



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

1 Marist Place, Parramatta NSW 2150

(02) 8839 8400 Emergency: 0407 289 360 www.stpatscathedral.com.au

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

25 May 2025 - Sixth 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

Contact the office or find information on
Facebook: credo.stpats
Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au



Support us!
Scan to donate



Scan and
connect with us

"...a peace the world cannot give..."

CONTRARY TO THE belief of some, Jesus did not have any desire to create a new religion. He came to offer salvation to all, but this required a new way of thinking and living, a new covenant, not an outright rejection of Judaism. Certainly, Jesus had issues with the way many of the religious authorities lived and promoted Judaism but, as a Jew himself, Jesus never stated that adherents of Judaism should reject the faith and the Law in order to be his disciples.

Of course, as things turned out, a new religion named after the Anointed One, the Christ, did emerge in the first couple of centuries after Jesus' resurrection, but it came about organically. There was no particular moment in time when a leading disciple declared that Christianity was being instituted as a new faith and all those wanting salvation must adhere to the new faith known as Christianity. The early days of the Church were characterised by all sorts of issues: the extent to which Jewish worship was still necessary, the shape of the Eucharistic celebration, the place of women and children, baptismal practice, response to persecution, and many other issues, including that of how non-Jewish (Gentile) people were to be admitted into the faith. It is this issue with which the apostles and elders are faced in this Sunday's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

This incident demonstrates that from its very beginning the Church has been confronted with conflict and, despite periods of relative peace, it has never known a time of without being under attack of one kind or another.

This makes the words of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel sound rather hollow "Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you." These words are pronounced by Jesus in his final discourse to his gathered disciples before his crucifixion, occupying chapters 14-17 of John's Gospel.

Of course, Jesus never uttered hollow words. He qualifies his words when he states that the peace he gifts his disciples is "a peace the world cannot give." When we think of a "worldly peace" we think of an absence of conflict and suffering, a period of serenity and calm, a time to be savoured before the arrival of the next onslaught, whatever form it takes. The peace Jesus offers us is different: it is a peace which pervades our being *despite* the conflicts and unrest which assail us. It is a peace that enabled the apostles and other martyrs to be courageous and trusting of God when enduring unimaginable pain and staring death in the face; it is a peace which we experience too when we acknowledge that God is present to us in a very real and loving way, even when we are experiencing turmoil of one sort or another. This peace is what enables us to persist in difficult circumstances when we might otherwise give up and abandon ourselves to despair.

Let us savour the peace with which Christ graces us, make it evident to others and fulfil our obligation to work for peace in our world, that we may have at least a glimpse of the kingdom to come.

*Wishing you and your families a blessed Easter season,
Fr Robert*



THE BULLETIN

STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

Dean and Administrator

Very Rev Robert Riedling EV
8839 8420 - dean@stpatscathedral.com.au

Assistant Priest

Rev Tom Green
8839 8423 - assistantpriest@stpatscathedral.com.au

Deacon

Rev Mr David Dowling
8839 8415 - deacon@stpatscathedral.com.au

Priests in Residence

Rev Fr Van Xua (Joseph) Nguyen
Rev Fr Chinonye Akamadu

Office Hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm weekdays

Receptionist: Donna Missio (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)
8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Parish Secretary: Pat Preca (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri)
8839 8412 or secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

Cathedral Parish Manager: (Awaiting appointment)
8839 8419 or manager@stpatscathedral.com.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Parish Team
8839 8400 or secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

Director of Music: Bernard Kirkpatrick KSS
8839 8400 or music@stpatscathedral.com.au

Assistant Director of Music: Eric Grella
8839 8400 or music@stpatscathedral.com.au

Assistant Organist: Patrick Newman
8839 8400 or music@stpatscathedral.com.au

Liturgy Coordinator: Fr Tom Green
8839 8400 or assistantpriest@stpatscathedral.com.au

Youth Coordinator: Parish Team
8839 8400 or credo@stpatscathedral.com.au

Gift Shop Manager: Contact Parish Office
8839 8400 or giftshop@stpatscathedral.com.au

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!

