



**ST PATRICK'S  
CATHEDRAL**  
PARRAMATTA

**19 April 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

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**Bishop of Parramatta: Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, DD**

## 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 7:15pm - 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

#### Credo Youth Ministries

Contact the office or find information on

**Facebook:** [credo.stpats](https://www.facebook.com/credo.stpats)

**Email:** [credo@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:credo@stpatscathedral.com.au)

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**"...they had recognised him at the breaking of bread."**

AS WE CONTINUE our Easter journey, we are treated with the famous story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Though it is a well-known piece of scripture, it always deserves to be revisited, especially at this time of year when we hear about other post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. Key to understanding this story is the moment that Cleopas and his companion recognised Jesus – at the breaking of bread. Jesus then disappears, but his mission will live on as the two disciples rush back towards Jerusalem to inform others that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead.



As Catholics, of course, we cannot but see a clear link between the breaking of the bread by Jesus, the Last Supper, and the Eucharist that we are privileged to participate in regularly. But what is perhaps of greatest interest is the fact that as soon as the disciples recognise Jesus at this key moment, he disappears. What are we to make of this?

Of course, the incident is open to interpretation, but the way I understand it is that Jesus is no longer constrained by time and space, as he was during his time on earth. He is now able to be present universally in a substantial manner through the memorial of the Lord's Supper, otherwise known as Eucharist. His disappearance at this point in the story is highly symbolic. Jesus breaks the bread and then is nowhere to be seen, yet at every ritual "breaking of bread" in the future, Jesus is made fully present to all who believe.

The significance of this doesn't end at this point - far from it! If we believe that Christ is present in the consecrated bread and wine, his manner of being with us today in a significant way, a response is demanded of us. After all, if Christ were to appear to us as he was during his time of earth, we would most certainly respond! I imagine that after the initial shock we would be on our knees begging for mercy for our sins, telling him of our love for him and so on. Yet Christ makes himself present to us in this special form and our response is often indifferent. It has been said that many people who line up for Communion at Mass believe in Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament but not in the people who join them in the queue to receive it.

Easter, the season of new life, is an opportunity for us to reassess our attitude to the Eucharist. Whilst I might believe in Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament, do I allow it to change me in a substantial way? Do I understand Communion to be a private act that demands nothing from me except private, prayerful thanks? Or am I willing to be courageous enough to embrace what is asked of me as one who acknowledges and embraces Christ's universal presence in the world – that I allow myself to be changed so that I may help change the world?

After all, that is exactly what the disciples did. And are we not disciples too?

*Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter season,*

*Fr Robert*

# 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@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**.

## Seniors' Ministry April Gathering

Join us as we commemorate Anzac Day with a delicious lunch at our Seniors' Ministry April gathering.

**Date:** Tuesday 21 April

**Time:** 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Location:** Cloister Function Room

This is a **free event** for **parishioners**. Please register via the email sent or call the Parish Office.

We look forward to sharing this special time together.



## Safeguarding in our Parish

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It ensures that children, young people, and vulnerable adults are safe, respected, and protected in our parish community.

All volunteers and ministry members are required to complete safeguarding training. This can be completed online - please contact coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au for access to the online modules.

Face-to-face training sessions are also available at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. You can choose to attend either:

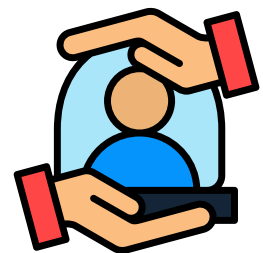
**Three consecutive Tuesday evenings (26 May, 02 June & 09 June) from 6:00pm in the Cloister Hall, or a one-day session on Saturday 30 May 8:45am - 1:30pm.**

Modules 1, 2, and 3 will be covered in these sessions. A registration link will be shared soon.

For more information, please visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website:

<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

Thank you for helping keep our parish a safe and welcoming place.



## 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.

# PARISH NOTICES

## National Count of Attendance

During May 2026, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will conduct the National Count of Attendance across all parishes in Australia.

This count will be held over the following weekends:

- 2/3 May
- 9/10 May
- 16/17 May
- 23/24 May

This important exercise helps provide an accurate picture of Mass attendance across the country and supports planning for the Church's mission and pastoral care.

We kindly ask for **volunteers** to assist with the counting process at each Mass over these weekends. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish community.

## St Patrick's Cemetery - Exciting News!

As part of the National Trust Heritage Festival, St Patrick's Cemetery will be holding two open days to include the historic St Francis of Assisi Chapel.

