

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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27 July 2025 - 17th 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

Contact the office or find information on

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The God of Abraham...

JUST LIKE LAST SUNDAY, our gospel this week is foiled by a story from the life of Abraham, depicted in the book of Genesis. In the account of Abraham's intercession for the great and wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, a thread that runs through the whole of his story is picked up.

In the religious context of his day, the gods were primarily attached to specific works and powers, specific fields of influence, whether that be the god of a nation, the god of the harvest, the god of



the air or water, and so on. Power (or apparent power) over these things was what demonstrated divinity. But in the story of Abraham, God doesn't show himself in these ways. He doesn't reveal himself to Abraham as the lord of the harvest or the god of fertility. He is Abraham's God. This God is the God of a person. And what this means is that for those he chooses, this God is not restricted to a particular sphere of influence, he is not restricted by boundaries or realms. Because he is the God of a person, he has power wherever that person is, wherever he goes – the God of Abraham is not limited by space in any way. And not only that, but in the way he has related to Abraham, offering him things which *are to come*, this God demonstrates a sway over time as well. Neither time nor space are limitations to him. In this way, the God of Abraham shows himself to be the Lord of all and that all things come under his purview.

Hence why Abraham can be so bold to pray in the way that he does. And hence why Jesus teaches us to pray in the way that he does. What both are demonstrating to us is that because God is a God of persons, of individual lives that he cares about, and that his power is thus limited by neither time nor place, that he can and will act in the best interest of those who cry to him, without restriction. We can go to him with confidence, knocking on his door with persistence, even be so bold as to barter with him as Abraham does, because he has shown himself to be one who not only cares about our lot, but who's power to help us is without limit.

All this is captured in the wonderful prayer that the Lord gave us.In it, we call God "father," and are thus invited to relate to him *personally*; we ask (or rather, the original has us *demanding*) that his rule in our life is secured; our daily sustenance is assured and the basic necessities looked after; and that provision is made for our moral failings and weaknesses. Praying in this way draws us into the way in which Jesus himself, the Son of God, relates to his Father. We can do so confidently since, as scripture so wonderfully assures us, the God we pray to hears us, is interested in us, and pledges to look after us in our every need.

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!

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.

OPEN ARMS OF ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Thank you to all parishioners and others who have been supporting the parish initiative to sponsor a refugee family to be welcomed into the Parramatta community. This is one way of following the path Jesus laid out for us to offer acceptance and welcome to all, providing them with dignity, stability, friendship and practical support. The fundraising has reached the halfway mark so please continue to contribute in any way you can, either financially or with practical support. 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 - Saturday 26 July, 7:00 for 7:30pm.

If you haven't booked your tickets - no fear. You can purchase them at the door!



Ticket sales and funds raised on the night will be used for the current community refugee family sponsorship project led by **Open Arms of St Patrick's Parish** (see above).

https://www.trybooking.com/1419677

Tickets available at the door.

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 have organised a few generous attendees to offer a lift to others from the cathedral. If you require a lift you need to contact the office.

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

Playgroup at St Pat's!

We're exploring the idea of restarting a regular Playgroup at St Pat's for young children aged 0-5 and their parents or carers. If you'd be interested in joining a welcoming, fun, and community-focused group, we'd love to hear from you!

This is just an expression of interest for now – no commitment needed. Please email enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or ring the parish office.

St Pat's Matters

The long awaited, latest edition has finally arrived! Will hit the shelves this weekend and is also available on the App. Pick up your copy and remember, one per family please! Let us know what you think. e: stpatsmatters@stpatscathedral.com.au

MET - Formation

There will be a formation session on 'Boundaries in Healthcare what they are and what they are not' at St Paul the Apostle parish, Winston Hills on Saturday 02 August from 10:00 am - 2:30pm. Registrations met@parracatholic.org

Enquiries michael.tan@parracatholic.org

Support ALPHA your local ALPHA





Alpha needs your support - and a note of thanks

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.

And a note of thanks...

to the helpers who have heeded our call and for the generous donations that have been made. This all goes hand in hand with delivering a heartfelt meal each week. God bless you for your abundant generosity.

Bible Study

The Credo Young Adults group gathers fortnightly on a Monday evening with the next meeting on Monday, 04 August at 7:00pm.

We are following Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in Bible discussions and connect with likeminded individuals.

For lovers of olives...

A small quantity of jars of home-preserved olives will be on sale outside the Cloister Café after the 11:00am Mass today.

Money raised will be donated to **Parramatta Mission** and its ongoing efforts helping those in dire need.

By buying a jar (or two) to indulge your olive craving, you are supporting the good works of this local charity outreach.



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

First Friday - 01 August @ 7:00pm

We warmly invite you to join us for our First Friday Devotion this **Friday, 01 August, starting at 7:00pm** in the chapel. This is a special time to come together in prayer, reflection, and devotion. All are welcome!

Solemnity of the Assumption - 15 August

It is not too long now before we celebrate two Solemnities, St Mary MacKillop and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. With regards to the Assumption, it being a Holy Day of Obligation, in addition to the usual 6:30am and 12:30pm Masses on 15 August, we will also celebrate the Vigil at **7:30pm, Thursday 14 August.** This takes the place of an evening Mass on 15 August.

Spring Bazaar - 14 September

SAVE THE DATE for the SPRING BAZAAR on 14 September!

You are invited to come along to our parish Spring Bazaar and to pass the invitation on to your family, friends, workmates and neighbours.

