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09 November 2025 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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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

Contact the office or find information on

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You Are God's Temple

TEMPLES PLAYED a central and significant role in the religious life of the people of Israel. The Jerusalem Temple was so central to the people that anything that happened to it affected all the other areas of life of the Israelites. Jeremiah was almost lynched for speaking against the Temple, the city and the people (Jer 7 and 26). The Temple signified the presence of God in their midst. It was their place of worship. The people believed that once they were able to find their way to the temple, they were safe from all dangers. The temple was used as a hiding place from external aggression. The first reading today speaks about the wholesomeness of the Temple and all that pass through it (Ezek 47). Humans, animals and plants find wholeness through their association with the temple.



However, the Temple assumed a different meaning and significance in the New Testament. St Paul reminds the Corinthians that the Temple of the Lord was more than the physical edifice. The people themselves are God's Temple and they must keep it holy (1Cor 3:9). While the physical structure of the church should be respected and maintained, it is the spiritual structure, that is our body, that needs more respect and dignity.

Jesus showed in the gospel his displeasure at what the people were turning the Jerusalem Temple into - a place of commerce and corruption (John 2:13-22). The import of this action was almost lost as the people thought that all began and ended with the physical structure. Jesus made it clear, though indirectly, that he was actually referring to his own body, and by extension, our own bodies as the Temple of God.

The feast of today, the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, has been celebrated in Rome since the 12th century. It was later extended to the whole Roman Rite as a sign of unity and love for the See of Peter. The Lateran Basilica is described as "the mother and head of all the churches of the City and the World".

We join in this feast today to show our solidarity and love towards the mother church as a sign of unity. Let us not be like the people of Jeremiah's time who were accused of hypocrisy. They lived a double life because whenever they were in the Temple, they appeared as holy people. However, their conduct outside the Temple was completely different. This was the reason God was angry with them and threatened to punish them. Let there be no discrepancy between our lives both in and outside the church. This is because it is not just the physical edifice that is the house of God, we ourselves are the dwelling place where God chooses to be. Let us also not be like the Jews of Jesus' day who turned the temple into a market place with no respect and decorum. May we continue to play our part in building up the Temple of God here on earth. May we also be assisted by the special grace of God to preserve our own bodies from the poison of sin so as to share in the beatific vision on the last day.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Vincent

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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 Secretaries.

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 Secretaries, Pat or Donna, by **12:00 noon on Thursday**.

Clergy Update

It is with some sadness that I inform you that after a little over two years with us, Fr Tom Green will be leaving us. He has been appointed by Bishop Vincent as the new Assistant Priest at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. This will be effective from **29 November**. We will be welcoming on that day Fr Andrew Rooney as the new Assistant Priest here, the two effectively doing a swap. I can announce with some pleasure that Fr Vincent Ojo, who has been with us for a couple of months, has been appointed as a second Assistant Priest here at the Cathedral. Fr Vincent will be celebrating Masses on weekdays and weekends, celebrating funerals, weddings and baptisms, and so on, as one of the valued clergy here at St Patrick's Cathedral. I know you will make both Fr Vincent and Fr Andrew welcome!

Fr Robert

Farewell Fr Tom at the Christmas Bazaar

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us at the St Pat's Christmas Bazaar on **Sunday 23 November**, as we come together to farewell Fr Tom and celebrate his time with our parish community. Come along to enjoy the festive atmosphere, share memories, and wish Fr Tom all the best for the future! All funds raised from the stalls will go towards supporting St Patrick's Cathedral Parish.

We will miss you

THANK YOU!

Farewell Collection for Fr Tom

As we prepare to say farewell to Fr Tom and thank him for his years of service at St Pat's, we will be holding a leaving collection after each weekend Mass on **08/09 November** and **15/16 November**. If you would like to contribute, please place your cash donation in the baskets held by the wardens after Mass. For those who prefer to give online, you can make a donation via the St Pat's website or the parish app — please include "Fr Tom" as the reference. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us show our appreciation to Fr Tom!

