



**ST PATRICK'S  
CATHEDRAL**  
PARRAMATTA

**18 January 2026 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

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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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## “Look: there is the Lamb of God.”

THIS WEEKEND we resume Sundays in Ordinary Time, a situation which will continue for just five Sundays until the commencement of Lent in mid-February. Over the next few weeks, we will have affirmation that Jesus is indeed the Messiah, the Anointed One, and hear something of his marvellous teaching about what it is to be his disciple.

Last Sunday, of course, we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and this key event is referenced for us this Sunday, as John identifies Jesus as the “Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.” John then goes on to position himself as subordinate to Jesus and then recalls the events surrounding the baptism of Jesus, finally stating that “I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.” Having affirmed the identity of Jesus, we can have great confidence that all which follows over the next few Sundays is God speaking to us and challenging us and the way we live out our faith.

We will hear Jesus begin his mission next Sunday with the message, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.” The three Sundays that follow, leading up to Lent, will expose us to the wonderful, yet challenging message, of the Sermon on the Mount, beginning with the Beatitudes and continuing with just a couple of dozen verses from this great text, out of a total of nearly one hundred verses that make up Jesus’ words, which are essentially a blueprint for Christian living.

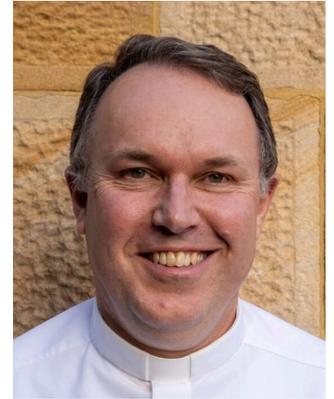
The teaching in the Sermon on the Mount notably comes after the call of Jesus to repent, and for a very good reason. The Christian life is about a very real change in outlook on those who embrace it, otherwise Christianity is merely a cultural pursuit, made manifest only by external pious actions. What Jesus calls us to can be seen to have three components: recognition of our sin, a determination to change, and a free embrace of living the new way Jesus models for us. The new way of living is an external expression of an internal change – that of the heart. We can only really embrace the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount if we have accepted our need for change.

John’s acknowledgment of Jesus as the Chosen One of God is a reminder to us, as disciples of Jesus, that we are on the firmest foundation possible when we allow the Holy Spirit, given to us in baptism, to work in us as it wills. We will undoubtedly be challenged at times in this regard. Were it easy to live out the Beatitudes and the demands of the Sermon on the Mount (“Love your enemies”, anyone?), then we can be assured they would be embraced eagerly by all!

But this is not the case. The demands made of us as Christians take us out of our comfort zones to the margins, inviting us, urgently at times, to respond to all that is at odds with God’s kingdom: poverty, war, injustice, homelessness, addiction, corruption, greed, and any number of other situations which stand in opposition to what God calls us to co-create as faithful disciples of Jesus.

Let us bear these concerns in mind over the next few weeks as we hear Jesus challenge us, both personally and as his Body.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Fr Robert*



# LITURGY GUIDE

## Entrance Procession

Thus says the Lord of Hosts

1. Thus says the Lord of hosts to his be - lov'd cre -  
2. Be - hold, the Lamb of God, our sin - ful souls be -  
3. Now may the Fa - ther's grace, to all the world be

1. a - tion, "My ser - vant I com - mend, a  
2. friend - ing. The Spi - rit is his sign, in  
3. giv - en, through his e - ter - nal Son, with

1. light for ev - 'ry na - tion. My peo - ple he will  
2. pow'r and grace de - scend - ing. Of high - er na - ture  
3. per - fect peace of hea - ven. O fel - low - ship di -

1. call from ev - 'ry time and place, and  
2. he than all who went be - fore, to  
3. vine, and love's e - ter - nal spring, your

1. whole - ness, my de - sire this brok - en world em - brace."  
2. lost and guilt - y come, with per - fect grace in store.  
3. nev - er - end - ing praise let all cre - a - tion sing!

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Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 67.67.66.66; Original Melody by Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, ca.1647  
arr. Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1809-1847

## Sign of the Cross and Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **℟ Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **℟ And with your spirit.**

## Penitential Act

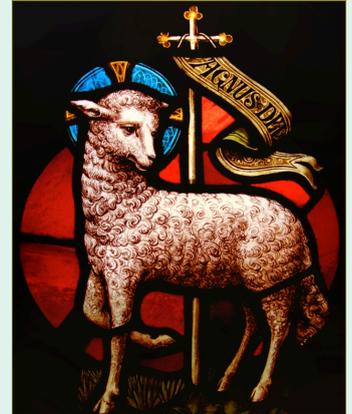
I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*(all strike their breast, three times)*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



## Focusing the Gospel

### Key words and phrases

- A parable to people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else.
- God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- This man went home again at rights with God.
- For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled.
- The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
- The Lord will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.

