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06 Setember 2026 - 23rd 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 7:15pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (September - 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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Reconciliation borne out of love leads to peace and harmony

AS HUMAN BEINGS who are weak and finite, there are bound to be disagreements and misunderstandings among us. This is because people see things differently from their own point of view based on their background, exposure, bias, prejudice and convictions. It is often said that we agree to disagree and disagree to agree. Such is the nature of our human life. However, in spite of this, there is always the need to come together and arrive at a compromise in order to move things forward. Today's readings on this 23rd Sunday offer a recipe for achieving this reconciliation.



The prophet Ezekiel in the first reading tells the people of Israel that they would be made accountable for the fall of the wicked should they fail to warn them beforehand (Ezek 33:7-9): "If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death." This means that we all have the sacred duty to correct one another and help set others on the right track. It is not enough not to be wicked but we also need to help the wicked to convert. In the second reading, St Paul underscores the importance of love as the supreme law. Love must be the reason behind all our activities, spiritual and otherwise. We owe one another only one debt, namely love, since love is the fullness of the law.

The Gospel passage offers us a template on how to carry out the work of reconciliation with one another. Here, Jesus teaches his disciples to be at peace with one another as members of the same family of God's people. This template comprises **four** important steps to take if someone offends us. It is not justifiable to simply write someone off just because the person offends us. We must rigorously follow the four-step path to reconciliation and always be the initiator of reconciliation. The first step is to tell the person who offended his or her offence between the two of you. If this does not lead to reconciliation, take one or two other persons with you to resolve the issue. If this still fails to work, tell it to the church. If the person fails to listen to the church, then regard the person as an unbeliever and a tax collector. This means you will be praying for the person from a distance. These are the four steps that must be taken before a final decision can be made.

How many of us remember to follow these steps in our day to day interactions with one another? How many people have we vowed not to have anything to do with anymore as a result of the wrong they have done to us? How many people are we not on talking terms with at this moment? How many times do we ourselves offend God and yet he forgives us? Reconciling with those who offend us is not something that is easy. It requires a lot of grace and discipline. Over and above this, it requires love which surpasses all the other graces and virtues (1 Cor. 13). St Paul tells us that one who loves excuses the faults of others instead of magnifying or exposing them. Do not fail to make peace with that brother, sister, colleague, boss or subordinate who has offended you. Do not turn a blind eye when someone is doing something wrong or sinful but correct them in a spirit of love and not that of 'holier than thou'. "O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts." (Ps. 95:7-8)

Wishing you a blessed and joyful week ahead,

Fr Vincent

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**.

Be a Witness to the Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition at St Patrick's Cathedral

You are warmly invited to join us on **Sunday, 06 September at 12:30pm**, following the 11:00am Mass, for the official launch of the Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.



Special Talk by William West



Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta



Light lunch will be provided

Come and hear about the mystery and history of the Holy Shroud and discover more about this fascinating exhibition.



Exhibition: 06–13 September 2026 in the Chapel



Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal this weekend

This weekend the **Annual Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal** will take place. We give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, mentors and spiritual fathers who have guided us with love, wisdom and faith. Among them are our priests, who have devoted their lives to serving God's people. They have celebrated the Sacraments with us, prayed with us, accompanied our families and helped bring us closer to Christ. After a lifetime of faithful service, many of our senior priests now need practical care and support as they face the challenges of ageing, illness and retirement. Your generous tax-deductible gift will help care for our retired and unwell priests and ensure they can live with the dignity, care and support they deserve. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code. Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.

Please, don't forget to nominate **St Patrick's Cathedral** as your parish when donating online!



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.



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PARISH NOTICES

Parramatta Open - Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful organists, bell ringers and volunteers who supported the Cathedral on Saturday 29 August as part of Parramatta Open.

It was a fantastic day, with great crowds and a wonderful atmosphere throughout the Cathedral precinct. Thank you for generously giving your time, welcoming visitors and helping showcase the architecture, beauty, and history of our Cathedral.

We are truly grateful for your support!



"Be The Witness" - The Musical

 Riverside Theatres, Parramatta
 10–13 September 2026

The Cathedral parish has secured **30 Premium tickets** at the special price of \$80 per person. By booking through the parish you avoid the additional booking, processing, and credit card fees, making it the best value way to attend.

