, Daisy Menezes, YT & Deanna Hsu, Fanny F Ortiz, Eduardo Burgos, Joe Saldanha, Leti Vas, Lucy D'Mello, Philip Vas, Agapito Antonio, Danny & Chantal, Beatriz Morales, Kathleen Donovan, Elias Koura, Nancye Benzie, Jose Barredo, D Herft

Anniversaries: Maria Davino, Doyle Dcosta, Pino, Regina Figueira, J Venancio Ramirez, Walter Xavier, Robert Hutchinson, Frank Agostino, Pasquale Altamore, Marie Melide, Germelina Montemayor, Constandio, Juan & Crisanta Valdez

Perpetuals: Joan Brady, Rudy Rupac, Frank Agostino, Wendy A Smith, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Paul Mahoney, Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter & Annette Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, John Ryan, Mark Fletcher, Royan & Andrews families, Don & Pat Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, 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

BAPTISMS



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

**Willow Waugh, Sime Popic
& Kensija Popic-O'Donnell**

WEDDINGS



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

**Bianca Sakr & James Wardan
Hanin Saide & Fouad Semaan**

POPE FRANCIS'

Prayer Intention for April



For the use of the new technologies

"Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times."

From Pope Francis...

*Bluesky post dated
21 April*

"With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Pope Francis. A beacon of love, compassion, and hope leaves a lasting legacy. May his spirit guide us towards kindness and peace."

Saint of the Week

28 April - St Peter Chanel (1803 - 1841), Priest, Martyr

Peter Chanel was born in France, at Cuet (near Belley), in 1803. He had been a priest for three years when he was accepted by the Marists, a missionary order. He was sent out to evangelize the island of Futuna in the Pacific, where cannibalism had only recently been banned by the local ruler, Niuliki. At first all went well, and Father Chanel and his lay assistants made many converts; but as he learned the local language and gained the confidence of the people, Niuliki became jealous and fearful; and the baptism of his son and his son's friends was the last straw. While Father Chanel's companions were away, Niuliki sent men who set upon him and clubbed him to death. His mission had lasted only three years: he is the first martyr of the South Seas.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"I pray, O God, that I may know you and love you, so that I may rejoice in you. And if I cannot do so fully in this life, may I progress every day until all comes to fulness; let the knowledge of you grow in me here in this life, and there in heaven let it be complete; let your love grow in me here and reach fulness there, so that here my joy may be great in hope, and there be complete in reality."

St Anselm of Canterbury
(1033-1109)
Bishop, monk & theologian
Proslogion



Did You Know...?

...that the conclave which will meet soon to elect a Pope to succeed Pope Francis, is made up of cardinals who are aged eighty or younger?

Although the initial meetings and discussions prior to the conclave are open to all cardinals regardless of age, the voting body is made up only of those cardinals eighty years old or younger. They can vote up to four times a day in order to secure a successor. The word "conclave" means essentially "a locked room", coming from the Latin word for key, "clavem".



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