



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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Bishop of Parramatta: Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv, DD

## 04 May 2025 - Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

### Mass Schedule

#### WEEKENDS

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

8:00am Mass (No Adoration or 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  
**Facebook:** Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

#### Credo Youth Ministries

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### Do you love me...?

WE CONTINUE TO meditate upon the mysterious appearances of Jesus to his disciples after he rose from the dead. This week, the disciples appear to be in a state of limbo, as they have seen the Lord at least twice now, but don't really know what to do about it. John paints us a beautiful scene of the real humanity of the disciples. Peter, ever on the front foot, decides to return to his old occupation of fishing, seemingly restless, not caring to simply wait around. The others follow along apparently without a better idea. We can see the Beloved Disciple's eyes widen and his heart beat firmer as he recognises the risen Lord on the shore while they're fishing. And at this, Peter throws himself into the water, wading hurriedly through to see his Master. They then sit down with Jesus and have a meal.

It's in this context that Jesus renews his call to Peter to be the shepherd of his flock. After having rejected the Lord three times during his ordeal, Peter is given the opportunity three times to cover over his sin with love. In this way, Jesus shows Peter that what he is being called to is to give himself to Jesus in love, to love the Lord above all, and loving thus, look after Christ's own.

Peter wasn't perfect. As the gospels portray, he was all too human. A man like any other, with his strengths and weaknesses, with his triumphs and failures. Yet it is he that Jesus chose to lead his Church. Christ places before Peter his guiding post – love. A love that would drive him to tend to the sheep, to nourish them and care for them even unto the point of death, loving with the same love that Christ did. All of Peter's strengths and his weaknesses could be integrated by love and used somehow by the Lord for the good of his flock. To love Jesus more than these is the essential ingredient.

And it is this that we must keep in mind as we pray for the next pope. Each of the cardinals are mere men like Peter with their strengths and weaknesses, with their triumphs and their failures as bishops and as men. None of them are perfect. Yet what will matter most is that the man they elect will be a man who is willing to leave all for the sake of love. A man who can say with Peter to Jesus, that yes, I love you more than these. What will matter most is whether the man elected will be willing to love with the same love that Jesus showed by dying on the cross. Whether he will be willing to accept the loss of all in order to ensure that Christ's own are tended to in the manner that Christ would tend to them. So, pray for the cardinals, that their decision will not be based on politics or agendas, but on the one thing that seemed to matter most to Christ when he chose the first pope: love.

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

*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 **12:00 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!

# Farewell, MILI!

Dear Mili,

The parishioners of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish wish to thank you sincerely for your many years of selfless, sacrificial Christian service in your various roles in the parish since 2009, most lately as Parish Manager.

It is clear to us all that for you, your service here is not a job, but a true vocation and one which is lived from a heart aligned with that of Christ.

Your love and passion for people and for your faith is evident in all that you do. There is never anything which is too much trouble for you and all who have contact with you speak highly of you.

Many of the ministries that animate the cathedral parish exist because they have been your brainchild or because you ensure they are nourished and promoted adequately.

We all wish you the greatest of satisfaction and success in your new role, one which will benefit greatly from your talents, dedication, passion and faith.

May God continue to bless you abundantly and, through you, may others continue to be blessed.



# PARISH NOTICES

## New Cathedral Parish MC

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Jorel Mateo as the Cathedral Parish Master of Ceremonies. Many of you, especially those who attend the Solemn Mass on Sundays or who come regularly to diocesan events held here, will have seen Jorel and at least know his face. Jorel has a lot of experience in this role and MCs regularly at the 11:00am Solemn Mass and also helps out at larger events when Bishop Vincent is the main celebrant. Jorel is also taking over the administration side of things by putting together the rosters for the various ministries that are needed on Sundays. I thank him for graciously accepting this role and know that you will be supportive of him as he meets the challenges which are a part of this vital role in a cathedral parish like ours. *Fr Robert*

## Fr Galbert Albino

Fr Galbert Albino will be residing in the presbytery for a few weeks. Fr Galbert was until recently the Administrator of the parish of Luddenham-Warragamba and has now been appointed the Administrator of Granville parish, effective 16 June. He will occasionally celebrate Mass here and perhaps help out in other ways. I know you will make him welcome when you encounter him.

## Project Compassion boxes

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



## Social Justice Group Meeting: 08 May

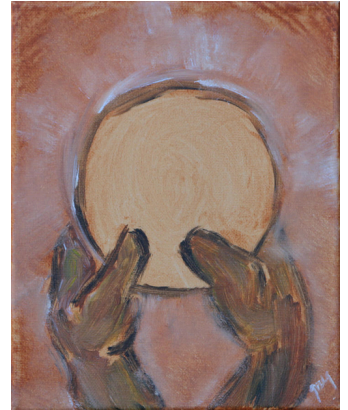
Have you a passion for social justice? Do you see it as an integral part of your Catholic faith? Are you simply interested in finding out what it is all about? St Patrick's Cathedral has a very active and engaging social justice group which has several projects underway and planned for this year. Feel free to come to the next meeting, which is to be held this **Thursday 08 May at 7:00pm** in the presbytery. If you would like more information, please email [socialjustice@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:socialjustice@stpatscathedral.com.au).

## Sacraments of Initiation Recommencing

The first session of the Sacrament of Eucharist will take place on **Monday, 05 May at 7:30pm** in the Parish Hall.

Please note that this is a 'parents only' session. Attendance at all sessions is compulsory for those who have registered for SOI 2024/2025.

We look forward to your participation as we embark on this sacred journey together.