Bookings will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

How to Book: To reserve your ticket, please contact or email the Parish Coordinator with the following information:

- Name
- Email
- Mobile number
- Select a preferred performance:
 - Friday 11 September 7:30pm **4 tickets left**
 - Saturday 12 September 2:30pm **ONLY 2 tickets left**
 - Sunday 13 September 2:00pm **ONLY 3 tickets left**

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 11 October in the Cloister Hall at 12:30pm** with a light lunch. The Annual Report will be ready to view from Sunday 27 September. All welcome!

Happy Fathers' Day!

Wishing all of our fathers and father figures a truly blessed day this Fathers' Day. Thank you for all you do to model Christ to your families and especially your children, no matter their age! May God continue to bless you and let us pray for our deceased fathers who left us a wonderful legacy by the witness of their lives.



Sacrament of Initiation - Confirmation

Our young Confirmation candidates are in the final stages of preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 12 September** at St Patrick's Cathedral, presided over by Bishop Vincent. We wish them every blessing as they take this important step in their faith journey!

Spring Fair – Save the Date!

Sunday 20 September | 9:00am – 1:00pm

Mark your calendars and join us for our Spring Fair!

There will be plenty of fun for the whole family, including:

-  Barbecue – starting from 8:30am
-  Face Painting
-  Kids' Activities
-  Raffle on the Day
-  White Elephant Stall

And more! More details will be coming soon!

We Need Your Help!

Our Spring Fair is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to come together, and we need your help to make the day a success! We are looking for volunteers who can help with:

- Running a stall
- Helping with the barbecue for the whole day or even just part of the day
- Setting up and packing up
- Helping with activities and other jobs on the day

Even an hour or two of your time would make a big difference. If you are able to help, please let us know.

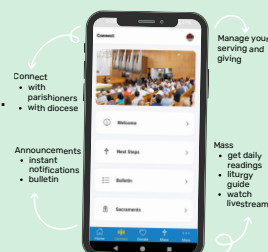
We look forward to celebrating together and making it a fun day for our parish and families!



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.stpatricks cathedral.com.au



PARISH NOTICES

RCIA - Come Journey With Us

Do you know someone seeking a deeper relationship with God or a sense of belonging within the Catholic Church?

Our Cathedral parish will recommence the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) on **Tuesday 08 September at 7:30pm** in the Cathedral Hall, offering adults an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith through prayer, reflection, learning and community.

If you know someone who may be considering becoming Catholic, particularly someone who has not yet been baptised, we encourage you to extend an invitation and help them take the first step on this beautiful journey towards a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church.

WYD27 Seoul | 26 July – 11 August 2027 Parish Expression of Interest

Are you a parishioner aged 18–35 and interested in representing our parish at World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul? The parish is looking to partially fund a small group of young adults to attend WYD 2027.

Complete the Expression of Interest form via this link.

<https://forms.gle/4y3HQjQH4VcxVeeb7>

or pick up a hard copy from the Parish Office. Applications close **Friday 25 September 2026, COB**.



You would also need to complete an EOI for the Diocese of Parramatta's WYD 2027, visit:

<https://parracatholic.org/celebrate/wyd/seoul2027/>

Catholic Outlook Magazine out now | Season of Creation & Spring Edition 2026

The latest Catholic Outlook magazine is out now, keeping you connected with news and events across the Diocese of Parramatta. Inside this edition, you'll find: Celebrating the Special Year of Saint Francis, our Papal and Diocesan award winners, why St Francis' message is right for our time, a profile on the new Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains ... and much more. Pick up a copy at your local parish or read online at catholicoutlook.org/e-edition



CURIOUS ABOUT LIFE, FAITH & MEANING?

Come along to Alpha!

Have you ever wondered if there's more to life?
Are you curious about Faith, God or what it all means?
Perhaps you simply have questions you've never had a chance to ask?

Alpha is a relaxed space to explore life, faith and meaning - with no pressure and no need to have all the answers.

Each session includes food, a short video and open, honest conversation. You can ask questions, share your thoughts, or simply listen.

 **Launch Night: Wednesday 23 September** 
6:45pm

 **Cloister Function Room, St Patrick's Cathedral
Parramatta**

Everyone is welcome - whether you're curious, questioning, returning to faith, or simply looking for meaningful conversation.

 **REGISTER NOW**

<https://stpatscathedral.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/126/responses/new>



Come curious. Bring your questions.
See where the conversation leads you.

Have you wondered what's after Alpha?

Have you experienced Alpha and would like to continue the journey of growing closer to one another and closer to God?

