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01 June 2025 - The Ascension of the Lord (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
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Staring into the sky

BEFORE JESUS was taken into heaven, he tells the disciples that it is not for them to know times or seasons, yet after he disappears from their sight, they stand there gazing into the heavens. Maybe they were dumfounded by what they had just seen, or maybe they were expecting his immediate return. Whatever the case, they are reminded by the angels of the command of the Lord and to get on with the work he entrusted to them.



Why are you gazing into heaven? It is a perennial temptation that we want to know what's going to happen. This is often the case in our own lives when we try to control outcomes or seek from the Lord assurances about this or that. This is deeply rooted in our fallen nature, stemming from the original temptation to grasp at knowledge not given to us by the Lord. In a similar way that we see the disciples grasping after what is not for them to know, there are often movements within the Church which claim to know exactly that, predicting times and seasons. Beware of these. Christ is the definitive Revelation of the Father and so, in a way, there is nothing more to be said. We are given everything we need to know in him and about those things which are to come we must in humility leave that for the Lord.

After he ascended, the angels remind them of Jesus' instructions, to go and bear witness to him throughout the world, and to baptise in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, with the assurance that he will come again. Our task between the advents of the Lord is to make him known. We know that Jesus will come again and restore us in the resurrection, but until then he expects from us his followers to witness to his saving power by our words and deeds, not to worry about when or how things will turn out.

But we can only do this by the power of his Holy Spirit. At Pentecost which we celebrate next week, we are reminded of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles which set them ablaze to go and fulfil this very task. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit might similarly descend upon us too so that we may remain faithful to the mission entrusted to us by the Lord and be ever more fully conformed to him who will come again.

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@stpatcscathedral.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!

It's not too late to give!

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal, using the envelopes on the pews or by scanning the QR code below.

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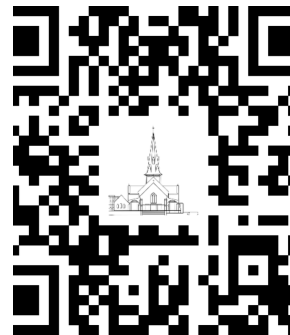
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Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening

The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is an annual collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. This year, Parramatta will be hosting on **Wednesday 25 June, 6:30pm – 9:00pm**, St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company. Register via parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan

Bible Study

The Credo Young Adults group gathers fortnightly on a Monday evening with the next meeting on **Monday 02 June**. We are following Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in Bible discussions and connect with like-minded individuals.

We meet weekly in the cloister function room from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

If you're interested in joining us, feel free to simply show up. For more information, please email Fr Tom at: assistantpriest@stpatcscathedral.com.au



PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

First Friday - 06 June @ 7:00pm

We warmly invite you to join us for our First Friday Devotion this **Friday, 06 June, starting at 7:00pm** in the chapel. This is a special time to come together in prayer, reflection, and devotion. All are welcome!

Trivia Night - Save the Date!

The Cathedral Social Justice Group is organising a parish trivia night to be held in the cathedral hall on **Saturday 27 July, 7:00 for 7:30pm**. Ticket sales and funds raised on the night will be used for a current community refugee family sponsorship project led by the social justice group.

Alpha is coming!

After a very successful Pilot Program we are now about to launch Alpha into our parish.

Alpha has been run all over the world. It's a weekly program with great food, great people, really interesting videos and lively discussions. It's a place where we get to ask Big Questions in a friendly and welcoming environment. More details next week...

Seniors' Ministry

We are planning to have our next Seniors' Ministry Group gathering early in August, with a focus on St Mary MacKillop. I am hoping to have a Sister of St Joseph come to speak to us so that we can learn more about our (at the moment) sole Aussie saint. More details and a date coming soon! *Fr Robert*

Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

August 16:

<https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

November 15:

<https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

Retreat...

Sacraments of Initiation - Next Meeting

The third session of the Sacrament of Eucharist will take place on **Saturday, 14 June at 4:30pm** in the Cathedral.

Please note that this is a parent & child session. Attendance at all sessions is compulsory for those who have registered for SOI 2024/2025.

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

Parish Coordinator's Role

We hope to have Mili's position advertised in the coming week and are looking forward to some positive responses from people with the requisite faith, skills and enthusiasm expressing an interest! Pat and Donna are doing a wonderful job "filling in the gaps" for the interim and I know that you will be understanding if there are any hold ups or difficulties during the process to find a new person for this role. *Fr Robert*

Pentecost Retreat: A Day of Spiritual Renewal - 07 June

In celebration of Pentecost, we invite you to join us for a special day-long retreat designed to deepen your understanding and experience of this profound feast. Pentecost marks a pivotal moment in our faith — the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, empowering them to spread the Gospel fearlessly.