The days will be **Sunday 19 April and Sunday 03 May** with a guided tour on both days from 2:00pm.

Please find below links to the respective tours:

Tour 1 - Symbolism : <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/changing-symbolism-in-historic-st-patricks-cemetery-north-parramatta-tickets-1985489160527?lid=0mz72f0w7r5x>

Tour 2 - Pioneer migrants:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pioneer-migrants-of-historic-st-patricks-cemetery-north-parramatta-tickets-1985489334046?lid=0mz72f0w7r5x>

## Thursday 30 April 12:30pm Mass

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend Mass on Thursday 30 April at 12:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate this Mass and commission the new St Vincent de Paul Society Diocesan/Central Council President.



## Ordination of Jeff Hood to the Diaconate on Sunday 26 April

We are delighted to announce that Jeff Hood, formerly stationed as a seminarian at this parish, will be ordained to the Diaconate on Sunday, 26 April at 6:00pm at St John XXIII Parish, Stanhope Gardens. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this joyful celebration. Supper will follow the Mass, and we hope many from our community will join in supporting Jeff as he begins his ministry as a Deacon, before, please God, being ordained a priest in the not too distant future!



## St Pat's Matters - What has Holy Week meant for you?

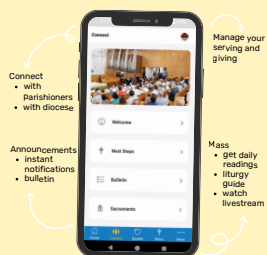
In the experience of Holy Week culminating in Easter Sunday something (or Someone) may have touched you. Was it an inspiration? An insight? A question? A wondering? What moved you to tears or delight? Were you challenged? What are you grateful for? As you reflect, please consider sharing a few words that could benefit your fellow parishioners. It doesn't need to be grand, just real. Send a few sentences for publication in the next edition of St Pat's Matters to [stpatsmatters@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:stpatsmatters@stpatscathedral.com.au). Even if you don't send anything, there's value in doing the reflecting. But send something anyway! - *Martin Graham*

## Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 12 May

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extraordinary ministers and ministers at the altar are invited to join us for our **Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers**. Families and friends are also invited. This will take place at 7:30pm on 12 May at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7:00pm and be seated by 7:15pm. To register please rsvp numbers attending by Thursday, 07 May. For more information, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## Fr Robert - Annual Leave

Fr Robert will be taking some annual leave from **Sunday 26 April** through to **Saturday 02 May**.



## How to Download the App

1. Scan QR Code to go to Google Play Store or Apple App Store on your mobile device.
2. Tap the "Install" button to download and install the app.
3. Once installed, open the app and finish setting up your profile.

The App can also be downloaded via the Cathedral website: [www.stpatscathedral.com.au](http://www.stpatscathedral.com.au)

# PARISH NOTICES

## Credo Schedule Change

Please note that Credo will not take place in April on the usual third Sunday of the month. Instead, it will be held on the fourth Sunday (26 April) due to CYP's LIFTED Sports Day at Marist.

We hope to see you there!



## Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on **Saturday 29 August**, 9:30am – 2:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day.

For more information, please contact the Office for Worship [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## Experience Mary's Presence: Host the Legion of Mary statue

Parishioners are warmly invited to welcome the Legion of Mary statue into their homes for one week.

This beautiful devotion offers families a special opportunity to deepen their prayer life and invite Our Lady's spiritual presence and protection.

Having the statue in your home encourages daily prayer, strengthens faith, and brings a sense of peace and grace to the household.

We encourage all families to take part in this ministry and experience the blessings it brings.

To book a week, please contact Brian Dsouza via SMS or WhatsApp at +61492 836 495 or via email [bd.2913@gmail.com](mailto:bd.2913@gmail.com).



## ALPHA 26 has begun...

*but we really need your help*

In 2025 we had two really fruitful Alpha programs and now we have begun our latest Alpha program. Here are some ways you can help:

- 1. Prayer:** Please pray for our guests and our team, every Wednesday at 7:30pm
- 2. Food Providers:** If you can cook, you can help.
- 3. Service Team:** We have a small team of people that support by setting up the room, serving the food and clearing up afterwards - extra pair of hands always welcome.
- 4. Dollars:** Food, retreats etc. all cost money. Donations will really help.

Just click this QR code and fill in which way you would like to help. Alternatively contact the parish office and let them know.

**Volunteer**

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## Retreat Facilitator Workshop - 16 July

An interactive two-day workshop for those called to design and lead retreats and workshops that foster faith, contemplation, and personal transformation.

