

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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Check your attitude...

LAST WEEK we were taught about the need to be persistent in prayer. This week is about the right **attitude** to bring to our prayer. To understand this better we need to consider our bosses. A boss is someone whose choices or decisions have a direct impact on our lives. We are always careful of our attitude towards our bosses, and the more important they are in our lives and the bigger impact they have on our lives the more attentive we are to our attitude towards them. I'll bet the people that work for Donald Trump are exceptionally careful about their attitude in dealing with him...



We need to keep this in mind when we listen to today's gospel because without understanding this point you could easily think there is something wrong with this gospel: on the one hand we have a good Pharisee who isn't sinful, who prays, fasts twice a week and gives generously to charity. And on the other hand, we have this tax collector who lives the exact opposite life – tax collectors were generally extortionists that got rich by extracting money from their own community, using Roman soldiers as their muscle. And yet in the gospel the Pharisee is the bad guy and the tax collector is the good guy. What is going on here? Well, the answer centres around the attitude they bring to prayer. The "good" Pharisee's prayer was all about himself, telling God how good he was. The tax collectors' prayer recognised fully his need of God and God's mercy. One was prideful, one was humble.

So, what is it that's so bad about pride and so great about humility? Pride is defined as a feeling of pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements. Now the problem with this is the sense that "I did this." "Look what I have done." "How good am I?" If we look at situations through that lens, we are ignoring how much of our success was given to us from God. My gift came from God. My opportunity to use that gift came from God. All the factors that affect the outcome of a situation that are beyond my control, were impacted by God. So, there it is – the problem with pride is that it shows a huge lack of understanding and appreciation of the role God plays in every part of our lives. It gives us a distorted view of who we are and who God is.

Humility is not about making yourself a doormat, or not placing any value on yourself. True humility is to have an accurate, balanced view of who you are, relative to other people and in particular relative to God. St Paul, in the second reading, gives us a wonderful example: He tells us that he has "run the good race" and "fought the good fight" and he fully believes that he will receive the "crown of righteousness". But, he then tells us that everything important he did was done in the power of God, and that all glory should go to God.

This week let us take some time to meditate on God, on the immensity of His power, and on the immensity of His impact on our lives. When we understand that properly, we will bring the right attitude to our prayer, and "The prayer of the humble will pierce the clouds."

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Deacon David

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Parish Bazaar: 23 November

On Sunday, 23 November, the parish will host a Parish Bazaar. To make it even more enticing, we will embrace a festive Christmas theme! We invite you to donate any *good quality* Christmas decorations for our pop-up stall. Please refrain from bringing Christmas lights unless they are in unopened boxes. We won't need any books or White Elephant goods this time.

Stay tuned for more details! All proceeds to St Pat's Parish.

Annual General Meeting: 9 November

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 9th November at 12:00 pm, following the 11:00 am Mass in the Cloister Function Room. All are warmly welcome to attend. The AGM report will be available beforehand via the parish app, and printed copies will be available inside the church.

Guild of Church Musicians Award Ceremony

Vespers 4pm, Sunday 9th November 2025

Parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Festival Service of the Guild of Church Musicians at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 9th November.

Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) with the cathedral choir will be sung at 4.00pm.

The Guild is an international and ecumenical organisation of Church Musicians under the Patronage of the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster (London). Following Vespers, awards will be presented to members of the Guild.

This year, our Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick will be conferred with the award of Honorary Fellow of the Guild (HonFGCM) in recognition of his contribution to Sacred Music in the Church in Australia.



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Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at

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Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

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First Holy Communion Process -

The Sacramental Team at St Patrick's Cathedral invites you to enrol your child in the Sacraments of Penance (Confession/Reconciliation). This will take place through a parish-based and family-centred process. That means that it is you who do the preparation with your child but we help you with this through a process of guided reflection.

Registration is now open and will close 9.11.25 (day before first session).

Enrolment will take place at the 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 26 October**.

To be eligible for preparation at this time your child must be 7 years of age by 01 July 2025 (this year). While this is the minimum age for children to join in preparation it is important to note that there is no particular age for children who have been baptised as infants to begin preparation for Penance and First Eucharist, other than the minimum age noted above. It is important that you as parents discern if your child is ready and not be swayed by the fact that your child is now in a particular class at school, eg. Year Three.