There will be food, stalls and child friendly activities. We would love to hear from you if you can help on the day (assist with the stalls, prepare food, do face painting or balloon animals etc). We need donations of pre-loved or new goods, plants, preserves, books, records or craft items for sale - but not yet. We will call for these closer to the date. We would also welcome donations of any suitable prizes to add to our raffle. Call or text Dianne or call the parish office on 8839 8400.

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

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 and lunch

Book via this QR code.

Contact 9634 2317 for more information.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

Join us in celebrating the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint and a woman of deep faith, courage, and service.

Mass: Friday, 08 August at 10:00am

Morning Tea to follow

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre 33 Barina Downs Road, Norwest

RSVP for catering purposes: bookings.sjc@sosjspirit.org.au

Toongabbie Legal Centre Raffle

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets **next weekend**, along with some merchandise items. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets – with ten prizes. There will be pancakes for sale: 2 for \$5, at the Sunday morning Masses.

Litugy News

Return of the Chalice - 11:00am Solemn Mass

Commencing on 03 August 2025, you will be able to receive the Precious Blood of Christ at the Solemn Mass at 11:00am. A gentle reminder that you must consume the Body of Christ prior to receiving the Precious Blood of Christ. **Intinction is not permitted.** A decision has been reserved for all other Sunday Masses.

Liturgy Ministry Formation Courses

The Office of Worship for the Diocese of Parramatta is currently offering Formation for multiple ministries including Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested in undertaking any of these Ministries please see the Liturgy Coordinator, Jorel for more information.

Refresher Training - Current Liturgical Ministers

There will be Refresher Training for current Liturgical Ministers at the Cathedral. The dates and times are:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Saturday 09

August: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Readers - Saturday 09 August: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Acolyte and Adult Server - Saturday 16 August: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Altar Servers - TBC

For further information, please see Jorel or contact him at liturgy@stpatscathedral.com.au.





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:wwwstpatscathedral.com.au

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Asay Furtado, Murad Andrawis, Roque D'Souza, Bradley Hughes, Hamish J Pereira, Nelka Popic, Trish & Jenny Bowe, Papani Loto'aniu, Margery Simpson, Hamish J Pereira, Edward Gutierrius, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: YC Hsu, John & Aida, Frederick Jung, Dan Rodricks, Rohan Rodricks, Naleen, Tian, Ken Munda Cruz, Raveen, Yi Chuien Hsu, Miguel Custodio, Raveen, Shannon & Erwin Mendoza, Bernadette, Sarah & Clare, Louis J Vella, Haydee Rehak, Nigel Goncalves, Maria Perugini, Miguel Custodio, Melissa Dsouza, Liana, Liam & Eric, Shannen Mendoza, Namaan, Xavier Holgado, Frederick Fisher, Teodulo Sarreal, Melissa, Paul Peters

Recently Deceased: Sheila Kelleher, Rev Tim Hogan, Phyllis Cross, Rosemarie Walker-Lelyveld, Piera Bigna, Patrick Slatter, Fr Tim Hogan, Grga Vulic, Maria Mung Thi Nguyen, Helga Britenburg, Maria Thi Nguyen

Deceased: Rhiannon & Annabelle Green, Domenic & Lina coluccio, YT & Deanna Hsu, Terry stanley, James Brassil, Lucy D'Mello, Kristian Moon, Lily Morales, Kirk family, Benedicta, Leema, Raji Gracy

Anniversaries: Lynette Pau, Mathew Joseph, Frank Papagna, Celestino Bumacho Sr.Sophie Ellis, Stella Cheok Cheng Lian, Emy & Fe Masangkay, Deanna Hsu, Joseta Manubctanol, Moises & Maria Villadelgado, Josie Phelps

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...

Lutessa Randeniya Atlas Fujii

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
20 July

"To our beloved Middle Eastern Christians I say: I deeply sympathise with your feeling that you can do little in the face of this grave situation. You are in the heart of the Pope and of the whole Church. Thank you for your witness of faith. May the Virgin Mary, woman of the Levant, dawn of the new Sun that has risen in history, protect you always and accompany the world towards the dawn of peace."

Saint of the Week

30 July - St Justin de Jacobis (1800 - 1860), Bishop

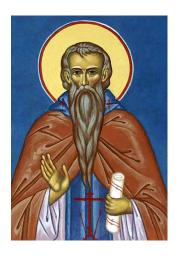
Justin was born in Italy in 1800. He joined the Vincentians (Lazarists) and later was sent to Abyssinia (Ethiopia-Eritrea) as a missionary. He studied the local language and culture and slowly developed a special love for the Abyssinian traditions which he used in his missionary ministry. Made bishop in 1849, De Jacobis worked hard for the formation of the Catholic Church, establishing a seminary together with Blessed Ghebre Michael, and ordaining several priests. He died in Eritrea on 31 July 1860. His missionary methodology, rooted in inculturation, is both a legacy and a challenge for missionaries today.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"It is a bigger miracle to eject passion from your own body than it is to eject an evil spirit from another's body. It is a bigger miracle to be patient and refrain from anger than it is to control the demons which fly through the air."



St John Cassian (360 - 433) Abbot

Did You Know...?

...that the Lord's Prayer is sometimes prayed with a doxology at the end by some people, most especailly Anglicans and Lutherans?

The doxology is made up of the words, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen." These words are not scriptural but found in an early Christian

catechetical document from the first century called the Didache, known also as The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles.









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