We are exploring a new "After Alpha" programme called Into the Deep — an opportunity to go deeper in faith, friendship and our relationship with God.

If you're interested in being part of this next step, please register your interest:

<https://stpatscathedral.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/130/responses/new>



Deacon David



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Nelson & Noelia Villada, Miguel Soto Figueroa, Orlando Chiang, Karla Villafana, Terry O'Brien, Christopher Mosely, Val Kirk, Hamish J Pereira, Christopher Doughty, Ana Castro, Melinda Abelardo, Bienvenido Peres Jr, Charles Dickens, Marica Senjak, Noelia Narciso, Sonia Villada, Fr Bob Bossini, Esther Alchiruth, Hilda Villada, Rosa Fedele-Inferra, Giovanni Inferra, Roberto Oleas, Catherine Fisher, Jonelyn Barcelona, Priscilla Newman, Sebastiao Bugo, Sharon Webb, Silvana Rechichi

Special Intentions: John & Aida, Raveen, Ankica Senjak, Nida & Eric De Noroha, Michael Falzon, Rita & Cesare Paolini, Noel, Marilie, Marielle, N. Raphael Rodriguez, Nikola Senjak & family, Siyu Gao, Tavish, Phai Phan, Haydee Rehak, France Vivien Malco, Francis Beta Velasco, David & Bella, Evan, Mate Vlastelica, Yvette Abraham, Noel & Marilie Rodriguez

Recently Deceased: Clem Gallagher, Hayden Panettiere, Malaekkal Thomas, Perinchery Joy, Romeo Cagujas, Jung Hun (Yagobo) Suh, Reuben Diast

Deceased: Wolfgang Homer, Joseph & Lily Fernandez, Karam Houda, Elias Koura, Ghalie Koura, Tony & Wally, Concesso family, Cedric Cunningham, Ana Maria Sierra Alta, Catherine Ramos, Y. T., Sr Rosemary Crumlin

Anniversaries: Joseph Fung, Treasa Jose, Juliet & Peter Noronha, Salvatore & Rosa Loria, Pua Foai, Filomena Nubla, Josephine Farah, Mary Thottan, Angelo Tantini, Sr Petrina Sunguyen, Torcuata Diputado, Juan Montesco

Perpetuals: Hanne Bitar, Bev Cockburn, Norm Hector, 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, 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, George & 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...

**Ollie Millauro
Lusia Solomon**

WEDDINGS



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

Alicia Pope & Brandon Littlewood

POPE LEO'S...

Prayer Intention for September



For the care of water

"Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it."

From Pope Leo...

*"X" post dated
02 September*

"This evening we begin the Season of Creation — a period of five weeks devoted to prayer and commitment to the care of our "common home." From contemplating creation and encountering its Creator, there arises an awareness of our particular place within God's wondrous plan, and of the responsibility that we bear both personally and collectively for preserving the original harmony."

Saint of the Week

09 September - **St Osburg** (died c.1018), Abbess

Saint Osburg was the first Abbess of a monastery founded at Coventry by King Canute at the beginning of the eleventh century. She died around 1018. Although nothing else is known about her, there was a strong cult to St Osburg in the City of Coventry during the Middle Ages. In the nineteenth-century revival of Catholicism, Bishop Ullathorne dedicated the first Catholic Church in the city to her. The 9th of September is the date when Bishop Wiseman consecrated the new Church of St Osburg in Coventry in 1845.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"



"Make your house beautiful by all means but also look after the poor, or rather look after the poor first. No one was ever condemned for not adorning his house, but those who neglect the poor were threatened with hell fire for all eternity and a life of torment with devils. Adorn your house if you will, but do not forget your brother in distress. He is a temple of infinitely greater value."

St John Chrysostom

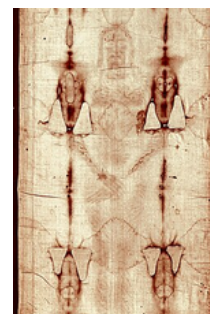
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Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Did You Know...?

...that the Shroud of Turin, the subject of an exhibition here at St Patrick's Cathedral, has been the subject of much controversy?

This controversy dates back to the fourteenth century, when a bishop denounced it as a forgery. Various forensic experts have given findings that seem to indicate that the shroud dates from the Middle Ages. Regardless of these controversies, if the shroud deepens our faith in Jesus, it is a relic of great consequence and worthy of veneration.



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