Participants will explore group processes, practical facilitation skills, and the creation of sacred spaces for reflection and prayer, while also developing a personal project for implementation. There will be space for personal reflection on vocation and calling as a facilitator.



Guides: Therese Carroll rsj and Dean Mason

## Two impactful sessions

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!



Join **Palms International Volunteering** for two special sessions where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)



# PARISH NOTICES

## Open Arms of St Patrick's Parish

**WE NEED HELP:** As you would be aware, the Open Arms core group has consisted of five people, which is the minimum number for a community support group in the CRISP (Community Refugee Integration Support Pilot) program. Unfortunately, two of the group members have some personal issues that mean they are not available for quite a while. Therefore, we are appealing to other members of St Patrick's parish to join us in this parish project.

Supporting Abdi, Sukare, Sifan and Somayia to settle in Australia and integrate into the Parramatta community has been very fulfilling and enjoyable for us and we know that anyone who assists will find it to be a very rewarding experience. When shared amongst five (or more) people, there is not a lot of demand on each person's time, so please consider joining us. If you would like more information, or to volunteer, please contact Dianne Starkey on 0408 161 443.

Sukare and Abdi are loving parents who (like all of us) want what is best for their children, which is why they have sought refuge in Australia. Sifan is an engaging 9 year old and interacting with her is a joyous experience. Somayia is a very active 3 year old who loves to play and learn as children of her age generally do. The family is adjusting well to our community and are doing their best to learn English so Abdi can seek work and support his family. They require our support with some technological, general health and educational issues (such as learning English) and sometimes with outings. They are very grateful for any support given to them from our parish. If you have any time you can spare, please think about volunteering to assist us with this work, which is in keeping with the command given to us by Jesus to help all those who are in need of our care and attention.

*Dianne Starkey (Coordinator – 0408161443), Sebastian Villafana (Deputy Coordinator), Malcolm Freame, Angela Hansford and Macnos Mutano.*



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## Do you volunteer at St Pat's?

Our parish thrives because of the generosity and dedication of our volunteers. Do you assist at events, support hospitality welcoming parishioners? etc

All volunteers in the parish are reminded that, while not every role requires a Working With Children Check, all volunteers are required to complete the **"Acknowledgment of the Code of Conduct"** form as a Diocesan requirement (March 2026).

Please complete the form [HERE](#) and email it to [coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au), or collect a paper copy from the parish office.

*If you have completed a Working With Children Check notification form, you do not need to complete this form.*

Thank you for generously giving your time to St Pat's and helping build our parish community. We also appreciate your support of the parish office in ensuring we meet all required obligations and compliance standards.



## 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.

## Diocese 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass - 31 May

As you will know, the Diocese of Parramatta recently celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on 08 April. At this time, Bishop Bede Heather was yet to be installed as the first Bishop of Parramatta, but the Diocese was in existence.

In order for people throughout the diocese to celebrate this event, a special Mass will be celebrated by the Papal Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Charles Balvo, here at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 31 May, at 2:00pm.

## Go-ahead for overnight shelter trial

After consulting widely with the parish, Fr Robert has decided to go ahead with the trial of providing overnight shelter for local homeless people one night a week for 10 weeks in the Cloister Hall.

At the parish meeting on 02 March many questions were asked about the trial and now these have been put together in a 'Q & A' format. The adjacent QR code is still available if you prefer.

Meanwhile, liaison with the Chancery, local services and authorities is underway, along with preparing volunteer training. No start date has been determined yet. Your prayerful and practical support for the trial is warmly welcomed.



Contact [socialjustice@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:socialjustice@stpatscathedral.com.au).

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# Overnight Homeless Shelter Trial: Q and A

As a parish, we are exploring a new way to put our faith into action by hosting a trial overnight homeless shelter. This initiative is about extending Christ's love and hospitality to some of the most vulnerable people in our local Parramatta community. By opening our hall on Friday nights for 10 weeks to a small group of up to 10 guests, we hope to provide not just a safe place to sleep, but a genuine experience of care, dignity, and belonging. To help keep everyone informed following the parish meeting on 02 March, we have put together answers to the questions asked at that meeting.

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## Referrals and Guests

### **What will be the connection to support services?**

There is strong interest and collaboration in the trial across Parramatta. There are currently social workers dedicated to the homeless community at both the Salvation Army and Parramatta Mission. The trial shift volunteer leaders will also be prepared with key contacts to support guests.

