



**ST PATRICK'S
CATHEDRAL**
PARRAMATTA

04 October 2026 - 27th 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

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Our faith must make us productive

THE CHRISTIAN is called to a life of service. This service comprises of service to God and neighbours. In fact, service to God is manifested in the service to one another. This was the experience of the early Christians who used to gather to pray in the upper room and also attend to the needs of the poor and widows in the community (Acts 2:42-47). We have all received different and various gifts from the Lord which are meant to be used for our own good and the good of those around us (Matt. 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 12).



In today's readings, we are confronted with the fate of those who received gifts and talents from the Lord, some were productive and others were not. The first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) tells of a vineyard that was well cultivated with enough nutrients to make it productive. Unfortunately, the vineyard refuses to bear the desired fruits. For this reason, the owner of the vineyard vowed in his anger and frustration not to take cognizance of the vineyard again but to let it lay waste. This vineyard is a metaphor for the house of Israel which has refused to bear the fruits of repentance, justice, integrity and righteousness (Isaiah 5:7; Ps. 80).

Jesus tells a parable in the gospel passage about a landowner who planted a vineyard and did all that was necessary to make it fruitful by employing workers to work in it. However, when the time came for the harvesting, the workers turned against the landowner not only by not remitting the desired fruits from the vineyard, they also assaulted the landowner's messengers and son and even killed some of them. Consequently, the landowner vowed in his anger to punish those workers and replace them with workers who would deliver the desired fruits at the right time.

The message here is that God has called all of us, too, to work in his vineyard and be productive. He has given us the enabling graces to be fruitful. He wants us to put into use all the graces he has bestowed on us. We have no excuses should we fail to produce the desired fruits (Matt. 25:31-45). This passage enumerates all that needs to be done in order to receive the crown of glory at the end of our sojourn here on earth. It is, therefore, not sufficient to claim that we have faith without good works to accompany it (Jam. 2:14-26). Our faith must translate into concrete actions. Faith and good works are the necessary conditions for salvation. Jesus tells his disciples: "In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven." The difference between Christians and philanthropists is faith. It is our faith that must make us to be productive. If we are not productive we become disposable, useful for nothing.

Hence, St Paul in the second reading, admonishes us to keep on doing the things we have learnt from him. We must imitate him as he has imitated Christ. He continues his admonition: "Finally, brethren, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise" (Phil.4:8). Let us, therefore, arm ourselves with good works by being there for one another, putting ourselves at the service of God through the various ministries in the parish, and showing good examples for others to emulate. In this way we shall produce fruits in thirties, sixties and hundreds.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Vincent

LITURGY GUIDE

Entrance Procession Lord of life and Lord of nations

Introduction/Interlude



1. Lord of life and Lord of na - tions,
2. Lengths of love be - yond all mea - sure,
3. Vi - sions new and an - cient dream - ing

1. giv - ing peace, you make us one:
2. heights of love which now do call.
3. see the love be - yond all death:

1. heart of flesh for heart of stone.
2. Breadth of love as room for all.
3. new the hea - vens, new the earth:

1. Break the walls of all di - vi - sions. Your
2. Depths of love where hides the trea - sure; through
3. pro - mise of the king - dom com - ing. Through

1. king - dom come, with this its sign: our
2. Christ, our Way, we find true peace. A
3. Christ the wounds of all this world in

1. song this prayer let peace now reign.
2. world made whole in God's em - brace.
3. God's own peace will then be healed.

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Sign of the Cross and Greeting

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

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

- There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard.
- I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.
- It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.
- I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
- The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
- There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving.
- The God of peace will be with you.

to the point

The tenants in the vineyard arrogantly think that by killing the son they will inherit what is not theirs. Ironically, the vineyard which the wicked tenants attempt to gain by violence is freely given to those who will produce its fruit. The new tenants produce fruit because they accept Jesus as the rightful heir of the vineyard and as the cornerstone of the kingdom.

Connecting the Gospel

• to the first reading

Though, in Isaiah, the fault for not producing good fruit lies in the vineyard itself and in the gospel the fault lies with the tenants, both readings are ultimately concerned with producing good fruit.

• to culture

In a capitalistic society great dignity is attached to being an owner. The gospel locates great dignity even in being a good tenant.

LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

Cantor *All*

Lord _____ have mer - cy. Lord _____ have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor *All*

Christ _____ have mer - cy. Christ _____ have mer - cy.
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Cantor *All* *rall.*

Lord _____ have mer - cy. Lord _____ have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Kyrie 11:00am

Communion Service in F

H. Darke

Gloria

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

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. Lord God hea-ven-ly King, O God al-migh-ty Fa - ther.

Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Fa - ther.

You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

You take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on

us. 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.

Gloria 11:00am Communion Service in F

The Gloria is sung by the cathedral choir. All SIT.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Glory to God in the highest,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
and on earth peace to people of good will.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
We praise you, we bless you,

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
we adore you, we glorify you

Gratias agimus tibi
we give you thanks

propter magnam gloriam tuam.
for your great glory,

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Lord God, heavenly King,

Deus Pater omnipotens.
O God almighty Father.

Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

Qui tollis peccata mundi:
you take away the sins of the world,

miserere nobis.
have mercy on us;

Qui tollis peccata mundi:
You take away the sins of the world,

suscipe deprecationem nostram.
receive our prayer;

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris:
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

miserere nobis.
have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
For you alone are the Holy One,

Tu solus Dominus.
you alone are the Lord,

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

Cum Sancto Spiritu,
with the Holy Spirit,

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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

(Isaiah 5:1-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20



Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (4:6-9)

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Twynham

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor:

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will last.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (18:33-43)

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:
'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you
and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

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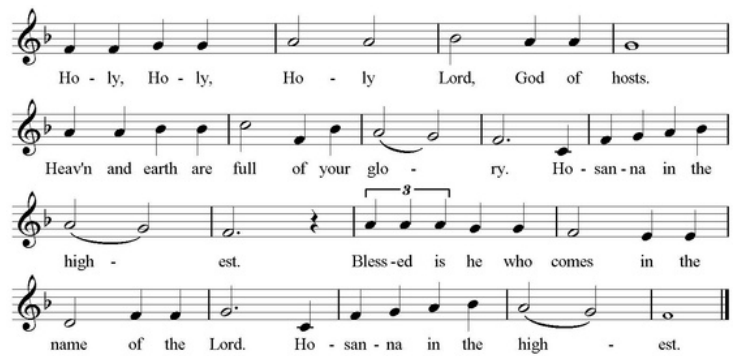
Motet 11:00am For the beauty of the earth J. Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise, this, our hymn of grateful praise.
For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

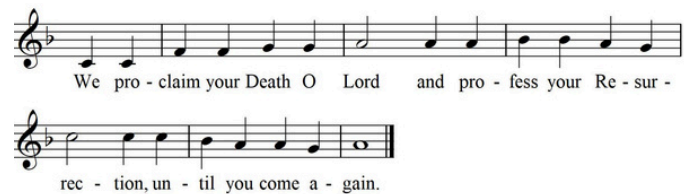
Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor



Mystery of Faith

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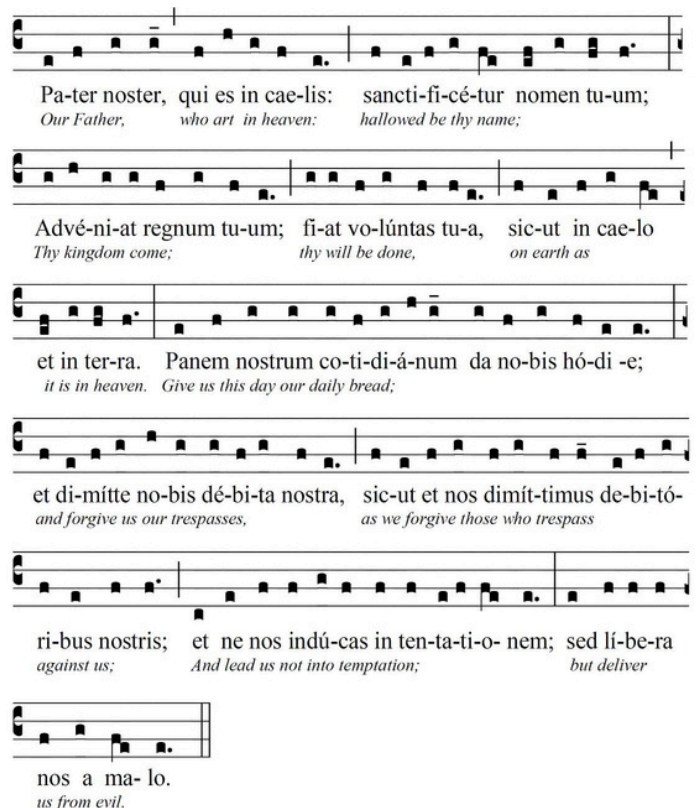


