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

06 July 2025 - 14th 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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Peace and Healing

IT'S BEEN OVER four months since we saw green vestments at a Sunday Mass, the last Sunday in Ordinary Time being on 02 March. Since that Sunday we have celebrated Sundays in Lent and Easter, followed by Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi and, last weekend, Saints Peter and Paul. When we last encountered Jesus on a Sunday in Ordinary Time, he was delivering his Sermon on the Plain, speaking of the hypocrisy of finding fault with others before dealing with one's own shortcomings. Jesus used the famous imagery of splinters and logs in people's eyes to make his message all the more compelling.



This weekend we skip forward several chapters past the Sermon on the Plain to the sending out of the seventy-two (or seventy, depending on the translation). Between these two events, Jesus undertakes a series of healings, forgives the sinful woman at the house of Simon the Pharisee, preaches some parables, sends the twelve apostles on a mission, feeds the five thousand and is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

As Jesus sends out the seventy-two, he lays down some strict rules: they are to carry no purse, no haversack and no sandals and they are not to greet anyone on the road. These rules sound quite harsh to us but they are not strict for the sake of being strict. Jesus wants his disciples to be totally focused as they carry out their mission of peace and healing. Notice the nature of their mission: peace and healing. Jesus does not send out the disciples to preach doctrine or, in fact, to do anything that we would regard as ostensibly "religious". He asks that they focus only on reconciling people with one another and God, and healing those who are sick.

We need to remember that at this time there were no sacraments, and indeed no Church! Jesus is not sending out people who were specially prepared or consecrated for this role, he was sending out people who believed in him and his message. There is a temptation for many in the Church to believe that those who are "labourers for the harvest", to use Jesus' own words, are by necessity priests or deacons, lay missionaries or others with special training for this task. Yet, the seventy-two had none of this, nor did the apostles. The only qualification was a love for Jesus and a belief in him as the One sent by God. All of those with this qualification, and that would mean just about everybody reading this bulletin, are obliged to share in the name mission as the disciples Jesus sent out ahead of him.

You might ask, how do we "do" healing and peace? We do this by being Christ to others, following his modelling of a loving presence in all situations, even, perhaps especially, those times when we feel least like loving. In the beatitudes, Jesus calls those people blessed who are merciful, who are peacemakers, and who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

What better recipe for striving to make manifest God's kingdom here and now, especially in a world in dire need of healing and peace.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Fr Robert

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 4 August

We can now confirm our next gathering will be held at **Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, 33 Barina Downs Rd, 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
- 12:00pm – 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.

Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery

would like to thank all parishioners who bought the knitted goods on offer after each Mass last weekend.

We sold 40 beanies, 20 scarves and an assortment of knitted blankets and knee rugs, resulting in the magnificent sum of \$668. The money raised will be put towards a variety of projects including interpretive signs and repairs.

Many thanks to all for your generosity in buying goods and to those who donated goods and funds. We will use the money wisely on your behalf. *Judith Dunn*

Return of the Chalice

Many of you will be pleased to know that Bishop Vincent, on the advice of health care professionals, has made the decision to allow those who wish to receive the Precious Blood at Mass to do so, effective immediately. The decision as to how and when this is done in each parish rests with the Parish Priest. At the most recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting (16 June), the PPC recommended that at this stage we would resume offering the chalice at weekday Masses only, as there will be no problem to find ministers to distribute for this purpose. 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.

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 4 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, 6 September at 11:00am.

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

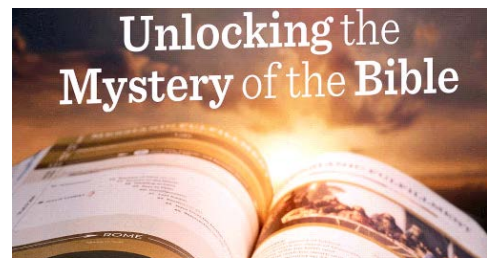
Registration closes 28.7.25.

Bible Study

The Credo Young Adults group gathers fortnightly on a Monday evening with the next meeting on **Monday 07 July at 7:00pm**. 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 fortnightly in the Cloister Cafe 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@stpatscathedral.com.au



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.

PARISH NOTICES

Introducing our new logo and the launch of our new website

For quite some time now, the Diocesan IT team in conjunction with Cathedral Parish staff have been collaborating to bring together a new look for the Cathedral Parish. Below you will see a description of the main elements of the design.

