ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

07 September 2025 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

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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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IT HAS BECOME quite fashionable to emphasise that we are an "inclusive" Church. The Church is a mother that has open arms, ready to welcome anyone who comes to her. The Church is for all, and no one should be excluded from her embrace. This is all quite obvious. Jesus came to save all humanity, not just a privileged few, and the Church's mission is Christ's.



Sometimes, however, this emphasis on the inclusive nature of the Church can hide the fact that there are conditions to being a disciple of

Christ. The Church has open doors, indeed, but that open embrace is meant to draw people into a new life. The encounter with Christ in the Church is meant to change a person. "Here Comes Everybody" does not mean "anything goes."

In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus gives us three reasons why someone cannot be his disciple. Firstly, unless we hate our mother and father, spouse and so on, we cannot be his disciple. Christ is obviously exaggerating to make the point that no one can be preferred to him. If I love someone, even if it's my parents whom I'm commanded to honour by God, more than God, I can have no place in him.

Secondly, if we fail to carry our cross and follow Jesus, we cannot be his disciple. Being a disciple of Christ means living like him a life of self-renunciation, a willingness to undergo suffering as that necessary cost of love. When we are a disciple of Christ, we do not presume to try to tell him how things ought to be like Peter did, but we follow behind him, learning from him, imitating the steps he takes. If I am seeking to get Christ and his Church to change for me, and I am unwilling to adapt to the pattern he has set for me, then I can have no place in him.

Lastly, Jesus tells us that unless we give up all our possessions, we cannot be his disciple. Again, Jesus is using hyperbole to emphasise the point that, just as no person can be preferred to him, neither can any created thing be preferred to him. Disciples of Jesus ought to be detached from the good things of this life that they might cling to God. But if we are unwilling to let go of our possessions, then we have no room left in our hands to cling to him.

Indeed, everyone is invited, all are welcome. But the conditions for full membership have been set.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Tom

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Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal

This Fathers' Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care.

Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives.

Additional collections will be taken up at the weekend Mass of 06/07 September. Please give generously at paracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



Spring Bazaar - 14 September - 10:00am - 2:00pm

** Raffle tickets available after all Masses this weekend **

Thank you to all who took raffle ticket books home. Can we now ask for all bookes to be returned - whether sold or not. We will accept them on the day but preferably beforehand.

We are now accepting donations of pre-loved or new goods, plants, preserves, records or craft items for sale - we have enough books, thank you. Contact the office before arrival.



On the day...

We have many activities for the children and a jumping castle to keep them busy. So, please come and enjoy the day.

Volunteers: Great response but if you would like to help out there is always room for more $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{C}}$

You can help for as little or as much as you like.
Call or text Dianne or call the parish office on 8839 8400.
All proceeds go to "Open Arms".

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

Also, you have the opportunity to have your photo taken with a sleek and powerful Corvette Stingray!

Vale Greg Whitby AM, former Executive Director of Catholic Education

After a week of being hospitalised, Greg died peacefully in the company of his wife Sue and loved ones on Saturday, August 30th, 2025, aged 73. A Requiem Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Monday 08 September at 10:00am.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.



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St Pat's Matters

It's time to prepare your article for the next edition of St Pat's Matters. Tell us about a parish or diocesan event that you participated in. Did you hear or see something that strengthened your faith? Did you attend the African Mass in May? Were you commissioned as a liturgical minister this year? Were you baptised, confirmed, or did you receive first communion? Drop us a line so we can talk about your article and share the good news at... stpatsmatters@stpatscathedral.com.au.



OPEN ARMS OF ST PATRICK'S PARISH

We have exciting news for the parish!

Thanks to the parish's support of our fundraising efforts, Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia has matched our parish community support group (Open Arms of St Patrick's Parish) with a family from Ethiopia. The family consists of a couple with two children, aged 8 and 2. The funds raised will allow us to support this family to settle in Australia where they will be safe and to give them emotional and practical support for their first twelve months in Australia. The Department of Home Affairs will now facilitate travel through an organisation named TOLL. This can take some time and we do not know when the family will be able to travel to be welcomed by our community. We ask that you pray for them and for us as we begin to offer them support. We will keep you updated on how things go. In the meantime please continue to support our fundraising, including donations through the QR code, the bazaar on 14 September and the raffle for which tickets are on sale now. God bless you all for your support."