Celebrating Fr Tom!

As we prepare to celebrate Fr Tom and his time here at St Pat's, we're putting together a slideshow of memories. If you have any photos with Fr Tom from parish events, celebrations, or special moments, please share them!

Please email them to coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au by **Wednesday 19 November**. Thank you for helping us honour Fr Tom and his years of ministry at St Patrick's!



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Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture

How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of becoming a synodal church? Bishop Vincent will unpack his annual lecture on Vatican II on **Wednesday 12 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Parramatta Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta.**

[Register here](#) OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

FaithLIFE Ministry offers a 3-session short course on translating Catholic principles into concrete actions of life & faith.

The program is facilitated by an expert in ministry, which will cover key themes of Catholic Social Teaching as well as some practical tools that can be used for community actions.

This session is open to adults of all ages, responding to resolutions 4A, 5D and 1C within the diocesan plan for a synodal church.

<https://parracatholic.org/events/annual-bishop-vincent-vatican-ii-lecture-x-faithlife-short-course-ministry-session-2-12-nov/#register>

Guild of Church Musicians Award Ceremony

Vespers: 4:00pm, Sunday 09 November

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



Open Arms of St Patrick's Parish

Open Arms of St Patrick's Parish, as you all know, is assisting in the parish initiative to support a refugee family coming to Australia. As parishioners you have been generous in supporting our fundraising efforts. We are excited to let you know that (everything going well) our sponsored refugee family will be arriving on **Thursday 13 November**. We communicated with them recently and they are very excited about coming to Australia and said they are very grateful for the support of our parish. We will keep you updated once they arrive. Please keep them and us in your prayers.

Our final fundraising event, organised by the parish Social Justice Committee, is a Bunnings barbecue and cake stall on **Saturday 15 November** at Rydalmere Bunnings, 316 Victoria Rd, Rydalmere. We hope you are able to drop in and support this fundraiser. We know how much everyone loves Bunnings!

Dianne Starkey (Coordinator 0408 161 443), Sebastian Villafana (Deputy coordinator), Malcolm Freame, Macnos Mutano and Angela Hansford

Parish Bazaar: 23 November - Bakers and Volunteers Needed!

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 are looking for bakers to donate cakes, slices, and other treats for sale, as well as volunteers to help coordinate and run the bake stall and book stall.

If you can lend a hand or bake something delicious, please email coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au. Thank you for supporting our parish community! All proceeds to St Patrick's Cathedral Parish.



Congratulations to our SREs!

The annual CCD Mass was celebrated here at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 31 October by Bishop Vincent and some clergy from across the diocese. We had a very full cathedral with Special Religious Educators (SREs) from all points of the Parramatta Diocese compass! Some SREs were awarded certificates in recognition of many years of dedicated service.

Congratulations in particular to **Mary Wehbe** (30 years' service) and **Pamela Bain** (25 years' service) from our parish!

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.

Cloister Cafe closed this weekend

The Cloister Cafe will not be open this Sunday for morning tea after 9:30am or 11:00am Masses. This is because of the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 12:30pm following 11:00am Mass. However, business as usual come next Sunday! M. Polizzi, Hospitality Coordinator.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal to be held on 22/23 November

As we draw closer to Christmas, the Diocese of Parramatta will be holding its Christmas Appeal, this year on the weekend of 22/23 November, in two weeks' time. More details next week, but please know that donations are tax deductible and, as always, donations can be made through the Parramatta website or the parish app. Thanning you in anticipation of your generosity!

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.

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.

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.



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 10 November
- 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!

Please note that this invitation is for those who are directly involved in ministries within the parish. Whilst we would love to broaden the invitation and invite those who volunteer in other forums, or the spouses and partners of those who volunteer in the parish, we regret that we must be strict on this matter!