Good Shepherd APPEAL

24-25 May

Our seminarians are called to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope,' bringing Christ's love to our communities. In these times of fragility and despair, their mission is to spread God's love to all – but they cannot do it alone. Your caring and generous support will provide the education and spiritual formation they need to remain dedicated to their ministry for Christ's Church.

 DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

**HELP OUR
SEMINARIANS TO BE
'PILGRIMS AND
SOWERS OF HOPE'**



Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

DONATE NOW

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.

Thank you!



PARISH NOTICES

Commissioning of our Special Religious Educators

At the 9:30am Mass this Sunday, we will commission and bless our Special Religious Educators (SREs) who faithfully go into our local state primary and high schools to spread the Good News every week. This commissioning is also, hopefully, an opportunity for those who might have never thought about whether they might be called to this vital apostolic work. New South Wales is the last state where people of religious faith are allowed to enter government schools to teach. A lack of volunteers only provides fuel for those who want NSW to go the way of other states with regard to faith in public schools. Are you being called to share your faith with children in this way? All training and resources are provided.

We would like to hear from you if you are interested in making a difference to the faith lives of our young people. Send an email to us at the St Pat's Cathedral SRE Team using the email

sre@stpatscathedral.com.au.

Fr Robert



Bellringers @ St Pat's

On behalf of the Bellringers at St Patrick's Cathedral, we would like to thank the parish for blessing us with new shirts and their ongoing support of our ministry. Since the bells were first installed in 2020, under the guidance of Thomas and Bill Perrins, our band has seen tremendous growth and we look forward to representing our tower within the broader bellringing community.

Nicolette Axiak - Tower Captain



Sacraments of Initiation - Next Meeting

The third session of the Sacrament of Eucharist will take place on **Saturday, 31 May at 4:30pm** in the Parish Hall.

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 Manager's Role

We have begun the process of putting together a job description and responsibilities for a role that seeks to replace that held by Mili Lee for such a long time. I am expecting that the process from now until a replacement for Mili is found will take a few weeks. In the meantime, please be patient as we do without Mili for a few weeks! 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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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/>

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

Diocese of Parramatta's Adult 35 years+ Jubilee Pilgrimage

Join a life-changing 19-day pilgrimage from 7 to 25 September 2025, exploring sacred sites in Greece, Turkey, and Rome. Open to adults aged 35 and over, this journey follows St. Paul's path and the early Church, culminating in the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome. Bookings close on 31 May 2025, with a deposit of \$800 required at the time of booking. The final payment is due by 7 July 2025. Don't miss this incredible faith experience. For more information and to register, visit parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/

Feast of St Anthony of Padua: 11-13 June

Join St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, in celebrating the Feast of St Anthony of Padua. There will be 9:30am and 7pm Triduum Masses, Novena, blessing of the Sick (11 June), Blessing of the Children (12 June), and a candlelight procession (13 June). All welcome!



Pentecost Scripture Reflection

With Dr Deborah Snoddy: **Wednesday, 28 May**
What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life?
How can Scripture stretch our imagination when comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit?
Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Deborah Snoddy on Wednesday 28 May at 6:30 - 8:30pm. RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/pentecost-scripture-night or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org



Calix Society: 12 Step Recovery and Catholic Spirituality

Are you or a loved one troubled by addiction or alcoholism? The Calix Society is a way to recovery that incorporates 12 Step recovery and Catholic Spirituality. Sydney Unit meets Monthly at St Joseph, Enfield. Mass (5:30pm) and "About Calix" talk (6:30 - 7:30pm). We also meet weekly via zoom and have an annual retreat. Contact: Tim 0401 600 422 or Kevin 0435 668 382 or calixsydney@outlook.com. See: <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

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.

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/>

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.



