

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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03 August 2025 - 18th 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 Big Picture

HAVE YOU EVER seen one of those pictures where if you only see a small part of it, you would draw one conclusion but once you see the whole picture you come to a very different conclusion? In business we often counsel people to not make decisions based on short term factors, we tell them to keep their eyes on the big picture. If they do that, they make much better long-term decisions.

Today's scriptures are all about our temptation to make poor short-term decisions because we are missing the big picture. The first reading describes a person who has worked wisely, skilfully, and



successfully (in human terms). Someone who has worked hard and lived with pressure and sleepless nights. And at the end of all that, the fruits just get handed to someone who didn't work for them at all. Living and working this way is all just a "vanity" the writer tells us. This message ties in beautifully with Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. The man in Jesus's parable has had a very successful harvest but his barns are already full. His only thoughts are about how to provide even more for himself and his future, but the only problem is, he has no future, he will die that very night, and all his plans and all his goods will be useless to him.

So, what are we to take from all this? Is it suggesting that we shouldn't work hard, or try to provide for our future. No, not at all, for most of us, that would be irresponsible, and akin to putting God to the test. Of course we should work, and strive, and plan, but, and this is a very important BUT, we need to recognise that there is a much bigger picture. Our life in this world, is only a part of our journey. As Pierre Teilhard de Chardin once wrote: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings having a human experience." Our human journey is only a part of our picture and if we make all our decisions as though it is the whole of our journey, we will make the wrong decisions.

The man in today's Gospel had a bumper harvest, the first thing he should have done was to recognise that this was not the fruit of his own work - he did not control the weather and all the other factors that resulted in a bumper crop. This was a blessing from God, and God gives us blessings so that we can pass those blessings to others. This man already had enough for himself. How different would his story end, if he had taken this wonderful blessing and given it to the poor around him. Even if his life still ended that night, how different would his encounter with God have been...

In this parish, God has blessed many of us with fruitfulness. At the same time, He has presented us with lots of opportunities to share those blessings – the CRISP project in our bulletin is one of many wonderful causes. Let us pray then that God will constantly remind us of the shortness of our lives, of the big picture, and let the focus of our lives not be on making ourselves rich in the sight of the world, but rather becoming rich in the sight of God.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Deacon David

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 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 has closed.

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.





Seniors' Ministry - Monday 04 August

Looking forward to our 'excursion' on Monday to 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

If you have indicated you require a lift, please be at the cathedral car park by 9.45am. Thank you!

PARISH NOTICES

Diocesan Homelessness Week Memorial Service – Wrapped in Love: 08 August

You're warmly invited to a Memorial Service during Homelessness Week on Friday 08 August 2025, 6:30pm–7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. Together, let us honour and remember those who have died while experiencing homelessness or hardship, through prayer, reflection and a spirit of compassion. Whether you want to commemorate a friend or stand in solidarity, all are welcome. This heartfelt gathering is hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta, St Patrick's Cathedral, Catholic Care, and other community partners. You can find more information at parracatholic.org/events/homeless-memorial-service

Trivia Night - Thank you

A big thank you to everyone involved in planning and attending last Saturday's trivia night. Thank you to Fr Tom and Clare Carrington for MC'ing the event and to those who donated baked goods and prizes. The event raised \$2,580 for the Open Arms of St Patrick's group, helping to progress towards the goal of community refugee sponsorship.

Return and Earn

Many of you would be familiar with the fact that NSW has had in place for some time now a scheme to get a small refund on the return of some recyclable beverage packaging. As a parish, it would be good to get some benefit from this! Though we won't make millions, every little bit helps. We are in need of a small cage to place in the cloister area which would be specifically for this purpose. If you are someone who has the skills to fashion one of these, possibly out of a large bird cage, please contact the parish office to discuss. Thank you!

JRS foodbank Drive

For the past several years, our Cathedral parish has generously supported the JRS Foodbank through donations of non-perishable food items. We kindly invite parishioners to continue this tradition of giving by leaving their food donations at the designated collection point in the chapel. Your support helps bring hope and nourishment to those in need. Donations accepted until Sunday 31 August.