Amen

Mass of St. Francis



The Lord's Prayer *On the 1st Sunday of each month, the Lord's Prayer is sung in Latin.
Please join in singing the 'Pater noster' below...*



Agnus Dei

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Agnus Dei

Communion Service in F

H. Darke

Communion Antiphon

In salutari tuo

My soul aspires after your salvation; I hope in your word;

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymn

Peace Prayer of St. Francis

1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace: where

1. there is ha - tred, let me bring your love, where
2. there's de - spair in life let me bring hope, where

1. there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, and
2. there is dark - ness, on - ly light, and

To v.2 D.S. v.3
1. where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. 3. O

3. Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so much to be con -

3. soled as to con - sole, to be un - der - stood as to un - der

3. stand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It is in par - don -

4. ing that we are par - doned, in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -

4. ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

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Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

The Deacon sings *All reply:*

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

Postlude

Fugue in G minor BWV 542

J.S. Bach



8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will last.

R. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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

Thank you for welcoming St Carlo Acutis

What a beautiful and grace-filled few days we experienced at St Patrick's Cathedral as we welcomed the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis.

Over the 22 hours that Carlo was with us, more than 4000 people came through the Cathedral to pray, venerate the relic and participate in the many opportunities for prayer and reflection. We welcomed families, young people, children, the elderly and parishioners from across the community, with people of all ages coming together in prayer. It was wonderful to see so many people making time to encounter the Lord through the intercession of St Carlo.

During the visit, we celebrated Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary and Benediction, offered Confession and individual blessings with the relic, and heard inspiring talks about St Carlo and his love for Jesus and the Eucharist.

A very special thank you to all our volunteers and those who generously gave their time to assist with the visit. Thank you to everyone who helped with welcoming and guiding pilgrims, liturgies and, especially, those who served as guardians of the relic during the hours of veneration. Your service helped make this special visit possible.

We are grateful to everyone who came to pray with us and to all who helped create such a prayerful and welcoming atmosphere.

The Novena to St Carlo Acutis begins on 03 October, in preparation for his Feast Day on 12 October. Parishioners are invited to pray the Novena privately and seek St Carlo's intercession for their special intentions.

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/carlo-acutis-novena>

St Carlo Acutis, pray for us!



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.



**ST PATRICK'S
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PARISH NOTICES

Host the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Legion of Mary

Invite the blessings of Our Lady into your home by hosting the Pilgrim Statue of the Legion of Mary. This special visitation provides an opportunity for family prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal, bringing families together under the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Parishioners are encouraged to welcome the statue into their homes and spend time in prayer for their families, parish, and community. Whether for a day or a week, hosting the statue is a meaningful way to deepen faith and devotion.

For bookings or more information, please contact Brian on 0492 836 495 or email bd.2913@gmail.com.

Sacramental Preparation: Penance & First Holy Communion

The Sacramental Team at St Patrick's Cathedral invites families to enrol children in preparation for the Sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation/Confession) and First Eucharist through a parish-based, family-centred process.

An **Information Evening** will be held on **Monday 19 October at 7:30pm** in the St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta Cloister Hall. **Online registration opens Tuesday 20 October**, with **enrolment at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 25 October**.



Children must be 7 years of age by 01 July 2026 to be eligible. Parents are encouraged to prayerfully discern whether their child is ready to begin preparation.

Preparation for Penance (Reconciliation/Confession) will take place from October through November. Penance must be celebrated before First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion preparation classes will commence in February 2027. For further information, please contact the Parish Coordinator.

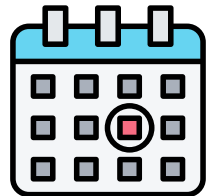
November Mass Intentions

November is, of course, the month that we traditionally pray for the Holy Souls. Envelopes are now available to submit names of deceased loved ones for whom they wish to pray. As usual, names of our beloved deceased will be entered into the parish Book of Remembrance, displayed in the chapel throughout the month.

