



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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

13 July 2025 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (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: Currently in recess

Credo Youth Ministries

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The Long Reach of Love

St Thomas Aquinas doesn't generally feature in the nightly news, but recently, he made somewhat of a comeback. J.D Vance, Vice President of the United States, justified Trump's deportation policy based on Aquinas' order of charity. The argument went that the US Government was justified in its strong deportation plan because the interest of the US Government is first its own. One is to love their own, then those outside.



To a degree this is true. The Angelic Doctor teaches us that although we love all, we do not love all equally, since more is demanded of us with respect to those with whom we are more closely connected. This is quite obvious. A husband clearly has a greater love demanded of him for his wife than for the lady across the road. But this does not mean that he does not love the lady across the road. The order of love is precisely an order of love and so love is that which orders all our relationships however close or distant they are.

In today's gospel, the lawyer tries to find a legal loop whole through which he can decide to whom he metes out his love. Sure, the greatest commandment in the law is to love God and to love my neighbour as myself, but "who is my neighbour?" Jesus' response makes it clear that what he means by "neighbour" does not only mean the one who lives next door. The Samaritan who tended to the wounds of a seemingly helpless, abandoned and possibly dying, Jew, demonstrates this. If the pattern being established as the guiding principle for our love is that a man goes to the aid of an enemy, then it must be that my love ought to extend past those for whom I have a greater affection, those with whom I am more closely connected, even to my enemy, and so to all.

God is love and every single human being is a unique Image of God in the world. Each one is held in the palm of the Father's hand, sustained in love in every moment by his Word and guided by his Spirit. And each one is meant to reveal to all the others this God who is love, and thus the God whose love is reserved from no one.

Indeed, we should always be discerning about how we order our love amongst those who demand it of us, not that it could ever run dry, but so that our love does not contradict justice and so become something other than love. But Jesus teaches us that since his love is for all so must ours be, and even the stranger, even the enemy, yearns for love.

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, at around 12:45pm. 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!

Support your local **ALPHA**

ALPHA UPDATE...

Alpha has begun. We had our second evening last Wednesday, and it was awesome! Over 40 people have now begun their Alpha journey. Please keep them all in your prayers – particularly between 7:00pm – 9:00pm each Wednesday evening. Also, please consider being part of the food team – details below.



Alpha needs your support:

Even if you cannot attend yourself, there are other ways to support Alpha:

Prayer! Please pray every week for all our team and guests as they take this wonderful journey.

Food! We will need to feed all these people beautiful food each week. Please consider being part of the Alpha Food Team.
Email: mililee176@gmail.com

Money... Things cost money. If God has provided for you, please consider donating towards the Alpha costs by using the QR code.

OPEN ARMS OF ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Our parish community is trying to do just one small thing to help one family, to offer not just material support and some stability, but also to be Christ to them, to offer them acceptance, a warm welcome, and the dignity the Church teaches us should be afforded to every human being, regardless of who they are.

May we remember Christ's words in Matthew 25: "I was hungry...thirsty...a stranger...naked...sick...in prison...". May our response be always to alleviate the suffering of our sisters and brothers.

The fundraising is well underway: nearly 30% achieved in two weeks. The international refugee situation is urgent: every day counts for people in a desperate situation. Please support the parish's efforts through the QR code.

*Dianne Starkey (Group Co-ordinator, 0408161443),
Sebastian Villafarna (Deputy Co-ordinator), Angela
Hansford, Macnos Mutano and Malcolm Freame.*



Trivia Night - Book a table now

The Cathedral Social Justice Group is organising a parish trivia night to be held in the cathedral hall on **Saturday 26 July, 7:00 for 7:30pm.**

Ticket sales and funds raised on the night will be used for the current community refugee family sponsorship project led by the Social Justice Group.
<https://www.trybooking.com/1419677>

PARISH NOTICES

Seniors' Ministry - Monday 04 August

We can now confirm our next gathering will be held at

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Norwest.

The day will include morning tea and lunch. Cost: \$10.00

Itinerary as follows:-

- 10:30am - Arrival and morning tea
- 11:00am - 12:00pm – A one-hour reflection on St Mary MacKillop
- 12:00noon – Mass in the chapel
- Lunch will follow after Mass

How do we get there?

For those who drive, it will take approximately 20 minutes from the cathedral - shorter if you live closer. For those who do not have a means of getting there, the parish will ask attendees if they can offer a lift to others from the cathedral. Details later.

We very much look forward to you joining us. If you have a friend, make sure to invite them! Please RSVP to Donna or Pat in the parish office by **30 July**.

Appointment of Parish Coordinator

After a process involving two interviews and the input of other parish team members and the diocesan HR team, I am pleased to announce that the appointment of **Pascarl El-Hage** as the new Parish Coordinator for St Patrick's Cathedral. Pascarl will take up her appointment this **Monday, 14 July**. More details with a short biography next weekend. Congratulations, Pascarl, and welcome to the team! *Fr Robert*

Music at St Patrick's Cathedral

The Diocese, in collaboration with the primary and high schools, is hosting a music workshop during the school holidays. This initiative will culminate in a choir that will enhance our worship experience through their singing. They will lead the music at the 11:00am Solemn Mass with Bishop Vincent at here next Sunday, 20 July.