Support ALPHA your local ALPHA



ALPHA UPDATE: We're back!



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...

All gone! Thank you for your support. Monies passed on to Parramatta Mission - the good works of parishioners continues!

Social Justice Group Meeting

If you have an interest in being part of the Social Justice Group, contact Claire at socialjustice@stpatscathedral.com.au with your enquiry. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 07 August from 7:00pm in the presbytery.

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

Solemnity of the Assumption - 15 August

It is not too long now before we celebrate two Solemnities, St Mary MacKillop (Friday 08 August) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August). With regards to the **Assumption**, it being a Holy Day of Obligation, the Mass times will be:

- Thursday 14 August: 7:30pm Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
- Friday 15 August: 6:30am and 12:30pm
- NOTE: NO EVENING MASS on Friday

Adult Confirmation 2025: 23 & 26 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday 23 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday 26 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to enrol, please contact the Office for Worship on ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 before Monday 4 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 are now calling for donations of any suitable prizes to add to our raffle. Call or text Dianne or call the parish office on 8839 8400.

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Stay Connected with Our Parish!

Don't forget to download the St Pat's Parish App to receive the latest news, event updates, Mass times, and more—right at your fingertips. Download details below. If you need help, please contact the parish office. The QR code is able to be used to download the app by both Android and Apple devices. Download today to access a wealth of services connected with St Patrick's Cathedral!

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 this weekend, along with some merchandise. 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. 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: Hamish J Pereira, Chris Doughty, 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: Rogue D'Souza, 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, 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: Dora & Jack Kirk, Maryanne Saliba, YT & Deanna Hsu, Emmanuel Espinosa Day, Rhiannon & Annabelle Green, Domenic & Lina coluccio, Terry stanley, James Brassil, Lucy D'Mello, Kristian Moon, Lily Morales, Kirk family

Anniversaries: Grga Vulic, 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

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 August



For mutual coexistence

"Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons."

From Pope Leo...
"X" post dated
25 July

"The communities that welcome migrants and refugees can be a living witness of a society where the dignity of all as children of God is recognised and in which all are brothers and sisters, part of the same family."

Saint of the Week

07 August - St Cajetan (1480 - 1547), Priest

St Cajetan was born in Vicenza and became a priest at the age of 36. He worked hard for the poor and the sick and for the reform of the Church; with this last aim in mind, he founded a congregation of secular priests which became known as the Theatines. These had three functions: preaching, the administration of the sacraments, and the celebration of the liturgy.

He encouraged the growth of pawn-shops as a means of helping the poor out of temporary financial difficulties and keeping them out of the hands of usurers. His congregation also cared for incurable syphilitics (a particularly virulent form of syphilis was sweeping Europe, having been imported from the Caribbean by Columbus's men).

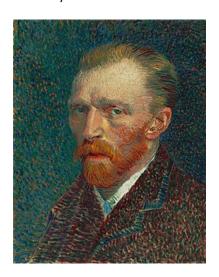
His example encouraged many others on the path to active sanctity. He said [in a letter to Elisabeth Porto]: "Do not receive Christ in the Blessed Sacrament so that you may use him as you judge best, but give yourself to him and let him receive you in this Sacrament, so that he himself, God your saviour, may do to you and through you whatever he wills."



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"I think that everything that is really good and beautiful, of inward moral, spiritual, and sublime beauty in people and their works, comes from God."



Vincent van Gogh (1853 - 1890) Dutch artist

Did You Know...?

...that there are seven petitions in the Lord's Prayer which we pray each time we attend Mass?

These seven petitions are outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n.2803 - 2806). The first three petitions carry us towards God ("thy name, thy kingdom, thy will") whilst the second series offers up our own expectations ("give

us...forgive us...lead us not...deliver us"). These petitions go up from us and concern us at this present time in the present world, in recognition of our need for the loving mercy of God.







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