"As they prayed, the house where they were assembled rocked. From this time, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim the word of God fearlessly." (Acts 4:31)

Date/Time: Saturday, 07 June from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Venue: Cloister Function Room

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. To help us better prepare for the day, please RSVP to secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au by **03 June**.



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...

Sick: Elias Lattouf, Farrell O Townsend, Amada & Amalia Flores, Jockey D'Mello, Suzan Peacock, Karen Peacock, Rita Paolini, Nelka Popic, Marian Polizzi, all the sick, Patricia Pinto, Joshua Neely, Jeanette Uvero, Thi Bloan Nguyen, Greg Dunn, Barbara Chaplin, Michael Lilley, Felicitas Appathurai, Martina Galea, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Raveen, Jamel Saba, Brenda Cutierrez, Apo Adriatico, Raveen, Miguel Custodio, Mara, Stephen, Nikola & Ankica Senjak, Chelsy Genewyn, John Lardizabal, Genalyn Laquidres, Bosko, Tian, Mouzel Del Mar, John Del Mar, Mili Lee & family, Naleen, Victor Rex, Veronica, Hanne Bitar, Nicole & Patrick Slatter, Aaron Bugo, Maxmillian Lovett, Pamela Coleman, Paul Peters

Recently Deceased: Barry Ryan, Pasqualine Vorturi, Ana Tada Henakin, Marivic Valderama, Anne Marie Barrett-Brown, Pope Francis, Rodrigo M. Valencia, Teresa Van Tilburg, Kit Fong Leung, George Abela, Zhilan Wu, Anthony

Deceased: Sr Sarita BS, Deanna Hsu, Pasquale Altamore, Maria Megale, Maria Tuat Vu, Aurora Manning, Edmund Encallado, Ulpiano Masangcay, YT & Fr Leo Chang, Sr Mary Sullivan, Patricia Pinto, Noelene Saldanha

Anniversaries: Florentina Siccion, Claude de Silva, Tom Cicluna, Waldemar drankowski, Prudence Doughty, Lucy D'Mello, Aidrian O'Domhnaill, Maria Davino, Doyle Dcosta, Pino, Regina Figueira, J Venancio Ramirez, Walter Xavier

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 & Peter Noronha, Vijaya Sawant, 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 recently baptised here...

**Valentine Marquez
Deeiana Mendoza**

WEDDINGS



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

Paris Jabbour & Siosifa Fatai

POPE LEO'S

Prayer Intention for June



***That the world might grow in
compassion***

"Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world."

From Pope Leo...

*"X" post dated
28 May*

"From Gaza, the cries of parents rise to heaven ever more intensely as they clutch the lifeless bodies of their children, searching for food and shelter from bombs. I renew my appeal to leaders: cease fire, release all hostages, and fully respect international humanitarian law!"

Saint of the Week

04 June - St Clotilde (475 - 545), Princess

Clotilde was a Burgundian princess who in about 493 married Clovis, King of the Franks. Brought up a Christian, she had their children baptised, and in due course Clovis himself was baptised, somewhere between 496 and 499, marking the beginning of Christian France.

When Clovis died in 511, and especially after her son Clodomir died in 524, Clotilde devoted herself to works of charity and founded many churches and religious institutions, setting a pattern that was later followed by many royal widows in Europe. She herself died by the tomb of St Martin of Tours in 545.



Information: Universalis

“Quote of the Week”

“Love, therefore, is the origin and source of all good things; it is a most excellent defence, the road that leads to heaven. Whoever walks in love can neither stray nor be afraid. Love guides, love protects, love leads to the end.

Christ our Lord, brethren, set up for us this ladder of love, and by it every Christian can climb to heaven. You must, therefore, keep a firm hold on love, you must show it to one another, and by progress in it climb up to heaven.”

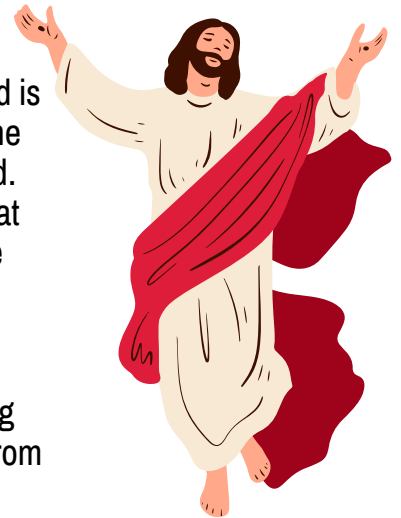


St Fulgentius of Ruspe
(c.465 - c. 530)
Abbot, bishop and theologian

Did You Know...?

...that those Jesus returned to heaven after his Resurrection, he never really left his Father?

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a reminder to us of the sheer mystery of God. Pope St Leo the Great (not the current Pope Leo!) stated in a sermon: “...the Son descended from his Father without leaving him, and ascended from his disciples without departing from them.”



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