### to the point

In this parable prayer reveals the true character of the Pharisee and tax collector. The tax collector stands honestly before the all-holy God confessing his sinfulness and need for God's mercy. Such humility expresses a right relation to God which is justification. For the believer there is no greater exaltation.

### Connecting the Word

- **to last Sunday**

The two Sundays together offer a balanced approach to prayer: on the one hand, be persistent; on the other hand, be humble. to religious experience

The hope the gospel offers is that justification comes not to the perfect but to those who acknowledge their need for God's mercy. Understanding the Word

# LITURGY GUIDE

## Kyrie

Missa 'Orbis factor'

Chant Mass XI

The cantor intones each petition. All repeat.

**K** Y-ri - e \* e - - lé-i-son. Chri- ste e - - lé- i-son.

Ky-ri - e e - - lé-i-son.

## Gloria

A Community Mass

R. Proulx

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a- dore you, we

glo - ri- fy you, we give you thanks, for your great glo- ry.

*All:*  
Cantor: Lord, God, heav'nly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Be- got- ten Son,

*All:*  
Cantor: Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world:

have mer - cy on us;

*All:*  
Cantor: you take away the sins of the world:

re - ceive our prayer;

*All:*  
Cantor: you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

have mer - cy on us.

*f*  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the

Fa - ther. A - - men. A - - men.



The Gloria is a beautiful prayer that we sing towards the beginning of Mass, meant as a way to direct our praises to God in celebration of his coming as man two thousand years ago. We begin with the words of the angels, heard at Christmas time, in Luke 2, rejoicing that our Saviour is born and has come to redeem us.

*"And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'"*  
- Luke 2:13-14 | NABRE

The Gloria, being a hymn of praise, is typically sung in a joyful and celebratory manner. The words "Gloria in excelsis Deo" are the first line of the hymn in the Latin version of the text. At St. Patrick's, the Gloria is typically sung in English or Latin.

During a Catholic Mass, the entire congregation may participate, led by the priest or a cantor with musical accompaniment from an organ or other instruments. On some occasions, (usually the Solemn Mass) the Gloria may be sung by the choir alone with the congregation joining their hearts and minds in the praise and adoration being offered to God.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who govern all things,  
both in heaven and on earth,  
mercifully hear the pleading of your people  
and bestow your peace on our times.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (49:3,5-6)

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.  
And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:  
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10)



## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:1-3)

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Chant Mode VII

*The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat*



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

*Cantor:*

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

R. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:29-34)

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Profession of Faith The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man',  
all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in  
accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Universal Prayer

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

During the Offertory, collection plates are passed along the pews.  
There is only one collection taken up at St Patrick's Cathedral.



## Offertory Hymn

## The Voice of God

1. The voice of God goes out through all the  
2. The Lord has said: "Re - ceive my mes - sen -  
3. The brok - en reed he will not tram - ple  
4. A - noint - ed with the Spi - rit and with  
5. His touch will o - pen eyes that dark - ness

1. world: his glo - ry speaks a - cross the u - ni -  
2. ger, my pro - mise to the world, my pledge made  
3. down, nor set his heel up - on the dy - ing  
4. power, he comes to crown with com - fort all the  
5. held, the lame shall run, the halt - ing tongue shall

1. verse. The great King's he - rald cries from star to star:  
2. flesh, a lamp to ev - 'ry na - tion, light from light":  
3. flame. He binds the wounds, and heals with his strong hand:  
4. weak, to show the face of jus - tice to the poor:  
5. sing, and pris - 'ners laugh in light and li - ber - ty:

1.-5. with pow'r with jus - tice, Christ will be the way.

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Tune: WOODLANDS 10 10.10 10, Walter Greatorex 1877-1949

## Sanctus

## A Community Mass

R. Proulx

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Mystery of Faith

## Missal Tone

WE pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re - sur - rec - tion  
un - til you come a - gain.

## Amen

## A Community Mass

R. Proulx

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

## Communion Rite

## The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hal - lowed be thy  
name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as  
it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and  
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who tres -  
pass against us; and lead us not into tempta - tion, but  
de - liver us from e - vil.