How to Download the App

1. Scan QR Code to go to Google Play Store or Apple App Store on your mobile device.
2. Tap the "Install" button to download and install the app.
3. Once installed, open the app and finish setting up your profile.

The App can also be downloaded via the Cathedral website: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: 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, Joshua & Andrea Nealy, Michael Lilley, Felicitas Appathurai, Martina Galea, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: 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, Raveen, Pamela Coleman, Paul Peters

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

Anniversaries: 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 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 recently baptised here...

**Javier Sioson, Aubrey Crofts
Skyler Valdez, Jamison Phuah &
Lexi Woods**

WEDDINGS



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

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

POPE LEO'S

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 Pope Leo...

"X" post dated
17 May

"The Social Doctrine of the Church teaches us that more important than problems themselves - or their eventual solutions - is how we approach them, as we are guided by the criteria of discernment, sound ethical principles, and openness to God's grace."

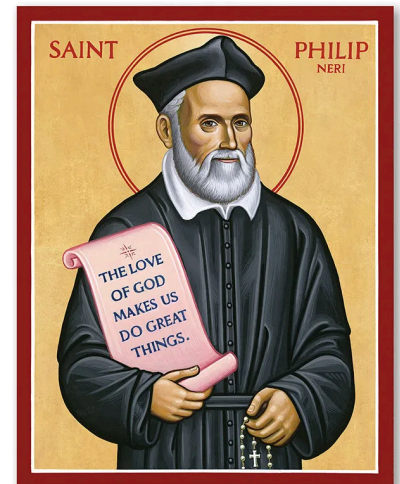
Saint of the Week

26 May - St Philip Neri (1515 - 1595), Priest

Philip was born in Florence in 1515. At the age of eighteen he went to Rome, and earned his living as a tutor. He undertook much-needed charitable work among the young men of the city, and started a brotherhood to help the sick poor and pilgrims.

He was advised that he could do more good as a priest, and was ordained in 1551. He built an oratory over the church of San Girolamo, where he invented services, consisting of spiritual readings and hymns, which were the origin of the oratorio (tradition is a good thing; but innovation also has its place). He continued to serve the young men of Rome, rich and poor alike, with religious discussions and by organising charitable enterprises. He had a particular care for the young students at the English College in Rome, studying for a missionary life and probable martyrdom in England.

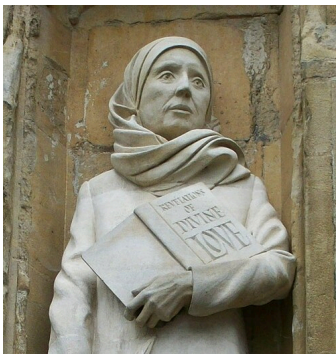
He inspired other clergy to emulate him, and formed them into the Congregation of the Oratory. Oratorian foundations still flourish in many countries today. He died in Rome in 1595.



Information: Universalis

“Quote of the Week”

“As truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our Mother. Our Father wills, our Mother works, our good Lord the Holy Spirit confirms.”

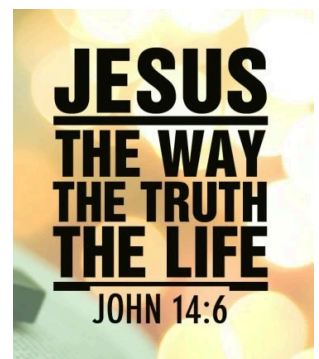


Bl. Julian of Norwich
(1342 - 1416)
English mystic and
anchoress
Revelations of Divine Love

Did You Know...?

...that chapters 14 - 17 of John's Gospel constitute what is referred to as the “farewell discourse” of Jesus?

Actually, this discourse begins just before the end of chapter 13 at verse 31, which we read last weekend, in which Jesus gives the “new commandment”. Jesus refers to the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, in this speech, and also speaks of himself as the vine to which his disciples must be attached. After Jesus reassures his disciples he prays for them to the Father, a prayer which occupies all of chapter 17.