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

Annual Leave

Please be aware that our Parish Coordinator, Pascarl, is currently on annual leave. Though only having been with us for a couple of months, Pascarl had organised her time away before she applied for her position with us, and so it is important that her time away is honoured. She will return on **13 October**. Any enquiries that would normally be directed to Pascarl should be directed towards one of our parish secretaries, Pat or Donna.



Also, I will be away from the parish from 26
September to 25 October. Part of this leave is in connection with a pilgrimage to Rome I will be co-leading with Bishop Vincent in my capacity as Vicar for Education. We will be on pilgrimage with a group of about thirty Religious Education Coordinators and Assistant Prinicipals from schools across the Parramatta Diocese.
Following this, I will be taking the remainder of my annual leave and spending a few days on retreat.

Fr Robert

PARISH NOTICES

Diocesan Season of Creation Mass 2025

Saturday 20 September, 10:00am @ St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by refreshments.

Each year from 01 September to 04 October, the Christian family unites for the Season of Creation (SoC), a global celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. For more information follow:

https://catholicoutlook.org/wpcontent/uploads/2025/09/08.25 MET 9208 Season-of-Creation-Mass-2025 SM v1.jpg

Happy Fathers' Day!

Wishing all of our fathers and father figures a truly blessed day this Fathers' Day. Thank you for all you do to model Christ to your families and especially your children, no matter their age! May God continue to bless you and let us pray for our deceased fathers who left us a wonderful legacy by the witness of their lives.



Jesuit Refugee Service foodbank drive

We have had yet another successful foodbank drive at St Patrick's. To our wonderful parishioners who are always heeding the call - 'Thank You'.

You are all part of a vital role in enabling the Jesuit Refugee Service to carry out its mission of helping refugees and asylum seekers. God bless you all!

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. 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!



RCIA - Come Journey With Us...

Do you know someone who is seeking a deeper relationship with God or a sense of belonging within the Catholic Church?

Our Cathedral parish will be recommencing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process on **Tuesday 16 September at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Hall.**

The RCIA is a spiritual journey designed for adults who are considering becoming Catholic, particularly those who have not yet been baptised. It is a time of reflection, prayer, and learning, where individuals are invited to explore the richness of our Catholic faith and discern whether God is calling them to enter into full communion with the Church.

This is not just a process, but a transformative journey that leads to a deeper relationship with Christ and his Church. We encourage you to reach out to family members, friends, neighbours, or anyone who may be searching for a spiritual home.

Your invitation could be the first step in their journey toward discovering the fullness of faith in the Catholic Church.

For more information or to express interest, please contact the team at rcia@stpatscathedral.com.au or call the Cathedral office on 8839 8400. Let's work together to extend Christ's invitation to those seeking him, and help them embark on this beautiful path of faith.

Courtlands Retirement Village - Open Day

Explore the full continuum of care at Courtlands, from independent retirement living to supportive aged care, all on one beautiful site in North Parramatta.

Join us to...

- Tour the Village & Residential Aged Care
- View 1, 2 & 3 bedroom units
- Meet residents & staff and
- learn about retirement & care options.

Date: 20 September 2025

Starts: 10:30am

Location: Meet at the Village Centre - 15 Gloucester Ave,

North Parramatta

RSVP by 16 September 2025

Call or text 0459 651 622

Email: courtlandsrvenquiries@chomes.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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Romeo D'Souza, Hamish Pereira, Ryan Limlingan, Hamish J Pereira, Chris Doughty, Asay Furtado, Murad Andrawis, Roque D'Souza, Marjorie Simpson, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: John & Aida, YT & Deanna Hsu, Naleen, Tian & Raveen, Mr & Mrs P Noronho, Romeo D'Souza, Michael, Kelly Berg & Chris, Lucy, Cesare & Rita Paolini, Salvatore & Rosa, Salvatore Loria, Eufemio Ramirez, Tian, Raveen, Rosario Antioquia, John & Aida, Nazar & Lewis Nissan, Regina & Salim, Cenam Younan, Kulee Murad, Daniel Altmann, Alicia Altmann, Brianna, Jessica, Lucy Thomas, Ajay Furtado, Ankica, Mara, Paul Peters