### **How are guest referrals to be managed?**

Parramatta Mission and the Salvation Army will make the referrals, and perhaps the Maronite charity Heaven on Earth. Stable One has a formal assessment for guest referrals which we would look to use. There will be no 'walk ins' for the trial.

### **How are mental health considerations covered with referral assessment?**

The assessing agencies will refer guests with well controlled mental health conditions. Guests with uncontrolled mental health conditions won't meet assessment criteria for the trial.

### **How will people be chosen for the service?**

They will need to express interest and be assessed by one of the referring groups.

### **Will the same people be able to come a second week?**

It's currently unknown how many people will be interested in the trial, so it's hard to know whether the ten beds would be part full, fully booked or oversubscribed. We need to develop policy and practice for referrals and allocations if there's more than 10 people interested each week.

### **How will gender balance be considered for trial guests?**

The current planning is based around guest interest and assessment, not on gender. The ten mattresses will be well spaced out in the hall and supervised through the evening. There are no specific gender balance criteria operating at any of the current Stable One affiliates.

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## Volunteers and Training

### **How many volunteers are required and how would the overnight shift work?**

There are three shifts, with 3-4 people per shift with two people always awake. If there are three or more volunteers for a shift, then the shift can arrange sleep and watch sessions.

### **What is volunteer formation anticipated to look like?**

In-person training would take around 2.5 hours, with a verbal briefing on key shelter operations, de-escalation role play scenarios, and awareness videos or short talks on mental health and the 'Alongsider' philosophy (volunteers relate to guests side-by-side as equals rather than 'helping' or 'fixing' them).

### **What is the spiritual posture?**

The trial is very focused on faith in action, demonstrating care and hospitality through lived service to others.



## Shelter Operations and Logistics

### **What happens if a guest is sick? Will first aid be available?**

A first aid kit will be available.

### **What happens about showers?**

Orange Sky is a charity with a mobile shower and washing machine. They currently visit Prince Alfred Park on Sunday afternoons. The preferred option is to see if Orange Sky can attend the Cathedral on Friday evenings during the trial. If this isn't possible, then other installation options will be considered.

### **Will there be a curfew? Will there be security?**

All the current shelters have curfews. Curfew time would be between 9:00-10:00pm. Security guards may be considered for the first 1-2 nights of the trial, subject to further discussion. Security is not used for the current overnight shelter operations run by other Stable One affiliates.

### **How will guest pets be handled?**

It's anticipated that pets won't be able to stay on Cathedral grounds. Each Stable One shelter operation makes their own local rules, on pets and other operational matters.

### **How will smoking breaks be handled?**

There will be a designated and supervised smoking area with sand bucket in a corner of the cloister, likely near the bins.

### **What about linen for the mattresses and laundering?**

Linen will need to be sourced, either donated or purchased. The linen will need to be laundered after the overnight shift. This could be a separate volunteer ministry to the Saturday morning pack up and hospitality.

### **What about cleaning the hall?**

The Saturday morning shift will have the role of hall cleaning as well as hospitality, guest exit and pack up. The other Stable One affiliates don't currently pay for commercial cleaning in any of their shelter operations.

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## Facilities and Co-existence

### Can this take place concurrently with other ministries?

Yes. First Friday devotions can occur in the chapel as normal.

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## Financial Implications

### How can this trial be financed?

Mattresses have been donated, and food will be supplied by the Heaven on Earth charity. All supervision will be by volunteers. Several parishioners have expressed interest in donating money or linen. There are also philanthropic groups with connections to the Diocese that could also be approached as a funding source.

The hall building permit will need amending to allow temporary occupancy for the trial to occur. Linen will need to be purchased if not donated, and the cost of linen laundering will need to be covered. Other costs for the trial are not currently identified. The Parish Finance Committee has been briefed.

### How much revenue will be impacted by the program?

The hall will be unavailable for booking from around 4:00pm Friday to around 8:00-9:00am Saturday. Friday and Sunday evenings are the two quietest days of the week for the cloister hall.

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## Evaluation

### How will the success of the trial be measured?

Both quantitative plus qualitative measures are proposed. There are evaluation templates used by Stable One. Quantitative measurement would include number of guests, bed nights, volunteers, meals served etc. Qualitative measures would focus on trial volunteers identifying and reporting significant changes in attending guests. These noted changes, if observed, would be analysed using the Circle of Courage development model. This model has four quadrants: **Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity.**

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## Since the parish meeting

Fr Robert has considered all aspects of the trial and has decided that it will go ahead. This follows consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee, and with parishioners after Masses in February and at the March parish meeting.