## Agnus Dei

## Chant ad.lib II

Simplex IV

VI  
A - gnus De - i, \* qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mundi : mi - se - ré - re  
no - bis. Agnus De - i, \* qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mundi : mi - se -  
ré - re no - bis. Agnus De - i, \* qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mundi :  
dona no - bis pa - cem.

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Communion Antiphon

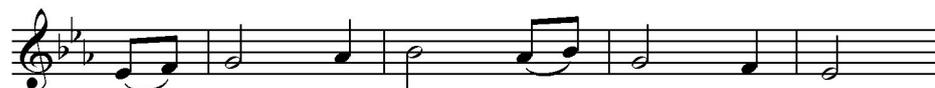
Laetabimur in salutari tuo

(Ps.19;6)

My soul aspires after your salvation; I hope in your word;  
when will you judge those who persecute me?  
The wicked are persecuting me; come to my assistance, O Lord my God.

## Communion Hymn

O breathe on me, O breath of God



1. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
2. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
3. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
4. O breathe on me, O breath of God;



1. fill me with life a - new,
2. un til my heart is - pure,
3. and all my life re - fine,
4. so shall I nev - er die,



1. that I may love all that you
2. un - til with you I have one
3. un - til this earth - ly part of
4. but live with you the per - fect



1. love and do what you would do.
2. will, to do and to en - dure.
3. me glows with your fire di - vine.
4. life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Edwin Hatch 1835-1889, alt.

Tune: ST COLUMBA (2) 86.86; traditional Irish melody, arr. & harm. Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924

## Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness  
make those you have nourished  
by this one heavenly Bread  
one in mind and heart. **R. Amen.**

## Blessing & Dismissal



Go forth the Mass is ended. **R. Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### Cathedral Choir in Recess

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is in recess during January  
and will return to the 11:00am Solemn Mass on  
Sunday 01 February.



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## 8:00am Mass Propers

### Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name,  
O Most High!

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

**R.** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt  
among us.

He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.

**R.** Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that  
quenches my thirst.

# 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 Secretaries.

## Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatcscathedral.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**.

## Cathedral carpark

As you use the carpark, you might notice (hopefully!) a couple of new signs that have been erected by way of alerting drivers to the need to drive carefully in what is a very crowded space, particularly between Masses on Sunday when there is a convergence of people leaving and others arriving. Unfortunately, we have had a couple of incidents of not just cars having a dingle but a couple of people have been hit, fortunately without the worst of consequences.

Please be patient when **arriving** and **leaving** the carpark, but also be considerate. One way we might consider alleviating some of the frustration is for people to **turn left only** when driving out from the carpark onto Victoria Road, especially if the road is not clear, meaning that a right hand turn might take some time, holding up cars and creating frustration for others. If the road is not clear to make an immediate right hand turn onto Victoria Road, please turn left and drive around the block and turn right at the lights on the corner of Marist Place. This extra minute or so of your time will help ensure the traffic leaving the carpark flows somewhat more smoothly, to say nothing of making it safer.

On this same theme, another way we can help traffic to flow better on **entering** the carpark is to always enter by turning left into the carpark from Victoria Road (from the east) rather than stopping to turn across traffic and holding up others, bearing in mind that the road is not quite wide enough to allow traffic to pass on the left of those waiting to turn right into the cathedral carpark. Again, this might mean an extra minute or so of detours for some people, but it will be time well spent if it decreases frustration and so helps ensure a safer space for all.

Thank you for helping to make our cathedral precinct a safer space for all, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, who make up a considerable percentage of our parishioners. *Fr Robert*

## Volunteers Needed – Parish Collection Counters

We are seeking volunteers to assist as Parish Collection Counters. Counters meet on Monday mornings after the 6:30 am Mass to count the previous weekend's collections. The session begins with a cup of coffee and a good chat, making it a wonderful social opportunity as well as a meaningful way to serve the Church. Volunteer weekly, fortnightly or monthly. If you are reliable, discreet, and would like to contribute to this important parish ministry, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

## Morning Tea for JRS

After the Sunday morning Masses on 18 and 25 January morning tea, including bread, pastry and doughnuts baked fresh that morning, will be available in the parish hall. Funds raised will be used to buy food for the Jesuit Refugee Service.

## 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.

# THE BULLETIN

## A Fond Farewell to Two Cherished Parishioners

This weekend we bid farewell to Greg and Marjorie Simpson, who have been valued members of St. Patrick's for nearly 30 years. We wish you all the best in your new home and don't be a stranger. Take care and God bless!



## Cathedral Choir in recess till February

Our magnificent and hard-working choir is currently in recess and will return on **01 February**. We look forward to their return in a couple of weeks' time!