This presents a fantastic opportunity for children to engage in this special setting.

Return of the Chalice

Having now introduced the chalice at weekday Masses, we will look at reintroducing the chalice at Sunday Masses once we are certain that we have enough ministers to offer the chalice consistently each week. Thank you for your patience in the meantime.

Sacraments of Initiation - Confirmation

We invite children aged 10 years and older, who have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist, to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation - the final step in their initiation into the Church. This important sacrament deepens their bond with Christ and fully integrates them into our faith community.

There is no maximum age for completing this initiation for children baptised as infants. We welcome all eligible individuals to join in this significant journey of faith and spiritual growth.

Register via the App, Cathedral website or click on link below.
<https://stpatscathedral.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/80/responses/new>

- **Confirmation 1:** Monday 28 July, 7:30pm - Parent Session
- **Confirmation 2:** Monday 04 August 7:30pm - Parent Session
- **Confirmation 3:** Saturday 16 August, 4:30pm - Parent and Children Session
- **Confirmation 4:** Saturday 23 August, 4:30pm - Parent and Children Session
- **Practice for Confirmation:** Saturday 30 August, 4:30pm followed by the 6:00pm Vigil Mass - Parents and Children

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday, 06 September at 11:00am.

We look forward to journeying with you and your children as they take this significant step in their faith.

Registration closes 28 July.





Bible Study

The Credo Young Adults group gathers fortnightly on a Monday evening with the next meeting on **Monday 21 July at 7:00pm**.

CREDO Young Adults – June Social Night!

This month's **CREDO** young adults gathering is set to be a great one! Join us on **Sunday, June 20th**, the 3rd Sunday of the month **after the 6pm Mass** in the parish hall.

We're putting on a chilled-out social night packed with:

-  **Karaoke**
-  **Board & Card Games**
-  **Food and Drinks**
-  **Plenty of laughs and good company**

Bring: Yourself and a friend

Expect: Fr Tom to sing country road

Cost: Absolutely FREE

This event is open to everyone aged 18–35, whether you're a regular or it's your first time, don't be shy, come through!

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.

NOTICES

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre - Norwest

Reflection Day: Time to Rejuvenate

Take this time as an opportunity to expand your sense of peace and to restore your well-being and personal connection to your inner experiences as potential for healing, calming a busy mind and easing emotional tension.

Invitational gentling experiences will be offered through calming movements, deep relaxation and guided meditation. Personal refreshment and re-energising will be evoked through movement, vision boarding and story.

Price: \$198 includes Morning Tea, Lunch

Book via this QR code.

Contact 9634 2317 for more information.



Retreat in Daily Life - Pilgrims of Hope

Retreat in Daily Life" provides a unique opportunity to draw closer to God in personal prayer at home, by following a set pattern of prayerful ruminations on various readings and Scripture passages over several days, while continuing your daily routine of living and working.

It has a rich dimension as it enables people to integrate prayer and spirituality into living ordinary everyday life. It is an opportunity to be affirmed in prayer and to experience different ways of praying. This form of retreat is suitable for people of all ages and church backgrounds, or no religious affiliation at all.

Price: \$286 includes all meals

Guide: Sr Ann Morrison RSJ

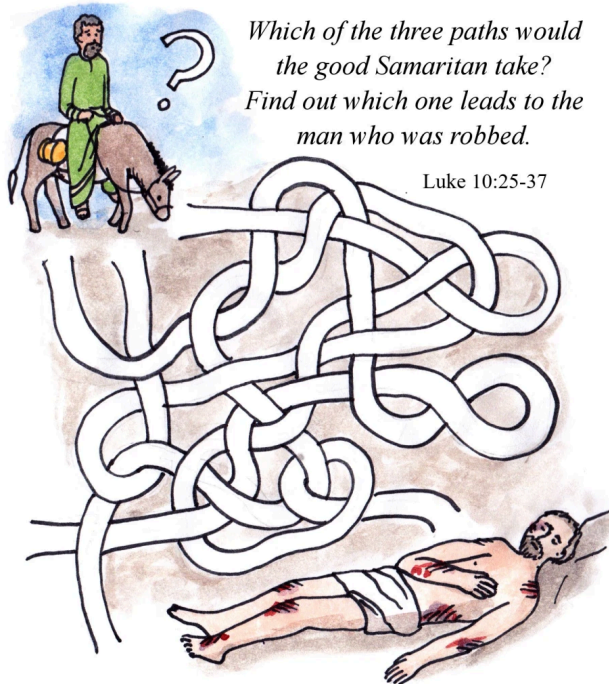
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The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13th, 2025



*Which of the three paths would
the good Samaritan take?
Find out which one leads to the
man who was robbed.*

Luke 10:25-37

*Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan
to show the people what it means to love your neighbour
after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"*

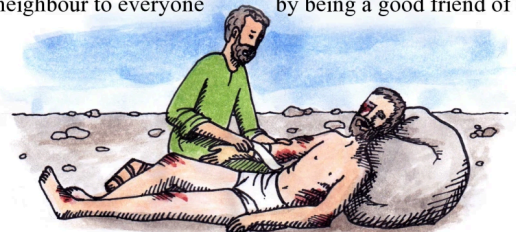
Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

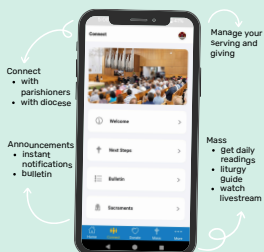
If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.