The new logo should incorporate all these things.

Please also visit our website www.stpatscathedral.com.au and take a tour of our new home. Let us know what you think.

THE TRINITY
Three leaves of the cloverfield symbolise the Trinity. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

DIVERSE
The elegant and simple shape of the cloverfield can speak across the cultures, symbolising unity in diversity.

FAITHFUL
with symbol of the Cross in the middle is emphasising fidelity to the Gospel

FUSION OF OLD AND NEW
Traditional cloverfield shape is used a lot in decorative elements of the architecture of the old Cathedral building and it is redone in contemporary style in the logo.

INCLUSIVE
represents also inclusivnes and oppenes of the Church which welcomes people from all corners of the World and leads them to Christ in its centre.

CHRISTOCENTRIC
Prominent Cross in the centre of the logo reminds us that our light is the Cross of Jesus Christ.

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UNITY
the symbol represent the unity of the Church with Christ in its centre.

VIBRANT AND MULTICULTURAL
Universal and clear symbolism of the logo will speak to people acrosss multiple cultures present in the Diocese of Parramatta.

CLEAN
Clean lines and elegant curves make the logo look contemporary and iconic.


IRISH ROOTS
Green and gold colours are a nod to the Irish heritage of St Patrick.

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1. Scan QR Code to go to Google Play Store or Apple App Store on your mobile device.
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The App can also be downloaded via the Cathedral website:www.stpatscathedral.com.au

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Margery Simpson, Hamish J Pereira, Patrick Slatter, Edward Gutierrez, Pedro Romulo, Ryan I Limlingan, Sonia Villada, Farrell O'Townsend, Greg Dunn, Michael Lilley, Felicitas Appathurai, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: 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, Miguel Custodio, Mara, Stephen, Nikola & Ankica Senjak, Chelsy Genewyn, Paul Peters

Recently Deceased: Grga Vulic, Maria Mung Thi Nguyen, Helga Britenburg, Maria Thi Nguyen (Bishop Vincent's mother), Martina Galea, Elias Lattouf, Nahza Zhekek, Queenie Hanna, Carmen Tran, Dennis J Carter

Deceased: 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, Ulpiano Masangkay, Samantha Manor, Kevin Caramay, YT Hsu

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

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'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 child recently baptised here...

Laena Stefani

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
26 June

"In the face of hatred and violence, what can we Christians do? First of all, we must pray. It is up to us to turn every tragic news story and image that touches us into a cry of intercession to God. Then, we must help others. But there is more - there is witness, our call to remain faithful to Jesus, who conquered evil by loving from the cross."

Saints of the Week

09 July - St Augustine Zhao Rong and his Companions, Martyrs (17th - 20th C.)

Augustine Zhao Rong was one of the Chinese soldiers who escorted Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse to his execution. Moved by his patience, he asked to be baptised, and in due course was sent to the seminary and ordained a priest. He was arrested and savagely tortured. He died in 1815.

With him are celebrated 119 of his companions in martyrdom in China between 1648 and 1930 (including Bishop Dufresse).

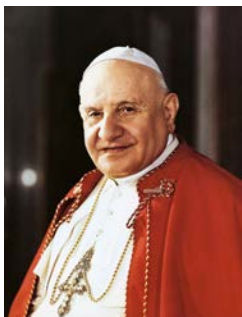
Official persecution of Christians by the Emperors ceased in 1842, but violent anti-religious sentiments persisted, and in the Boxer Rebellion of 1900, Christians were particularly attacked and many thousands were killed.



Information: Universalis

“Quote of the Week”

“Now more than ever, certainly more than in past centuries, our intention is to serve people as such and not only Catholics; to defend above all and everywhere the rights of the human person and not only those of the Catholic Church; it is not the Gospel that changes; it is we who begin to understand it better...The moment has arrived when we must recognise the signs of the times, seize the opportunity, and look far abroad.”



Pope John XXIII
(Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli)
(1881 - 1963)
Final message

Did You Know...?

...that though we have returned to Sundays in Ordinary Time, there are a few interruptions due to feast days falling on a Sunday?

Some years, there is an uninterrupted run of Sundays in Ordinary Time through to the end of the liturgical year (Christ the King). This year, however, we have the following important feast days falling on a Sunday, meaning they take precedence: Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 September), All Souls (02 November), and Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (09 November).



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