*Fr Robert*

## Sacraments of Initiation

Continuing from last year, the sacramental journey for children wishing to make their First Holy Communion, will start up again on Monday, 09 February.

To register, click on the following link:

<https://stpatscathedral.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/109/responses/new>

**OR** register through the parish app - Connect > Sacraments > Eucharist > First Holy Communion Registration 2026 > Register Here

## Red Mass

The annual Red Mass to commemorate the commencement of the law year will again be held in the Cathedral in 2026. This special event, celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long, is an opportunity to come together in prayer and reflection, particularly honouring those in the legal profession for their dedication to justice and service.

**When:** Tuesday 03 February 2026 at 7:00pm

**Where:** St Patrick's Cathedral

Please send RSVP to [enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au)

## Legion of Mary Recruitment

The Legion of Mary is a Catholic lay apostolate that seeks holiness through prayer and active service to the Church, inspired by devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parishioners interested in joining the group here are asked to contact the Parish Office.



## Catenians - City of Parramatta 333

We are a group of Catholic men and families who enjoy each other's company and help and support each other. We share and uphold the Gospel and through our association, belonging to a network of like-minded people.

### What we are about...

- Catholic community
- Family & friendship
- Encouraging vocations
- Supporting youth.

The city of Parramatta Circle 333 hold our monthly meetings every fourth Thursday of the month at Mary Mackillop Spirituality Centre, 33 Barina Downs Rd, Baulkham Hills.

For more information please contact Circle Membership Officer, Michael Lilley

M: 0415 335 368 or Email: [mjlilley@hotmail.com](mailto:mjlilley@hotmail.com)

## Roadworks near Cathedral

We have been notified by **Transport for NSW** that there will be road improvement works happening at the intersection of Victoria Road, Marist Place and Villiers Street between **11 January** and **27 March**. Hopefully this will not be a great problem for parishioners, but please be prepared!



## Updating Credit Card Details for Planned Giving

The beginning of a new year is a good opportunity to update things we perhaps often don't think about. To update your credit card details, please follow these steps:

- Visit the [St Pat's website](#).
- Click Donate, then click Donate again. You will be redirected to the Pushpay website.
- Select the person icon with the padlock and log in using your mobile number.
- Once logged in, you can update your details by clicking on "Payment Methods" and then select the card details to update/change.

If you need help at any stage, please contact the parish office or coordinator for assistance where you can get a detailed "how to" guide.

## Some sad news...

We have just received news of the death of Fr Vincent Ojo's father, Marcus Ojo, in Nigeria. Over the coming days, please keep Fr Vincent and his family in your prayers at this difficult time. I will pass on news of Fr Vincent's movements as they come to hand. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. *Fr Robert*



# PRAYER INTENTIONS

## We pray for...

**Sick:** Hamish J Pereira, Elias Safadi, Vickram & Vasvi Arcot, Rodolfo Manalo, Gretta D'Souza, Sharon Webb, Jessica Blatman, Rodolfo Manalo, Valentyna, Fr Michael Attard, Mary Nissan, Nadia Nissan, Silvana Rechichi

**Special Intentions:** Ernesto & Riza Angeles, David Ibella, Raveen, Naleen, Tian, Ping Hsu, Daniel Pinto, Stephen Senjak, Romeo D'Souza, Romeo Esteves, Marianno De Arrogante, Shannen Mendoza, Jared & Hien Besant, Hilda & Gaulbert Pais, Peachy Romulo, Pedro & Sheila Romulo, Raven Seguia, Charmaine, Duy Xhang Hoang, Legion of Mary Officers

**Anniversaries:** Soosai Villava Rayen, Watson Lee, Nida De Noronha, Moltea Iezzi, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Paul So Nguyen, Danny Doolub, Maximena Manlangit, Jure & Maria Drazenovic, Eddie Lai, Hans Bucher & parents, Honorato & Wilhemina Dela Cruz, Maria Lelyveld, Warlito Arciaga, Divine Grace Marigomen, Pedro Obar Morales

**Recently Deceased:** Marcus Ojo, Vincent Dorahy, Ralph Vallejo, Elijah Brown, Janine Burn, Fr Mario Colina CM, Peter Lewin, Paul Peters, Se Christeia Uy, Evelyn Maguire

**Deceased:** Noah Ta, Tanto Tanzil, Philomina Yagappa, YT & Deanna Hsu, Lucy D'Mello, Nazar & Lewis Nissan, Jose Evangelista, Murad Andranes, Meynard V Guilles, Maria Megale, Pasquale Altamore, Flood victims in Sri Lanka

**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

**Perpetuals:** Thanh Hung Le, June Schembri, 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...

**Orrin Varghese**

**Adeline Mantzakos & Nate Ferrarelli**

## WEDDINGS



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

**Vo Thi Xuan Hien & Jared Besant**

## POPE LEO'S...



### Prayer Intention for January

#### *For prayer with the Word of God*

"Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church."