- Meetings have been held or scheduled with Parramatta Council, Parramatta Police and key collaborating agencies (Salvation Army, Parramatta Mission, Heaven on Earth).
  - Consultation with Diocesan Chancery staff is continuing regarding the risk assessment for the trial.
  - Work is progressing on logistics such as volunteer availability, volunteer training, obtaining blankets and linen and provision of shower facilities.
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## Invitation

Whether you are interested in volunteering for a shift, donating linen, helping prepare meals, or simply keeping this trial in your prayers, there is a place for everyone in this mission. We hope these questions and answers explain how we plan to run this trial safely, responsibly, and with a deep spirit of service.

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# PRAYER INTENTIONS

## We pray for...

**Sick:** Jenny Cheung, Karl Fortado, Felixberto de la Pena, Hamish J Pereira, Udaya Rajam, Catherine Ramos, Betty Patinglag, Linda Popic, Charles Dickens, Ghalie Koura, Sebastiao Bugo, Linda Passaro, Ravi Prakash, Rosie Rezk, Mark A Mirando, Adriana Villada, Joana Blandon, Mary Grace Manubay, Vickram & Vasvi Arcot, Rodolfo Manalo, Sharon Webb, Silvana Rechichi

**Special Intentions:** Naleen, Ankica, Stephen, nikola, Mara & Ruzica Senjak, Fortado Family, Romeo D'Souza, Sumaya, Ryan Lardizabal, Apo Adriaico, Floyd Oribello, Raveen, Tian, Aaron Bugo, Esther Lopez, Rajesh Kumar, Juan Charles

**Anniversaries:** Rufino R. Nubla, Anton Poropat, Rosetta Raffaele, Frere Alexandre Anh, Aloma Pospischil, Dr C. O. Sioson, Juan & Maria Valdez & family, Juan Montesco, Constance C Valdez, Victor Dominquez, Erwin Mendoza, John Doolub, Danny Doolub, Pasquale Altamore, Bernard Rodricks, Gracie Rodricks, Irima Muller, Agapito Antonio, Dionisia Antonio

**Recently Deceased:** Dr Flor Lacanilao, Patrick Condon, Michaela Anu, Romula Romy Pena, Elias Safadi, Gloria Bryant, Paloma Escarlan, Elisa Escarlan, Lorna Low, Amanda Villada, Helga Brightenburg, Reggie Court, Doreen Robinson

**Deceased:** Meynardo Guilles, YT & Deanna Hsu, Robert Valentin, Roydon Fernandez, Peter Netto, Shierly Tan Lorenzo, Danny Doolub, John Doolub, Mathew Sieders, Lucy D'Mello, Philip Vas, Leti Vas, Charles Vas, Rufino Soriano, Elsa Soriano

**Anniversaries:** Rafaela de la Pena, Teresa Van Tilburg, Pedro Obar Morales, Edward Muller, Juan Montesco

**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, Teresa & 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...

**Arshan Yousefi, Luca Del Rosario  
Carmelo Perez & Audrey Stagnitta**

## WEDDINGS



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

**Ola Kobialka & Kristian Jurisic**

## POPE LEO'S...



### Prayer Intention for April

#### *For priests in crisis*

"Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer."

From Pope Leo...

"X" post dated  
16 April

"Peace is everyone's responsibility, beginning with civil authorities. To govern means to love one's own country as well as neighbouring countries. The commandment "love your neighbour as yourself" is equally applicable to international relations!"

## Saint of the Week

23 April - St George (died c.303), Martyr

He was martyred at Lydda (now in Israel) in about 303, during the persecution of Diocletian. Like so many saints of that period, the only fact that we can be certain of is his martyrdom. His cult spread quickly through both the East and the West, and the legend of St George and the Dragon only appeared some time afterwards.

During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as the patron saint of several city states and countries, including England and Catalonia. King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under the protection of St George, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a holiday.



Information: Universalis

### “Quote of the Week”

“Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence.”



**St Augustine of Hippo**  
(354 - 430)  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

### Did You Know...?

...that just as Easter Day lasts liturgically for eight calendar days, known as the Easter Octave, so the Easter season lasts for fifty days.

Easter is the high point of the Church's year and so the celebration is an extended one. We are, after all, celebrating the event the promises us the possibility of eternal life. And so the Easter season extends through to the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon those gathered in the upper room. The Easter season is marked by white vestments, the lighting of the Paschal Candle and numerous “Alleluias”!



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