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24 May 2026 - Pentecost Sunday (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

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Liminal, not Limbo...

AT LAST, the plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The risen Lord has taken His rightful place next to the Father, and has sent His Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy. Remarkable things happen: gifts of the Spirit are flowing freely, fearful people become courageous, they speak with newfound wisdom, they can be understood in different languages. People's hearts are moved, to accept, to believe.



The world has entered a new phase, a liminal phase. Liminal means a space between two times, a transitional time, in some ways a bridge between two times. I have heard people describe it like this: "God's kingdom has come, but not yet..." Jesus announced that the kingdom of God was at hand, and the Incarnation was the true beginning, but God's kingdom will finally arrive when Jesus returns in His second coming, that's when it will come to its fullness. That is when the world will finally be just as it ought to be, a world of peace, justice, truth, and love.

We are living in this liminal time, this in-between time. So, are we to just sit tight, say our prayers and go to Mass? No, we are not. That would be a state of limbo, and we are not in a state of limbo. This is a time for action. In some remarkable way, we have our part to play in the coming of the kingdom. We are called to do all that we can to bring God's kingdom to life, here and now.

So, where do we begin? Well, the answer is in our scriptures: we should do exactly what the disciples did, and pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us. And then we should expect what happened to the disciples to happen to us: wonderful experiences of the power of God, healings, strengthenings, flows of courage and wisdom. Let me assure you: the Holy Spirit is alive and well - just ask the people that have finished any of our Alpha programs, they will tell you. He has not grown old or weak or disinterested. And we are no less worthy of receiving Him than the original disciples were. All we have to do is ask. Jesus assures us through St Luke that "everyone who asks will receive".

When we receive the Holy Spirit, we begin to live "life in the Spirit". This means we increasingly seek God's will and conform our lives to His commandments, not in a legalistic way, but out of love. When we do this, our character, over time, becomes more and more like Christ. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will overflow into the lives of the people around us. We will change the lives of the people we touch. We will be agents of God's love in the world. Our lives will be the evidence of the presence of the Spirit in our midst and in our little patch of the world, a light will shine in the darkness, and in our time and in our little place, God's kingdom will come.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful week ahead,

Deacon David

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**.

National Count of Attendance

This is the final weekend we conduct the National Count of Attendance. 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.

Last weekend (16/17 May), a total of 1484 parishioners attended Mass. 697 were male and 787 were female.

Thank you to the volunteers who have been taking the count each week.

Safeguarding in our Parish

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It helps ensure that children, young people, and vulnerable adults are safe, respected, and protected within our parish community. **All volunteers** and **ministry members** are required to complete safeguarding training. Training can be completed online — please contact coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au to access the online modules or register for the in-person session below.

In-person training day will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on **Saturday 30 May**. The day will run from 8:45-1:30pm in the Cloister Hall. Modules 1, 2, and 3 will be covered during the session.

[Register here \(or email coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au\):
https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training](https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training)

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

This year, for the Feast of Corpus Christi the Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy are coming together for a vibrant Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral to St Patrick's Cathedral on **Thursday 4 June at 6:00pm**. Details below:

6:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

7:00pm Procession to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral Forecourt

If you would like to get involved or learn more information about the event, contact Fr Tom Green, Assistant Parish Priest at Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.



Thank you to our Volunteers

A sincere thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped with last weekend's Breakfast Barbecue. Your time, and hard work made the May Breakfast Barbecue a great success. Thank you to all who supported the parish. The next Barbecue Breakfast will be hosted by the Credo Ministry on **Sunday 21 June**.



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

We ask for prayers...

We ask our parish community to please keep Donna (Parish Office) and Sandra (Gift shop) and their families in your prayers following the recent passing of their mothers.

As a faith community, we join together in praying for the repose of their souls and for God's comfort, peace, and strength for their families during this difficult time.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Congratulations, Deacon David!

Congratulations to Deacon David who last week graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity from Notre Dame University after many years of part-time study. Well done, Deacon David!

Parish Office Announcement

After 13 years of dedicated service to the St Patrick's community as our Parish Secretary, Pat Preca has decided to step down from her role.

Throughout her years of service, Pat has been a welcoming and familiar presence in the parish office, supporting parishioners, clergy, volunteers, and visitors alike. Her commitment, generosity, and care for our parish community have been deeply appreciated and will be greatly missed.

As she begins an exciting new chapter, we thank her sincerely for the many years she has devoted to St Patrick's Cathedral Parish. We are grateful for all she has contributed to parish life and for the countless ways she has supported our community behind the scenes.

Please join us in thanking Pat, for her faithful service and in wishing her every blessing in the years ahead. Pat's last day will be Friday 05 June.

We have begun the recruitment process for a Parish Secretary to work three days per week alongside Donna in the parish office. The Parish Secretary position is currently being advertised online through the Diocese of Parramatta website.

Major Raffle Prize Donations

Do you know a local business, or own a business, that may be willing to donate a major raffle prize as part of the Spring Bazaar in September? Please contact the Parish Coordinator for further information. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated by our parish community.

