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PARRAMATTA

25 October 2026 - 30th 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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Love me, love my child

AT DIFFERENT stages in our life, we experience different kinds of love. When we are young, we might experience the love of friendship. As we get older, we may experience the love of a spouse or partner. Each of these are very different kinds of love and we learn something from each one, but perhaps the most profound learnings we can have about love are when we experience love as a parent. The other kinds of love can sometimes be a bit transactional and imperfect – “I will be your friend, as long as you are my friend.” “I will love you, as long as you love me.” But the love we offer when we become a parent is a one-sided love, a selfless love. This little creature, this beautiful little creature, doesn't have to do anything to earn our love. They are our child; we simply love them. What we want is a long and beautiful relationship with them. That's it.



These children are a part of us. And we feel everything for them. If they are sick or in pain, we are in pain. And if they are hurt, we feel it deeply. If someone hurts my child, no amount of kindness to me will make that okay. Whereas if someone is kind to my child, a teacher, a coach, an uncle, an aunt, a grandparent, then I am automatically fine with that person. In the end, someone cannot say they truly love me if they are not prepared to love my child.

So, you see, when we become a parent, we discover a lot about God, because this selfless parental love is exactly the kind of love God has for us, but multiply it by infinity. When we realise this, today's gospel makes a lot more sense. Jesus tells us that the whole of our church's teachings can be summed up by: love God and love His children. And these two commandments are really intertwined – we cannot say we love God unless we also love His children.

God is the ultimate parent, and like all parents, He longs for a beautiful relationship with each child. In His case, a relationship that will last for eternity, and He longs to help us with that. But, as people who have been parents for a while will tell you, you can only offer a relationship to your child *if they offer a relationship back to you*. If there is no relationship, then all we want to offer our child has nowhere to go. Now God will always be offering us opportunities to come into relationship with Him. If we offer Him no relationship, it has terrible eternal consequences for us; if we offer Him a half-hearted relationship, we will never be as fruitful as we should. So, that is why the most important and fruitful thing we can do in our life is grow into a deeper and deeper relationship with God.

Relationships take work, and they involve crosses as well as blessings. So, we need to pray for grace, grace to love God and to love His children as we should. One way or another, we will not be able to say we truly love God unless we are prepared to love his children.

Wishing you a blessed 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, Paula or Donna, by **12:00 noon on Thursday**.

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.*



Masses to Commemorate All Souls' Day

This year, All Souls' Day (02 November) falls on a Monday.

As well as the usual 6:30am and 12:30pm Masses, the following Masses will be held:

- TBC - St. Patrick's Cemetery (1 Pennant Hills Rd, North Parramatta).
- 7:30pm - St Patrick's Cathedral, accompanied by the Cathedral Choir

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

Barbecue Breakfast – Sunday 08 November

Join us for our final barbecue sausage sandwich breakfast on Sunday 08 November after each morning Mass - **8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am.**

The Legion of Mary Ministry Team will be hosting this fundraiser to support our parish.

Come along, enjoy some food, catch up with fellow parishioners, and learn more about the Legion of Mary and its ministry within our parish community.

As always with our barbecue breakfasts each month, funds raised will go towards the supporting the parish.



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

Retreat

Please note that I am currently taking my annual retreat. I will return on **Tuesday 27 October**. Fr Robert

Seniors' Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Join us for our annual Seniors' Melbourne Cup Luncheon 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.

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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Farewell to Fr Vincent

Following the 11:00am Mass on **Sunday 08 November**, we will gather in the Cloister Hall at 12:30pm to celebrate and farewell Fr Vincent as he prepares to return to Nigeria just a couple of days later.

Please join us as we share memories, express our gratitude for his service, and wish him well in this next chapter of his journey.

📷 Do you have any photos of Fr Vincent? We would love to create a special photo collage to commemorate his time with us. If you have any photos to share, please email them to coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au

Thank you for helping us make this farewell a meaningful and memorable occasion for Fr Vincent! ❤️

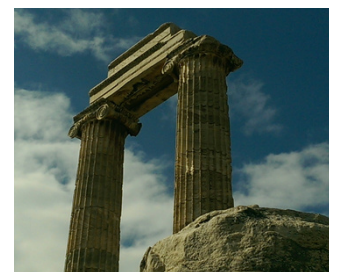
Fr Vincent - leaving collection

To thank Fr Vincent, there will be a leaving collection after all weekend Masses on **31 October and 1 November**. Thank you for your generosity and support as we show our appreciation for Fr Vincent and all he has done for our parish community over the past fourteen months.