Please note - Registration for First Holy Communion will be available early 2026. For further information about registration and preparation for the Sacraments of Penance and First Eucharist, please contact Parish Secretary, Pat Preca at secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

Free Hospital Bed

Looking for a home for a fully operational, electric hospital bed. If you or someone you know has a need, please call Cathy J. 0406 346 024.

Healthy Eating Workshop

We are looking for people who would be interested in participating in a budget friendly, healthy eating workshop in conjunction with Oz Harvest.

You will learn and improve your skills in nutrition, food preparation and budgeting as well as sharing lunch in a small group setting.

You must be able to commit to **six sessions**, 10:30am - 1:00pm for six mornings over a two-week period in January 2026.

There is no cost to you.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Thanks very much! Claire Pospischil



Brandenburg Noël! Noël!

Join us on Tuesday 16 December for a night of reflection, celebration, and pure musical delight: a radiant reminder of the beauty, hope, and spirit of Christmas.

TICKETS: <https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/noel-noel-2025/>

PARISH NOTICES

November Mass Intentions

November is, of course, the month that we traditionally pray for the Holy Souls. Envelopes are now available to submit names of deceased loved ones for whom they wish to pray. As usual, names of our beloved deceased will be entered into the parish Book of Remembrance, displayed in the chapel throughout the month.

Please note that **all Masses** in November will be offered for the Holy Souls.

Masses to Commemorate All Souls

This year, All Souls Day falls on Sunday, November 2nd. The following Masses will be held:

- 11:00 AM - St. Patrick's Cathedral, accompanied by the Cathedral Choir
- 3:00 PM - St. Patrick's Cemetery (1 Pennant Hills Rd, North Parramatta).

All weekend Masses are scheduled as usual.

Seniors' Melbourne Cup - 04 November

Our annual Seniors' Melbourne Cup is scheduled for Tuesday 4 November, 1:15pm in the Cloister Function room.

The afternoon begins with a light lunch, followed by a bit of trivia and finally watching the cup.

Sweeps will also be available.

It is an immensely enjoyable afternoon and we do hope you can join us.

Again the cost has been subsidised by a very generous anonymous donor and we take this opportunity to express our thanks.

Please RSVP using link below or contact the parish office.

Cost: \$15 payable at the door.

[Melbourne Cup Registration](#)

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.



RCIA - Come Journey With Us...

Our Cathedral parish has recommenced the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process and we meet weekly on **Tuesdays at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start in the Cathedral Hall.**

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.

Credo Ministry

We have a thriving group of young adults who are enjoying the social and liturgical aspects of this ministry. Do consider joining us for..

- Bible Study - Fortnightly Monday - 7:00pm - Cloister Hall. Next session 27 October;
- Faith & Fellowship - every third Sunday of the month &
- Oz Tag - Wednesday evenings @ Ollie Webb Reserve. Even if you don't wish to play, spectators are very welcome.



Volunteers' Thank You Dinner

We warmly invite all our volunteers to our Annual Volunteer Thank You Dinner - an evening to honour and celebrate your remarkable contributions to our parish community.

- **Date:** Friday, 14 November
- **Time:** 7:00pm
- **Location:** Cloister Function Room



This dinner is our way of expressing our deep gratitude for the time, dedication, and service you've provided throughout the year. Whether you serve as a liturgical minister, warden, hospitality team member, SRE teacher, event helper, shop volunteer, or a member of the Parish Finance Committee or Pastoral Council, your efforts have been instrumental in our mission.

Please RSVP by **12 November** through the Cathedral App (My Group & Serving) or to the email of your ministry leaders where you can also note any dietary requirements.

For assistance with the RSVP process, contact Pat or Donna in the office. We look forward to celebrating with you and thanking you in person!

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: Silvana Rechichi, Patrick Condon, Vincent Chan, Hamish J Pereira, Vani Jhunjhunwala, Pete Berg, John Gassami, Jessica Blatman, Rosette Dureza, Lusía Solomon, Romeo D'Souza, Hamish Pereira, Ryan Limlingan, Chris Doughty, Asay Furtado, Murad Andrawis, Roque D'Souza, Marjorie Simpson, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Zayne Bumactao, Raveen, Averil Sampey, James Sampey, Andrea Bernabey, Cáceres, Rios, Alonso, SantaCruz families, Girish Fernandez, Stephen, Andrew, Nicole & Carlee, Win Rowan, Jennifer, Amanda, Jolene & family, Merle, Karl & June, All the victims of the Cebu Earthquake, Raven Seguia, Ziwan Chevas, Andrew, Nicole, Naleen, Tian

Anniversaries: Pedro Obar Morales, Edward Muller, Juan Montesco, Maximena Manlangit, Johannes Lelyveld, Frank Maccarone, Rodney Jayatilaka, Dora Kirk, Joseph Fung, Gabriel Muniandi, Jose Ramirez, Anacorita, Jesus, Petrona & Drina, Mary Thottan, Lance K Hart, Miguel Custodio, Thomas, Rosa Mancini, Angela Tantini, Irene de Silva

Book of Remembrance

All Souls' Day, also called The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed.