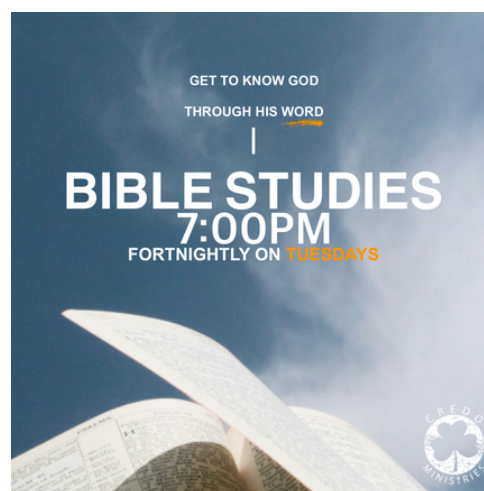
Reverencing the altar at the Cathedral

Regular Cathedral parishioners know that it is customary to acknowledge the altar when arriving and leaving the liturgy. In our Cathedral configuration the altar is placed in the heart of the Cathedral so that it becomes the central focus of the celebration. (In fact, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal informs that the altar is the principal symbol of Christ in a Church.) Because our seating is in choir formation it means that many people arriving for Mass do not walk in front of the altar, but enter the building either from the cloister or the Victoria Road entrance, and then take their seat in the pews. I would like to suggest that wherever you choose to sit, that before you enter your pew, that you direct your attention to the altar and then bow before entering the pew, not genuflect. At the end of Mass, I am suggesting that when the celebrant and the other ministers are leaving the Cathedral, and form up in front of the altar for the final reverence, that everyone in the Cathedral bows at the same time as the ministers. Thus, the altar will be properly revered both at the beginning and the end of the liturgy by all in attendance.

Fr Peter G. Williams AM VG

Director of Liturgy

Credo Ministries



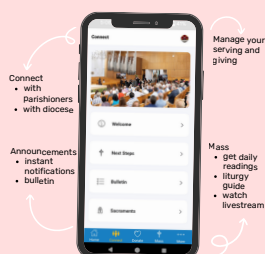
St Pat's Bible studies resume next week **Tuesday, 26 May** as a fortnightly run and we can't wait to gather again!

Bring your journals, pens, highlighters and most importantly your bibles.

No age bracket - all welcome

Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral

If it's your first time, we'd love for you to join our community!



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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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Hamish J Pereira, Shirley Tanoto, Priscilla Newman, Marie Docas, Romeo D'Souza, Jenny Cheung, Karl Fortado, Felixberto de la Pena, 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, Sharon Webb, Silvana Rechichi

Special Intentions: Lewis Nissan, Nazar Nissan, Charlotte O'Brain, Riath, Augustin, Bishop Robert Miranda, Gretta D'Souza, Regina Sequeira, John & Aida, Nell Gomes, Rohan & Casilda Britto, Vadim Szulczuk, Naleen, Tian, Raveen, Emerlinda Sarreal, Cedric & Suzanne D'Souza, Ankica, Stephen, Nikola

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Tobin, Ghalie Koura, Eugeniusz Ryniewicz, Ching Kee (Tony) Hui, Dr Flor Lacanilao, Patrick Condon, Michaela Anu, Romula Romy Pena

Deceased: Robert Valentin, Ellias Koura, Deanna Hsu, Efren de los Santos, Meynard V. Guilles, Lucy D'Mello, YT Hsu, Deanna Hsu, Francesco Davino, Maria Megale, Meynardo Guilles, Robert Valentin, Roydon Fernandez, Peter Netto

Anniversaries: Isabel Da Luz, Mary Thottan, Chandran Thasis, Maria Davino, Joseph Davino, Rafaela de la Pena, Teresa Van Tilburg, Pedro Obar Morales, Robert Meader, Lucy D'Mello, Mathew Paikada, Josefa Antonio Manubay, James McKee, Aidman O'Domhnaill, Vittoria Teuma, Doyle D'Costa, 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, Irina Muller

Perpetuals: Efren de los Santos, 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...

Aria Lavin

Grace & David Szpitalak-Hron

WEDDINGS



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

Miguel Tarazona & Delia Valdizan

POPE LEO'S...

Prayer Intention for May



That everyone might have food

"Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food."

From Pope Leo...

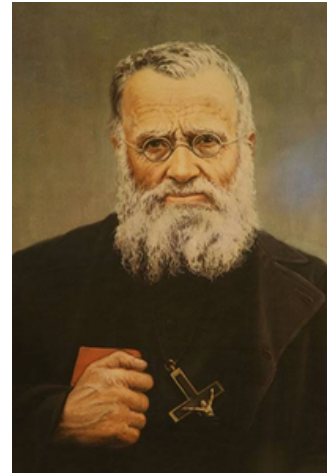
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20 May

"The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, leads the Church to contemplate the mystery of Christ. The liturgy touches the very heart of this mystery. It is at once the space, the time, and the context in which the Church receives her very life from Christ."

Saint of the Week

29 May - Blessed Joseph Gerard (1831 - 1914), Priest

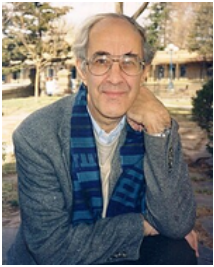
Born in France in 1831, Joseph Gerard joined the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and later was sent to South Africa where the Oblates were opening new missions. After his ordination in 1854, he worked among the Zulu in Natal for ten years before being sent to the Basuto, in today's Lesotho, where he carried out his missionary ministry and established the Church. He died on 29 May 1914, having spent 60 years as a missionary priest: he was known as "the Apostle of the Basuto".



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"Jesus shows us that true love, the love that comes from God, makes no distinction between friends and foes, between people who are for us and people who are against us, people who do us a favour and people who do us ill. God makes no such distinction. He loves all human beings, good or bad, with the same unconditional love. This all-embracing love Jesus offers to us, and he invites us to make this love visible in our lives."



Fr Henri Nouwen
(1932 - 1996)
Priest, writer and theologian

Did You Know...?

...that the gifts of the Holy Spirit lead to the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

As we celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, it is worthwhile to reflect upon the fruits of the Holy Spirit, seemingly less often referenced than the gifts. The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. Nine of these are found in Galatians (5:22-23).



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