



**ST PATRICK'S
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11 October 2026 - 28th 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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The Five Precepts of the Church

AS CATHOLICS, we are called not only to believe the faith but to live it. The five precepts of the Church give us a practical foundation for doing so. They are not the whole of Christian life or merely a checklist: they safeguard the indispensable minimum in prayer, sacramental life and moral commitment, helping us grow in love of God and neighbour.

1. Participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

The whole of Sunday, being the Lord's Day, belongs to God and we honour this day in the highest form of worship and thanksgiving in Holy Mass. In refraining from work which would hinder this day, we recall that we are not merely workhorses but are spiritual beings who need to nourish our faith and order our lives accordingly.

2. Confess our sins at least once a year.

This is a minimum, not a reason to delay God's grace and mercy. The sacrament of penance continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness and draws us back to the Holy Eucharist.

3. Receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.

This minimum points us to the central place of Christ's Body and Blood in our Christian life.

4. Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.

These practices of penance help turn our attention to God and form part of the Church's common life. In Australia, these include penance on Fridays, and fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as a minimum.

5. Help provide for the material needs of the Church, according to our ability.

Our contributions help meet the Church's material needs and support her mission and recognise that all blessings are given to us by God and returned to Him.

These precepts are a foundation, not the limit, of Christian discipleship. They call us to keep the Lord's Day, seek his mercy, receive the Eucharist, practise penance and support the Church's mission. Most would correctly think, for example, reception of Holy Communion and Confession once a year is too minimal. Rather than treating them as a checklist or aiming only to do the bare minimum, let us allow them to serve as our foundation and lead us more deeply into the life of grace and our baptismal calling as a priestly people.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Rooney



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

Catholic Mission Appeal

On the weekend of **17/18 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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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

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.*

Spring Fair Raffle Winners

A little belated, but here are our Spring Fair Raffle Prize Winners! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated prizes and helped make our raffle a success. We truly appreciate your generosity and support of our parish.

And now, finally, here are our Spring Fair Raffle Prize Winners:

1st Prize: \$250 Voucher Sahra By The River - Mili

2nd Prize: \$250 Tour package by Judith Dunn - Geraldine

3rd Prize \$50 eftops gift card - Marilyn

4th Prize La Frutteria Northmead Fruit Basket - Justin

Additional prizes 5 to 8 are handmade crocheted blankets – donated by Joy. Winners: Stephen, Frank, Francisca & May.

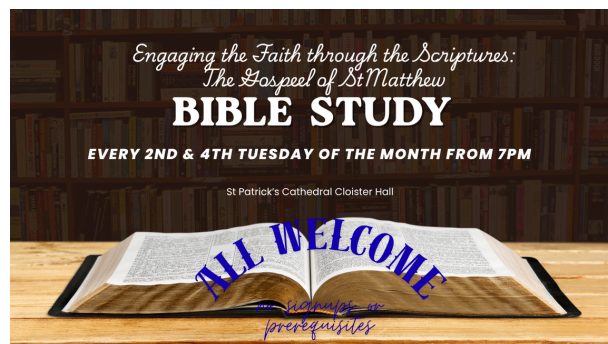
Congratulations to all our winners, and thank you once again to our wonderful parish community for your support!

Retreats

Please note that shortly I will be taking my annual retreat. It will be from **16-26 October**. Fr Vincent will be on retreat this week from Sunday evening till Friday afternoon.

On leave

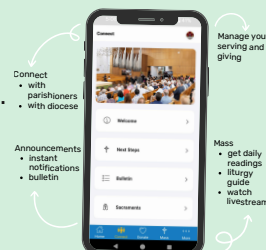
Paula, one of our two parish secretaries, will be on leave from 06 October and will return to the Parish Office on Tuesday, 03 November. This trip was booked before she commenced her appointment at the Cathedral. We wish her safe travels and look forward to welcoming her back on her return.



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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.stpatscathedral.com.au



PARISH NOTICES

Seniors' Melbourne Cup - 03 November

Join us for our annual Seniors' Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, 03 November at 1:15pm in the Cloister Function Room.

-  Enjoy a light lunch
-  Enjoy some trivia
-  Have a game of bingo
-  Watch the Melbourne Cup
-  Sweeps will also be available!

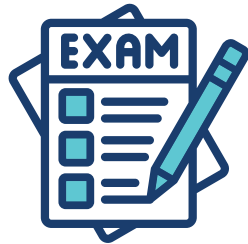
It's always a wonderful and enjoyable afternoon, and we hope you can join us! We are once again very grateful to a generous anonymous donor, whose kindness has helped subsidise the cost of this event. 🙏

Cost: \$15, payable at the door.