Each year a 'Book of Remembrance' is displayed in the Chapel. If you would like to have your deceased family and friends included, please fill in a November Mass Offering envelope and either leave on the collection plate or hand in at the office. We will update the Book of Remembrance regularly to reflect new names that are requested for inclusion.



BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children recently baptised here...

Kian Rabago, Kalissa Miranda, Mateo Brena, Anahera Chapman & Amariah Chapman

WEDDINGS



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

Rebecca Jaja & Luke Rusitovic

POPE LEO'S

Prayer Intention for October



For collaboration between different religious traditions

"Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity."

From Pope Leo...

"X" post dated
15 October

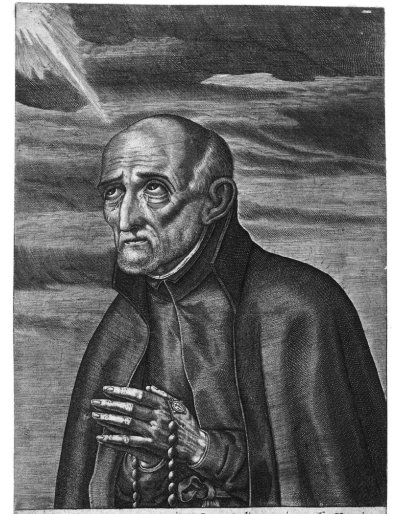
"We were created to rejoice in life, and life in abundance (Jn 10:10). This deep desire of our hearts never finds its ultimate answer in power or possessions. Only the Risen Jesus is the wellspring that satisfies our infinite thirst for fullness, which the Holy Spirit imbues into our hearts."

Saint of the Week

31 October - St Alfonso Rodriguez (1533 - 1617), Religious

Alfonso Rodriguez (1533-1617) was born in Segovia, Spain. His family played host to Saint Peter Faber, who prepared the young Alfonso for his First Communion. He left school at age 14 to help his widowed mother run the family wool business. At age twenty-seven, he married and had three children. Five years later, he found himself a widower with one surviving child, who died soon after. He joined the Society of Jesus as a Brother at the age of thirty-eight. He spent the next forty-six years of his religious life as guest master and doorkeeper of the Jesuit college in Majorca, where he exercised a marvellous influence not only on the members of the college, but upon a great number of people who came to him for spiritual advice. He was a friend and advisor to Saint Peter Claver, encouraging him to go to the missions in South America. His daily routine, though ordinary, offered him opportunities for holiness of life: each time the bell rang, he looked at the door and envisioned that it was God who was standing outside. He was often heard to say "I'm just coming, Lord."

Information: Universalis



"Quote of the Week"

"Why God should ask us to pray, when he knows what we need before we ask him, may perplex us if we do not realise that our Lord and God does not want to know what we want (for he cannot fail to know it), but wants us rather to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us."



St Augustine
(354 - 430)

Bishop, Theologian, and
Doctor of the Church
Letter to Proba

Did You Know...?

...that despite the belief of many Catholics to the contrary, hell and purgatory are still part of the doctrine of the Catholic Church?

With regard to purgatory, the Church teaches in the Catechism: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (n.1030)



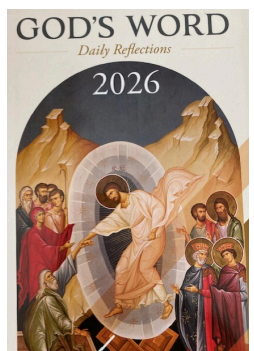
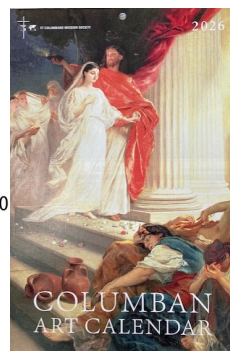
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