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.

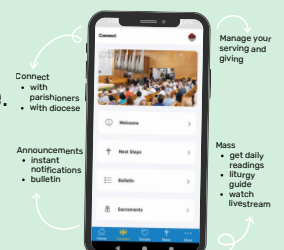
If this sounds like something that interests you, please let me know via email at dean@stpatscathedral.com.au or catch up with me in person. There are some flyers in the narthex if you would like a hard copy.



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Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

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 Friday 06 November.



Parramatta Street Feast

You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome: **Tuesday 17 November 2026, 10:45am–2:30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta.**

It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer, or share your talent by hosting an activity table. Find out more and express your interest at parracatholic.org/streetfeast

Enrolment Mass - First Holy Communion

This Sunday, our 9:30am Mass will host the children who will be undertaking preparation for Penance and First Holy Communion over the next few months. We welcome these children and their families at this important stage of their continued initiation into the Church. Let us commit to praying for them in the coming months.



MGL Sisters "Alive" Family Retreat Day

The MGL (Missionaries of God's Love) Sisters warmly welcome you and your family to the "Alive" Family Retreat Day to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit.

When: 9:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday 14 November.

Where: Our Lady of Mt Carmel parish hall, Varroville.

Why: Your family has been carefully chosen and put together by God and has an important mission entrusted only to you.

Further information and Registration: trybooking.com?DIDCJ



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Special Intentions: Vishnu Soman & Melvin Davis, Raveen, Naleen, Noel, Marilie, Marielle, N. Raphael, Tian, Mouzel Del Mar, Ryan Lamdizabal, Joe & Tania, Daniel, David, Chrales, John, Christopher, Madeline, Sandra, Anna, Jessica, Kassis, Mouzel Del Mar, Fatima Rodricks, Tharindu, Jeevanee, Isuru, Sandunika, Ariyaratne, Savithri, Edward Yin

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

Deceased: Bruce Baird, 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

Anniversaries: Francesco Davino, Thomas Davoren, Edward Muller, Eddie Lai, Maximina Manlangit, Isobel Dupre, Dr Chander Singh, Aleksei Chijoff, Randolph Johnson, Tony Thottan, Dorothy Revelman, Dora Kirk, Francisco P Kiat-Ong

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...

**Sebastian Drew
Elijah Joseph**

WEDDINGS



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

**Christine Hinson and Jordan Gomez
Catherine Bui and Jimmy Tran**

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
18 October*

"I would like to thank all those who have prayed for me in recent days. I wish to express my particular gratitude to the doctors, nurses and all the staff of the Gemelli Hospital. This experience has made me feel particularly close to all those who are living with illness or infirmity. Now that I have overcome this delicate phase I will gradually resume my activities, always with God's help and your prayers."

Saint of the Week

30 October - **Blessed Maria Teresa Tauscher (1855 - 1938), Virgin**

Anna Maria Tauscher van den Bosch was born in 1855 in Sandow, Brandenburg (now in Poland), the daughter of a Lutheran pastor. At a young age, she was attracted to the Catholic Church and desired to become a "sister". While serving as Director of Nursing at a mental hospital in Berlin, her desires were realised; she made her profession of faith 30 October 1888. In the following year, she read the autobiography of St Teresa and understood that her vocation was profoundly Carmelite and one of service to the poor. She opened her first home for needy children in Berlin; others followed. In 1906, she received permission to gather her companions, to profess vows and establish the religious institute "Carmel of the Divine Heart of Jesus", taking the name Maria Teresa of St Joseph. Despite much suffering, her work grew and prospered in Europe and North America. After a long illness, she died in the odour of sanctity, 20 September 1938 and was beatified 13 May 2006.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"



"We are citizens of two worlds. The temporal is the world of work and worry, the world that is too much with us. But we have other experiences, brief ecstasies, still moments when we enter the Kingdom. Then we cease to do. We simply are. Being silences and subdues doing and the temporal melts into the eternal."

Hugh Lavery

Quoted in *Prayer* by Michael Mayne (DLT, 2011)

Did You Know...?

...that the Mass is not another sacrifice of Jesus but in fact the same sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary made present for us?

When we see the Mass in this manner it makes it all the more special! Not only are we nourished by the Word of God but we are, in a sense, transported back to Calvary to experience all the saving power of Christ's sacrifice to the Father. At Mass we do more than simply remember Christ's saving act on the Cross (though we do that, of course); we also benefit from it through participation in this sacrifice.



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