From Pope Leo...

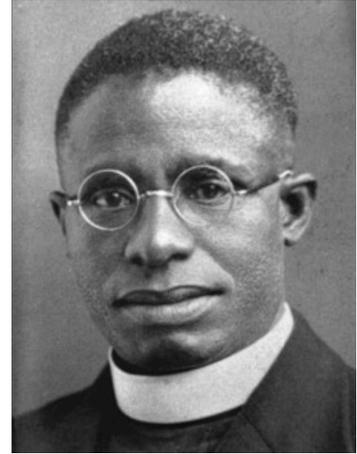
"X" post dated  
14 January

"God reveals Himself as an Ally who invites us to be His friends. Listening is the first attitude we should cultivate, so that the Divine Word may penetrate our minds and hearts. When we speak with God, we are not telling Him what He already knows but revealing to ourselves who we really are."

## Saint of the Week

20 January - Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi (1903 - 1964), Priest

Father Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi was born in Nigeria in 1903. He was brought up by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) and trained as a teacher and a catechist. Later he decided to join the seminary and in 1937 he was ordained a priest. In 1950 he left his Diocese in order to go to England where he joined the Cistercian Abbey of Mount St Bernard, near Nottingham. He had been singled out as the ideal candidate to be trained in England and then return to establish a Trappist Monastery in the Diocese of Onitsha in Nigeria. Fr Tansi lived the monastic life with great faith and humility. Absorbed in prayer, he was a living example of patience and charity. Early in 1964 he was diagnosed with aortic aneurysm and died two weeks later on 20 January 1964.



Information: Universalis

### "Quote of the Week"



Pope Leo XIV  
(b.1955)

"Where the world sees threats, she (the Church) sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome. And she knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community."

### Did You Know...?

**...that Ordinary Time has nothing to do with the usual meaning of the word "ordinary"?**

Ordinary Time refers to the word "ordinal", which means numbered, referring to the fact that the weeks in Ordinary Time are numbered, such as first, second, third, etc. For the Christian, all time is meant for growth, and we are called to do this outside the great seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas. We are not encouraged to understand Ordinary Time as "downtime", waiting for one of the "big seasons", but rather take all opportunities to grow in our faith.



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# The Kids' Bulletin

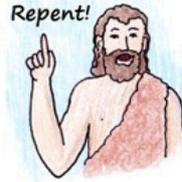
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 18th, 2026



What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?  
Use the code to figure it out!

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A D E F G H I N O S T V

## John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.

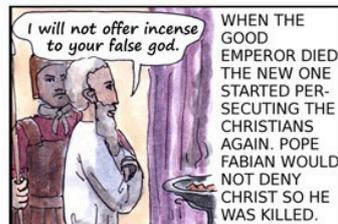
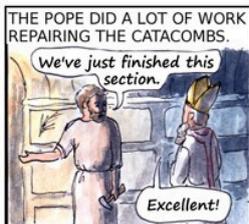
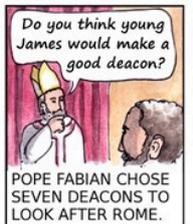
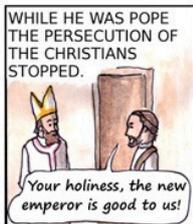


What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Answer to puzzle on front: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God. Answer to Psalm 40 Word-Find: O Lord I come to do Your will.

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## POPE SAINT FABIAN JANUARY 20



WE CAN LEARN FROM THE STORY OF SAINT FABIAN THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT WORK WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE. SAINT FABIAN DID NOT EXPECT TO BECOME POPE, BUT WHEN HE DID HE WORKED HARD FOR THE CHURCH. IF YOU EVER GET CHOSEN TO DO A BIG JOB REMEMBER THAT GOD WILL HELP YOU DO IT.

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PSALM 40  
Word-Find

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D E L I G H T C N R  
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C O M E O M E I T N  
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O U R J U S T I C E  
O B E D I E N C E W  
I L W R I T T E N L

See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD, and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry. And He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not, but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me. HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not; then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me, to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT, and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

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