ST PATRICK'S
Giftshop

OPENING
HOURS

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY - 10:00AM TO 3:00PM
SUNDAY - 9:00AM TO 1:00PM
MONDAY & SATURDAY - CLOSED

Murphy House, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta

Web: www.stpatricksgiftshop.com | Phone: 0419 153 195 | Email: giftshop@stpatricscathedral.com.au



WN BULL FUNERALS

Leaders in Personal Service

Australian Owned

6 Pitt Street Parramatta 2150

Tel: 9687 1072 Fax: 9687 1074

Email: wnbull@wnbull.com

Member, Australian Funeral Directors

24 Hour Service to all suburbs

Anthony Lette & Sons

All Piano Services

32 Cornelia Rd Toongabbie 2146

Since 1958

- GRANDS • PIANOS •
- PIANOLAS • REED ORGANS •

Tuned Restored Repaired

Bought & Sold

P.T.T.G. Members

Phone: 9631 3582

alloianoservices@gmail.com



TOONGABBIE
LEGAL CENTRE INC.

Since 13 October 2007, Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc. has been providing free legal assistance to vulnerable and disadvantaged persons from Parish Hall at St Anthony's Church.

With no recurring government financial assistance, this free legal service relies on your generous support.

www.tlc.asn.au

SOUL HEALING COUNSELLING SERVICES



SCAN



Paula El-Husseini (M.Couns)
CLINICAL COUNSELLOR
REGISTERED **NDIS** PROVIDER

0403 083 692

soulhealingcounselling.com.au

hello@soulhealingcounselling.com.au

SPEEDY LOCK, BAG AND SHOE REPAIRS PTY LTD



KEY CUTTING
From \$3.50!

Professional shoe & Bag Repairs
Watch battery replacement
Car key programming/cutting and key cutting
Computer Engraving

CONTACT US

Simon : 9891 2229

@speedykeysparramatta speedykeysparramatta@gmail.com

SHOP 12, QUEENSLAND ARCADE, 181 CHURCH ST, PARRAMATTA

FROM

CHEMIST WAREHOUSE

3 MEGASTORES IN PARRAMATTA

NORTH PARRAMATTA NOW OPEN

458 CHURCH ST
(CORNER OF FENNEL & CHURCH ST)
(02) 8381 4566

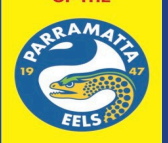


OPEN 7 DAYS 8AM - 9PM

Westfield PARRAMATTA
LEVEL 1 FOOD COURT
9673 8056

PARRAMATTA
202 - 214 CHURCH ST
9635 0488

PROUD SPONSOR OF THE



PRESENT THIS VOUCHER TO RECEIVE A

FREE GIFT
WITH ANY STORE PURCHASE

ONLY REDEEMABLE AT GRANVILLE, EASTWOOD, EPPING, CARLINGFORD, PENNANT HILLS AND ALL PARRAMATTA STORES

NEED a CLEANER?

- Home cleaning
- Strata cleaning
- Commercial cleaning
- Grounds keeping



Cleaning to suit your needs

KCM Brothers' Property Maintenance

Servicing Parramatta & surrounding areas

Call Mick on 0405 309 826

www.kcmbrothers.com

MCAULEYLAWYERS.COM.AU

McAULEY
LAWYERS

Personal Injury
• Commercial & Property Disputes
• Deceased Estates

T (02) 9633 1826 | M 0413 853 331

REAL ESTATE

Want to Sell or Lease your property?

RayWhite

FINANCE

Want to get your finance at the **most competitive rates?**

Loan Market

David Dowling
0421 051 029

david.dowling@raywhite.com



GALLERIA PIETRA NATURAL & ENGINEERED STONE

DOMESTIC - COMMERCIAL - MONUMENTAL
DESIGN - SUPPLY - INSTALL - REPAIR

GEORGE GITTANY 0418 288 377
stone@galleriapietra.com.au