Please note that all Masses in November will be offered for the Holy Souls.

Public Holiday

Monday 05 October is the Labour Day Public Holiday, so just the one Mass at 8:00am. Cathedral precinct open the usual hours.



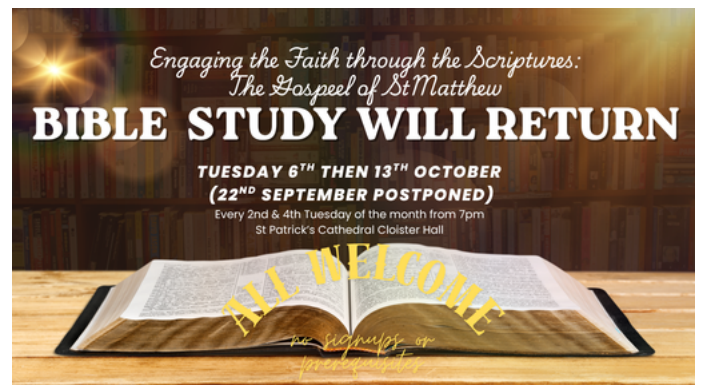
Annual General Meeting

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 is now ready to view on the app. All welcome!

Social Justice Committee Prayer Session

Thursday 08 October | 7:00–7:45pm | Chapel

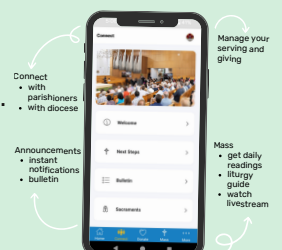
The Social Justice Committee will be holding a prayer session in the chapel, giving thanks for the Faith in Action work across the parish and supporting forward discernment. Supper will follow in the presbytery. All are welcome.



How to Download the App

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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

Fr Robert on retreat

Please note that shortly I will be taking my annual retreat. It will be from **16-26 October**.

On leave

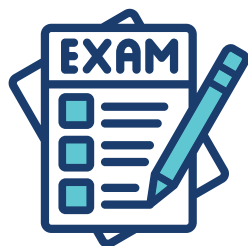
Paula, one of our two parish secretaries, will be on leave from 06 October and will return to the Parish Office on Tuesday, 03 November. This trip was booked before she commenced her appointment at the Cathedral. We wish her safe travels and look forward to welcoming her back on her return.

Overnight Shelter Trial Update to Parish

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will give an update on the shelter trial after weekend Masses across 10-11 October. Please keep those experiencing homelessness and those planning the trial in your prayers.

HSC students

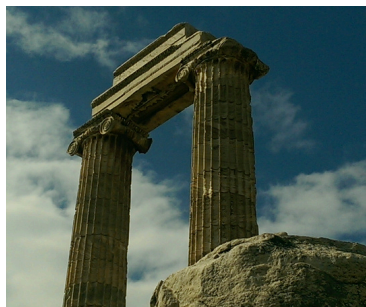
The Higher School Certificate (HSC) begins on 13 October and concludes on 05 November. This is a time of stress not only for the students concerned but also for those closest to them, family and friends, who may have to bear some of the burden with those sitting the exams. Please pray for all concerned, that students may know that future success does not depend on their results, and that those closest to the students will support them as best they can over these stressful few weeks.



Pilgrimage to Turkey in 2027 - Fr Robert

There are still a few places left for the proposed pilgrimage to Turkey in **October next year (2027)**. This pilgrimage, titled "In the Footsteps of St Paul", is a comprehensive tour of key sites associated with St Paul and the early Church. I led a similar tour back in 2014 which was very positively received by those who travelled with me. Among other places, we will visit Cappadocia, some of the sites of church communities mentioned in the Book of Revelation, Kusadasi, Ephesus (including Mary's House), and Gallipoli, a special place for Australians. Of course, many other places are on the agenda. At this stage, the tour is planned for **08 - 21 October**, with an optional six-day extension to Greece also possible. The Turkey pilgrimage is expected to cost around \$7800 per person, including flights, hotels, meals and tours with a guide, etc.