 Please RSVP using the email sent to you, or contact the Parish Office.

HSC students

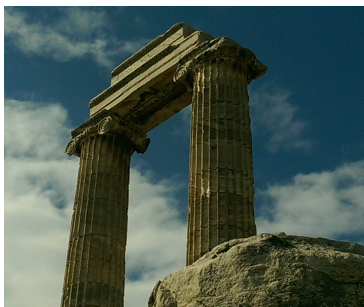
The Higher School Certificate (HSC) begins **this Tuesday** and concludes on 05 November. This is a time of stress not only for the students concerned but also for those closest to them, family and friends, who may have to bear some of the burden with those sitting the exams. Please pray for all concerned, 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.



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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International Eucharistic Congress (IEC): Parish Ambassador for St Pat's

The Eucharist28 Operational Team are seeking to establish a network of volunteers from each parish that can take up the role of Parish IEC Ambassadors. If this opportunity interests you please contact Fr Robert dean@stpatscathedral.com.au asap.



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.

A Day to Quiet the Noise, Reconnect with Faith and Find Strength for What's Next

Men's Retreat is a new day retreat at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills, offering men space to step back from the pressures of daily life. Through honest reflection, small group conversation and practical prayer, reconnect your faith with your purpose. Facilitated by Nehme Khattar, Head of Mission at Catholic Healthcare.

Saturday 17 October, 9:30am-3:30pm \$198 incl. GST.
Morning tea and lunch provided.

Learn more: www.mmsm.org.au/retreats/mens-retreat

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Oliver, 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: Ryan Lamdizabal, Joe & Tania, Raveen, Daniel, David, Chrales, John, Christopher, Madeline, Sandra, Anna, Jessica, Kassis, Mouzel Del Mar, Fatima Rodricks, Noel, Marilie, Marielle, Tharindu, Jeevanee, Isuru, Sandunika, Ariyaratne, Savithri, Edward Yin, Betsy Kaniman, Aaron Duffy, Hilda Pais, Melanie Lovett, Pauline Chia

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

Deceased: Allan Villagrand, Y T & Deanna Hsu, Cicilia Machado, Lily, Alex, Charlie, Denis and Ashton Saldanha, Ruth La Rosa, Larsin Murad, Ana Valentin, Fidel de Castro, John Rocha, Lucy D'Mello, Sr Maria, , Romeo D'Souza, Lily Hoope

Anniversaries: Maximina Manlangit, Isobel Dupre, 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

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 couples recently married here...

Ariana Carnachan and Musika Loto'aniu
Paula Nassif and Phillip Alphonse

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
05 October*

"There exists a martyrdom of those who offer their lives in a single moment, and the more hidden martyrdom of those who give their lives day after day. This is exactly what all Christians are called to do: to give our lives with love, every day."

Saints of the Week

12 October - **Blessed Jan Beyzym** (1850 - 1912), Priest

Jan Beyzym was born in Beyzmy Wielkie, which was then in the Russian-occupied Kingdom of Poland and is now in Ukraine. His father was sentenced to death for his part in the October Uprising of 1863. Jan entered the Jesuit novitiate at Stara Wies in 1872. After his ordination as priest in 1881, he taught in schools for seventeen years, and was given charge of the school infirmary. In 1898, at the age of forty-eight, in response to his desires, he was appointed to Madagascar to work among lepers. He was the first priest in the mission to live among the lepers. He personally dressed and bandaged their wounds. He begged for finances to provide them with food and clothing. He raised funds to build a well-equipped hospital for them. The lepers called him "rayamendreny" — father and mother — which he truly was.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"



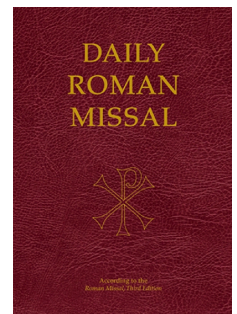
"In love all the powers of my soul flow out toward you, wanting never more to return, but to lose themselves completely in you, since by your love you are the inmost centre of my heart, closer to me than I am to myself."

Karl Rahner SJ
(1904 - 1984)
Priest and Theologian
Encounters with Silence

Did You Know...?

...that the Second and Third Eucharistic Prayers, the most commonly used at Mass, are able to be used with different Prefaces, making them quite flexible?

There are many different Eucharistic Prayers which you will hear at Mass, but these two will probably be most commonly heard. These two Eucharistic Prayers can be used with numerous different Prefaces (as can the First Eucharistic Prayer) thus making them suitable for Masses for special occasions such as weddings, funerals and anniversaries.



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