## 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>

## A Heartfelt Thank You from Us... (Mili's Farewell)

We requested donations of food and drink, and the response was overwhelming. We were showered with offers, resulting in a delightful feast to bid farewell to Mili.

This clearly reflects the positive impact Mili had on the St Pat's community and beyond.

We sincerely appreciate all your contributions; it truly meant a lot to us.

Warm regards, *Donna & Pat*



## 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.

# DIOCESAN NOTICES

## Low Cost Counselling Services

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

## Commissioning Mass for Liturgical Ministers: 13 May

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at **7:30pm on Tuesday 13 May**, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance and guests please visit [parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/](http://parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/)

## Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

## Campion College introduces The Compass Program

Campion College is proud to introduce The Compass Program. Through workshops, mentoring, and industry connections, students will integrate their liberal arts education with practical skills and career discernment, ensuring a confident transition from tertiary study to career. Learn more at <https://www.campion.edu.au/why-campion/career-prospects/>

## Webinar 10 Years Since Laudato Si' – A Time for Hope or Despair? 08 May

MET Parramatta and the Australian Cardijn Institute invite you to a webinar with Sebastian Salaske-Lentern and Sue Martin, who will reflect on the ecological journey that Pope Francis has taken us on in the past ten years, since his encyclical Laudato Si'. Have we made enough progress? And what can give us hope for the path ahead in this Jubilee Year? Please register to receive a zoom link for Thursday 8 May, 7:00pm – 8:00pm: [tinyurl.com/10-years-LS](https://tinyurl.com/10-years-LS)

## The Conclave - Commencing 07 May

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.*

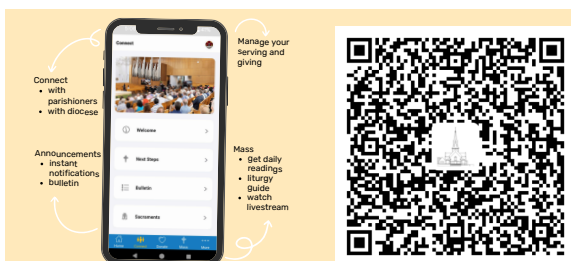
*May he be a shepherd after your own heart, courageous in  
mission,  
faithful in service, and filled with compassion for the poor and the  
wounded.*

*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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# PRAYER INTENTIONS

## We pray for...

### Those newly initiated into the Catholic Church

**Sick:** Rita Paolini, Nelka Popic, Marian Polizzi, 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:** Mili Lee & family, Tian, Naleen, Raveen, Victor Rex, Veronica, Hanne Bitar, Nicole & Patrick Slatter, Aaron Bugo, Maxmillian Lovett, Raveen, Pamela Coleman, Michele O'Donnell, Rose Delmar, Jundee Delmar, Paul Peters

**Recently Deceased:** Pope Francis, 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

**Deceased:** Patricia Pinto, 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

**Anniversaries:** Aidrian O'Domhnaill, Maria Davino, Doyle Dcosta, Pino, Regina Figueira, J Venancio Ramirez, Walter Xavier, Robert Hutchinson, Frank Agostino, Pasquale Altamore, Marie Melide, Germelina Montemayor, Constancio, 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...

**Hinatajays Cruz, Kris Chawla  
& Hannah Stanton**

## WEDDINGS



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

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

## POPE FRANCIS'



### Prayer Intention for May

#### *For working conditions*

"Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised."

From the Vatican...

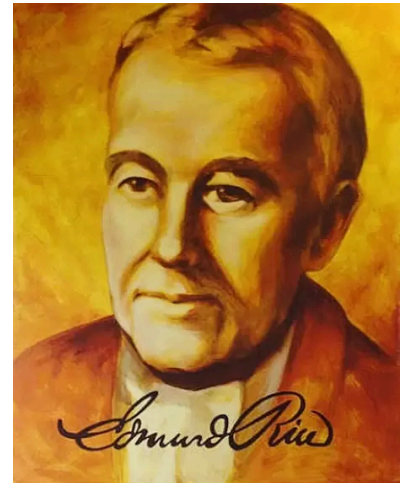
*Bluesky post dated  
21 April*

"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

05 May - Blessed Edmund Rice (1762 - 1844), Founder

Following the death of his wife in 1789, he devoted himself to prayer and good works, in particular to the education of the poor in his home town of Waterford: the children being taught were so poor that they needed to be clothed and fed as well. He founded schools, and undertook the training of teachers. In 1808 he and six companions took religious vows. This was the nucleus of the Presentation Brothers, who continue to this day. The Christian Brothers share the same root: the two congregations separated in the 1820s.



Information: Universalis

## "Quote of the Week"

"Dear Pope Francis, we now ask you to pray for us. May you bless the Church, bless Rome, and bless the whole world from heaven as you did last Sunday from the balcony of this Basilica in a final embrace with all the people of God, but also embrace humanity that seeks the truth with a sincere heart and holds high the torch of hope."



**Cardinal Giovanni  
Battista Re**  
(b.1934)

*Final words of his homily  
delivered at funeral of  
Pope Francis on 26 April*

## Did You Know...?

**...that the conclave to elect the successor to Pope Francis is scheduled to begin this coming Wednesday, 07 May?**

The ABC News website notes: "There are currently 252 cardinals worldwide. The preparatory meetings they have daily during the interregnum are collectively known as the General Congregation. Of the total number of cardinals, 135 are eligible to enter the conclave as cardinal electors. This will be the largest number of cardinals to participate in a conclave."



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