If this sounds like something that interests you, please let me know via email at dean@stpatscathedral.com.au or catch up with me in person. There are some flyers in the narthex if you would like a hard copy.



Planned Giving

We warmly invite all parishioners to review and, if needed, update their Planned Giving contributions. Planned Giving is an important way we support the mission, ministries, and future needs of our parish community together.

The majority of Planned Giving contributions to the parish are now made through the Parish App, and we encourage you to consider this option as we move forward. Contributions can also continue to be made through parish envelopes or via the parish office.

If you would like assistance or more information, please get in touch with the parish office. Thank you for your support!

Updating Your Credit Card Details for Planned Giving

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 share with you a detailed "how to guide".

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.



International Eucharistic Congress (IEC)

A reminder to hold in prayer the IEC, happening right here in Sydney in 2028. The dates have now been confirmed as **24 September to 01 October**.

The Congress is one of the largest gatherings in the life of the Catholic Church. First held in France in the 1880s, it exists to renew the Church's understanding of, and reverence for, the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Every four years a different host city welcomes bishops, clergy, religious and lay pilgrims from every continent for a week of prayer, celebration and public witness - most recently in Quito, Ecuador, in 2024 - and soon, Sydney! Wherever it is held, the Congress leaves a lasting legacy, as local Churches are renewed by returning, with fresh intentionality, to the Eucharist.



PARISH NOTICES

Catholic Mission Appeal

On the weekend of 18 and 19 October, the Cathedral Parish will be supporting the Catholic Mission Appeal.

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

**Name changed for privacy*

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.



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Songs of light from around the world, featuring music in Ukrainian, Hindi, Tagalog and more...

River City Voices presents a "Christmas" program like no other. Join us for a celebration of the music, languages and traditions that make the festive season in Parramatta vibrant and unique.

Led and programmed by Lanneke Jones, River City Voices, will perform a varied, lively and beautiful program of music drawn from the cultures, languages and people of River City Voices and Parramatta. This is a celebration of the many festive traditions that all live and thrive in our wonderful city.

River City Christmas: Peace and Light draws on music as varied as Bach to Australian Composer Ruth McCall, Britten to works in Ukrainian, Arabic and Hindi all celebrating what it is to live, celebrate and sing in Parramatta. Performed in the sublime acoustic of St Patrick's Cathedral join us to celebrate what makes Christmas in Parramatta unlike anywhere else.

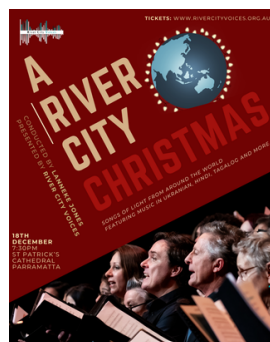
A River City Christmas

18 December @ 7:30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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Alpha 26 Intake 2 has begun *but we really need your help!*

Here are some ways you can help:

- 1. Prayer:** Please pray for our guests and our team, every Wednesday at 6:45pm
- 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.

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DIOCESAN NOTICES

Annual Marian Procession at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville: 10 October

The Marian Procession is a special parish celebration honouring Our Lady of the Rosary, the Patroness of our parish and community.

Following the 6:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 10 October, parishioners will process from Our Lady of the Rosary Church to the Shrine of the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, praying the Rosary and singing Marian hymns.

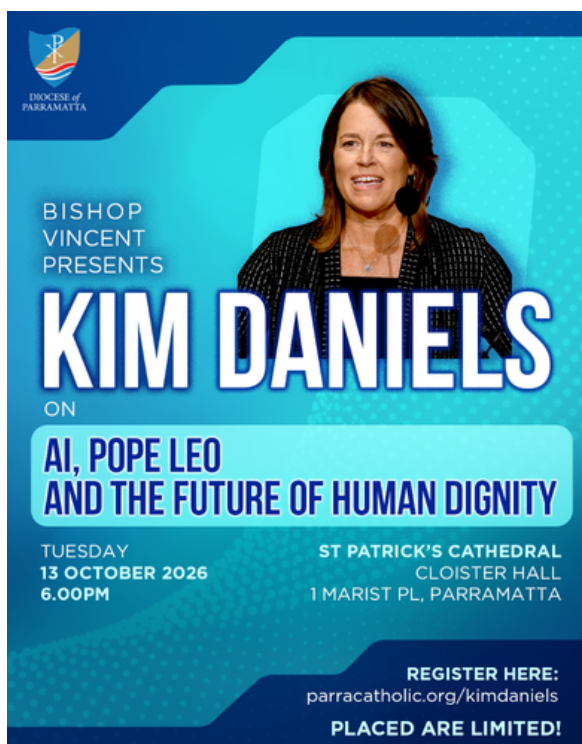


Bishop Vincent Presents: Kim Daniels on 'AI, Pope Leo and the future of human dignity': 13 October