Recently Deceased: Sr Helen Barnes rsm, Greg Whitby, Michael Carter, Ivo Jandradec, Anita Moniaga, Valerie Bedrous, Jimmy Batistic, Riet Olifiers, Alisio, Antoine Morvan, Filomena Nubla, Irene Gulferica, Shelley, Joyce & Terry McNamara, Robert Russo

Deceased: Aleksander Kandiliotis, Charlie Assaf, Sr Judy McLeod rsm, Emmanuel Day, Benjamin De Vera Geminiano, Joseph Tinh Vu, Salvador & Christine Vas, Pascal & Mary D'Mello, Petra Cabezas, Juan & Pablito Cabezas, Leonila Gabonada, Ambrosia Stanley, Maria & Frank Darivo, Salvatore & Giuseppina Agostino, Pasquale Altamore

Anniversaries: Gabriel Muniandi, Jose Ramirez, Anacorita, Jesus, Petrona & Drina, Mary Thottan, Lance K Hart, Miguel Custodio, Thomas, Rosa Mancini, Angela Tantini, Irene de Silva, Estelito Fenis Jr., Marcia Machliss, Thomas Sebastian, Maria Megale, Segundo Burgos, Monica Ryan, Pua Foai, Jaime Blandon, Grga Vulic, Lynette Pau, Mathew Joseph

Perpetuals: Antoine Morvan, 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 children recently baptised here...

Teddy Connolly, Emira Reyes & Alexandre Hieu Nguyen

WEDDINGS



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

Sara Bologna & Christopher Russo

POPE LEO'S

Prayer Intention for September



For our relationship with all of creation

"Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect."

From Pope Leo...

"X" post dated 03 September "Jesus' thirst on the Cross is ours, too. It is the cry of a wounded humanity that seeks living water. If we have the courage to acknowledge it, we discover that even our fragility is a bridge towards heaven. It is precisely in asking - not in possessing - that a way of freedom opens up, because we cease to pretend to be self-sufficient."

Saint of the Week

09 September - St Peter Claver (1581- 1654), Priest

Peter was born in Catalonia. He became a Jesuit; and while he was studying philosophy in Mallorca, the door-keeper of the college, Alfonso Rodríguez, saw that his true vocation was to evangelise the New World, and encouraged him to fulfil that vocation.

He arrived in Cartagena, in what is now Colombia, in 1610, and after his ordination six years later he became 'the slave of the Negroes forever', labouring on their behalf for 43 years, attending to both their spiritual and material needs.

He brought fresh food to the slave-ships as they arrived, instructed the slaves and baptised them in the faith, followed their progress and kept track of them even when they were sent to the mines and plantations, defending them as well as he could from oppressive slave-owners. He organised teams of catechists who spoke the many languages spoken by the slaves. He worked in hospitals also, looking after lepers among others, and in prisons.

At the end of his life he fell ill with a degenerative disease and for four years he was treated neglectfully and brutally by the servant whose task it was to look after him. He did not complain but accepted his sufferings as a penance for his sins.

TRVS CLAP VER.S.I.

Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"When we are linked up by the power of prayer, we, as it were, hold each other's hand as we walk side by side along a slippery path; and thus by the bounteous disposition of charity, it comes about that the harder each one leans on the other, the more fimly we are riveted together in brotherly love."



St Gregory the Great (c.540 - 604) Pope and Doctor of the Church

Did You Know...?

...that the word 'disciple' that we hear in the Gospel this weekend comes from the word meaning 'learner'?

For we Christians, the word *disciple* has become so synonymous with 'a follower of Christ', that we forget that it had other meanings before the time of Christ. In Latin, the word for pupil is 'discipulus' and, as today, referred to someone who was in the

process of learning from a master. It seems only natural therefore, that we approach our own discipleship as willing and eager pupils seeking to learn all we can from the ultimate master, Jesus.









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