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: Nabil Makdessi, Ghalie Koura, Tom L, Jacqueline Laguidao, Silvana Rechichi, Patrick Condon, Vincent Chan, Hamish J Pereira, Vani Jhunjunwala, Marjorie Simpson, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb, Pete Berg, John Gassami, Jessica Blatman, Rosette Dureza, Lusia Solomon, Romeo D'Souza, Hamish Pereira, Ryan Limlingan

Special Intentions: Gladys Uy, John & Aida, Freeda, Ani, Nikh, Anna & Pringles, Hilda & Gaulbert Pais, Elijah, Ryan & Ethan Walter, Y S Hsu, John & Aida, Zayne Bumactao, Raveen, Naleen, Averil Sampey, James Sampey, Andrea Bernabey, Cáceres, Rios, Alonso, SantaCruz families, Girish Fernandez, Stephen, Andrew, Nicole & Carlee, Win Rowan

Anniversaries: Eddie Lai, Hans Bucher & parents, Honorato & Wilhemina Dela Cruz, Maria Lelyveld, Warlito Arciaga, Divine Grace Marigomen, Pedro Obar Morales, Edward Muller, Juan Montesco, Maximena Manlangit, Johannes Lelyveld, Frank Maccarone, Rodney Jayatilaka, Dora Kirk, Joseph Fung, Gabriel Muniandi, Jose Ramirez, Anacorita

Book of Remembrance

Throughout November each year, a 'Book of Remembrance' is displayed in the Chapel and Cathedral during the celebration of Mass.

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 throughout November to reflect new names that are requested for inclusion.



BAPTISMS



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

Laszlo Duncan Cameron

WEDDINGS



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

Rebecca Jaja & Luke Rusitovic

POPE LEO'S

Prayer Intention for November



For the prevention of suicide

"Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life."

From Pope Leo...

*"X" post dated
05 November*

"During the month of November, we pray in particular for the eternal repose of the faithful departed. May the Risen Lord show them His mercy, and may the hope brought by our faith in the Resurrection keep our eyes and our hearts turned towards the joy of Heaven."

Saint of the Week

15 November - St Albert the Great (1206 - 1280), Bishop

He was born at Lauingen on the Danube, in Germany, and studied at Padua and Paris before entering the Dominican Order. He taught in a number of places including the University of Paris, where St Thomas Aquinas studied under him.

He was one of the greatest philosophers of the Middle Ages, coming at the beginning of the great flowering that came with the rediscovery of the works of Aristotle. He had a great interest in science and astronomy and his learning gave him the title, as a Doctor of the Church, of Doctor Universalis, the "Universal Doctor."

In 1260 the Pope made him Bishop of Regensburg, a post that he held for three years before resigning it. He made great efforts to secure peace between people and between cities. He died at Cologne in 1280.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"I have the feeling that what is asked of us is to live in the whirlwind, without keeping back any of our substance, without keeping back anything for ourselves, neither rest nor friendships nor health nor leisure - to pray incessantly...in fact, to let ourselves pitch and toss in the waves of the divine will till the day when it will say: 'That's enough.'"



Raissa Maritain
(1883 - 1960)
Poet and Contemplative
Journal

Did You Know...?

...that the Lateran Basilica, more properly known as The Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour and Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, is the Cathedral Church of Rome?

Just as St Patrick's Cathedral is the Cathedral Church for the Diocese of Parramatta, so is the Lateran Basilica the Cathedral for the Diocese of Rome. It is this Basilica which is the cathedral of the Pope in his capacity as Bishop of Rome, not St Peter's Basilica as many would (understandably) assume. Though founded in the year 324, the new structure's interior was renovated in the late 17th century, and its façade was completed in 1735.



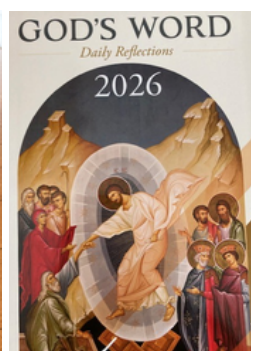
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