Join us on 13 October at 6:00pm to hear from one of the Church's foremost experts on Catholic Social Thought and its importance in the age of artificial intelligence.

A lawyer by training, Ms Daniels served for 10 years as a member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication until 2026, and during the Synod on Synodality from 2021-2024 was an expert participant and coordinator of the study group that focused on the Church's mission in the digital age.

Registration is essential, visit parracatholic.org/kim-daniels



Rosary Making Workshops: Next on 15 October

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on the following days: 15 October, 05 November. Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops



2026 LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: 24 October

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday, 24 October for LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2026. Join hundreds of young people and families for a Youth Mass at 6:00pm followed by festivities in the forecourt.

Encounter the variety of talent and passion of Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, with live performances, inflatable games, small businesses, adoration and more. Register by visiting parracatholic.org/lifted-live



DIOCESAN NOTICES

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 15 November

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 15 November at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your full names, years married, and numbers attending via parracatholic.org/events/wedding-anniversary-mass by 6 November.



Please include full names, years of marriage & number of family attending.

WYD27 Songwriting Competition: Submissions close 16 December

Young people of the Diocese of Parramatta, we want your original song to inspire our pilgrims on their journey to World Youth Day! Open to individuals or groups aged 16–35. All musical genres welcome. Find out more and submit your song via our WYD27 website: parrawyd.org



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



Design our next Catholic Outlook magazine front cover!

Once again, we're inviting people of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2026 edition.

This year's theme invites artists to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas in light of the Jubilee of St Francis. At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's gift of love and salvation to the world.

Please share this competition with your parish community. Entries must be submitted by Friday 06 November – with a short description of the artwork - via parracatholic.org/artcomp

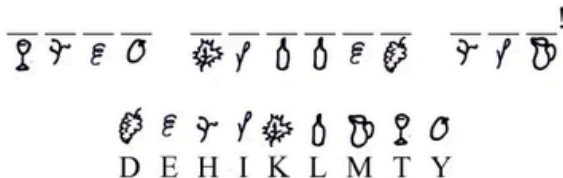


The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4th, 2026



What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?
Use the code below to find out.



The Evil Tenants Word-Find



Find the words that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks:

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EVINEYARDSW
AENHNPRESSI
TSEEARASETL
HEIRNOBPROL
RINITDLEVLN
EZATSUECAEE
WEGATCHTND
IDANBEATTSS
SOICOMESSNE
OWNERKILLED

Jesus told this PARABLE: There was a landowner who planted a VINEYARD and built a tower and a WINE PRESS. When he went away, he LEASED it to tenants. In time, he sent SERVANTS to get his PRODUCE, but the tenants BEAT one, killed one, and STONED another. The man sent more servants, but the TENANTS did the same thing AGAIN. Finally, he sent his SON, thinking that they would RESPECT him at least. But the tenants saw the son coming and said, "Here comes the HEIR. If we kill him we can get his INHERITANCE!" So they SEIZED him, THREW him out and KILLED him too!

Jesus asked, "What will the land OWNER do when he COMES?"

The people said, "Put the tenants to DEATH and lease the vineyard to tenants who WILL pay."

Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him. In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.

In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!