Answers to True or False: 1. false 2. true 3. true 4. false 5. true 6. false 7. true

www.thekidsbulletin.com



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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: Nelka Popic, Trish & Jenny Bowe, Papani Loto'anui, Margery Simpson, Hamish J Pereira, Edward Gutierrez, Pedro Romulo, Ryan I Limlingan, Sonia Villada, Farrell O'Townsend, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Yi Chuien Hsu, Miguel Custodio, Raveen, Shannon & Erwin Mendoza, Louis J Vella, Raveen, Haydee Rehak, Nigel Goncalves, Maria Perugini, Miguel Custodio, Naleen, Tian, Melissa Dsouza, Liana, Liam & Eric, Shannen Mendoza, Namaan, Xavier Holgado, Frederick Fisher, Teodulo Sarreal, Melissa, Glenda, AJ & Casey, Ping Hsu, Jamel Saba, Brenda Cutierrez, Apo Adriatico, Paul Peters

Recently Deceased: Phyllis Cross, Rosemarie Walker-Lelyveld, Piera Bigna, Patrick Slatter, Fr Tim Hogan, Grga Vulic, Maria Mung Thi Nguyen, Helga Britenburg, Maria Thi Nguyen (Bishop Vincent's mother), Martina Galea, Elias Lattouf

Deceased: Domenic & Lina coluccio, YT & Deanna Hsu, Terry Stanley, James Brassil, Lucy D'Mello, Kristian Moon, Lily Morales, Kirk family, Benedicta, Leema, Raji Gracy, Family of Romauldo Goncalves & Maria Dacruz, family of Priscilla Dias & Victor Dias; Philip & Leti Vas, Lucy D'mello, Lilly Cruz, Maryelsy Pereira, Jamez, Jent & Benedict Pereira

Anniversaries: Emy & Fe Masangkay, Deanna Hsu, Joseta Manubctanol, Moises & Maria Villadelgado, Josie Phelps, Vittoria Teuma, Alban Fonseca, Bernard Fonseca, Sofia Calo Sumagi, Leo Bardetta, Juliet & Peter Noronho

Perpetuals: Leo Bardetta, Carmen Train, 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'anui, 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 child recently baptised here...

**Veronika Gorkovski
Cyrus Seisan**

WEDDINGS



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

Paris Jabbour & Siosifa Fatai

POPE LEO'S

Prayer Intention for July



For formation in discernment

"Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel."

From Pope Leo...

"X" post dated
06 July

"The Kingdom of God grows like a seed in the ground, and the women and men of today, even when seemingly overwhelmed by so many other things, still yearn for a greater truth; they search for a fuller meaning for their lives, desire justice, and carry within themselves a longing for eternal life."

Saint of the Week

17 July - Blessed Inacio de Azevedo (1528-1570) & Co, Martyrs

Inacio was born at Oporto in Portugal in 1528 and entered the Society of Jesus at Coibra, 28 December, 1548, and became successively rector of the Jesuit college at Lisbon, provincial of Portugal, and rector at Broja. In 1565 St Francis Borgia gave him the task of visiting and inspecting the Jesuit missions in the Portuguese colony of Brazil. He spent two years on this work, from 1566 to 1568, and went to Rome to make his final report.

He asked to be sent back as a missionary to Brazil. With thirty-nine companions he started on his voyage on 5 June 1570, but on 15 July their ship was captured by French Huguenot corsairs and Azevedo and his companions were seized and martyred. They were beatified by Pope Pius IX in 1854, and in 1999 forty concrete crosses were placed on the sea bed at the site of their martyrdom.



Information: Universalis

“Quote of the Week”

“In Jesus Christ, there is no isolation of man from God or of God from man. Rather, in Him we encounter the history, the dialogue, in which God and man meet together and are together... Jesus Christ reveals that God does not exist without man.”

Karl Barth
(1886 - 1968)

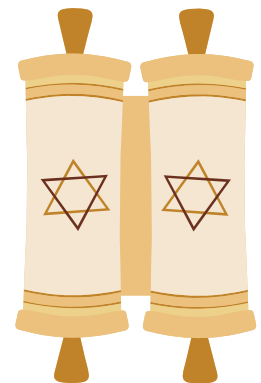
Swiss Protestant theologian
The Humanity of God



Did You Know...?

...that the religion of the Samaritans, a small group of whom still exist today, is closely linked to Judaism?

The Samaritans are often understood to be descended from the Jewish people who remained in Israel when the others were taken off into captivity in Babylon. Put very simply, the Samaritans regard themselves as having kept the religion pure and in its original form, not “tainted” by changes made to it in a foreign land.



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