Answer to Word-Find: They killed him.
Answer to Word-Find: God sent His Son.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska October 5



OUR LORD USED SAINT FAUSTINA, WHO HAD BEEN A SIMPLE COUNTRY GIRL, TO TEACH THE WHOLE WORLD ABOUT HIS GREAT MERCY. SHE WROTE WHAT HAPPENED IN HER VISIONS IN NOTEBOOKS. ONE OF THE GREATEST PRAYERS THAT JESUS GAVE HER WAS THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Hamish J Pereira, Heidi Mezzano, Denmark P Bautista, Leon Nacson, Roberto Oleas, Nelson & Noelia Villada, Miguel Soto Figueroa, Orlando Chiang, Karla Villafana, Terry O'Brien, Christopher Mosely, Val Kirk, Christopher Doughty, Ana Castro, Melinda Abelardo, Bienvenido Peres Jr, Charles Dickins, Marica Senjak, Noelia Narciso, Sonia Villada, Fr Bob Bossini, Esther Alchiruth, Hilda Villada, Priscilla Newman, Sebastiao Bugo, Sharon Webb, Silvana Rechichi

Special Intentions: Fatima Rodricks, Raveen, Noel, Marilie, Marielle, Tharindu, Jeevanee, Isuru, Sandunika, Ariyaratne, Savithri, Edward Yin, Betsy Kaniman, Aaron Duffy, Hilda Pais, Melanie Lovett, Pauline Chia, Jocelyn, N. Raphael Rodriguez, Ankica Senjak, John & Aida, Nida & Erlic De Noroha, Michael Falzon, Rita & Cesare Paolini, Nikola Senjak

Recently Deceased: Mouhib Ayoub, Kevin Stoneham, Borislav, Roberto Mamaril, Clem Gallagher, Roberto Oleas, Hayden Panettiere, Malaekkal Thomas, Perinchery Joy, Romeo Cagujas, Jung Hun (Yagobo) Suh, Reuben Diast

Deceased: John Rocha, Lucy D'Mello, Sr Maria, Y T Hsu, Romeo D'Souza, Lily Hoope, Nazar Nissan, Lewis Nissan, Charlie & Gabriel Assaf, Mary Joyce, Estrella T Manuel, Mary D'Mello, Christine Vas, Philip Vas, Leit Vas

Anniversaries: Dr Chander Singh, Aleksei Chijoff, Isabelle Farah, Randolph Johnson, Tony Thottan, Dorothy Revelman, Dora Kirk, Francisco P Kiat-Ong, Guise Trong, Maria Lang, Catherine Deveros, Johannus Lelyveld, Juan Montesco,

Perpetuals: Aguilera, McDermott, Starr and Polson families, Roberto Mamaril, Clem Gallagher, Robert Andrews, 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, Paula Cowling, 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, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Gabrielle Baker, Mary & Jack White, George & Mary Abela, Love family, 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...

Maya Celeste Alimangohan

WEDDINGS



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

Sarah Chesher and James Lyons

POPE LEO'S...

Prayer Intention for October



For mental health ministry

"Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses."

From Pope Leo...

*"X" post dated
30 September*

"Just as Notre-Dame Cathedral was restored, so too is the Church in France being renewed. This is particularly noticeable in the enthusiasm of the young people and the increased number of baptisms."

Saints of the Week

05 October - **Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos (1819 - 1867)**, Priest

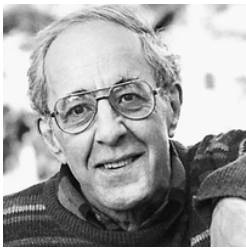
He was born in Füssen, in Bavaria, in what is now Germany, on 11 January 1819. He entered the diocesan seminary. Coming to know the charism of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, joined it and was sent to North America. He was ordained a priest in 1844.

He began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as assistant pastor of his confrère St John Neumann, serving also as Master of Novices and dedicating himself to preaching. He became a full-time itinerant missionary preacher, preaching in both English and German in a number of different states. He died in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 4 October 1867.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"



"Dear Lord, I will remain restless, tense, and dissatisfied until I can be totally at peace in your house...There is no certainty that my life will be any easier in the years ahead, or that my heart will be any calmer. But there is the certainty that you are waiting for me and will welcome me home when I have persevered in my long journey to your house."

Henri Nouwen
(1932 - 1996)
Priest and Spiritual Writer

Did You Know...?

...that October is traditionally regarded as the month to lend a special focus to the Rosary?

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated each year on 07 October. This feast recalls the time when the Christian forces defeated the Turkish fleet at the famous Battle of Lepanto on the first Sunday in October 1571. This ended the Muslim domination of the Mediterranean and was ascribed to the prayers and processions of the Rosary confraternity in Rome. Because the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary occurred in October, it was natural to extend the promotion and praying of the rosary to the whole month of October.



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