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01 November 2026 - Solemnity of All Saints (Year A)

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Bishop of Parramatta: Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, DD

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS

6:00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass
7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)
5:00pm Reconciliation (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

8:00am Mass (No Adoration or Confessions)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Monday 7:15pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (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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All Saints

ST BERNARD, in a famous homily on this ancient feast of All Saints, asks: *Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honours when their heavenly Father honours them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.*



In our Gospel today, our Lord looks down toward the multitudes and calls them to ascend the Mountain of Beatitude in this totally revolutionary program of life. In the downcast eyes of the world, the secret of blessedness is overlooked or even scoffed at, for it is the lowly - the poor in spirit, the gentle, mourners, the hungry and thirsty, the merciful, peacemakers and the persecuted - who reach the mountain heights. St John the Beloved tells us in our second reading, that just as "...the world refused to acknowledge Him, therefore it does acknowledge us."

Furthermore, St John, as the seer in the Apocalypse, gives us a new perspective of this motley crew called up to blessedness, a heavenly perspective, as he details this vision of this multitude of a hundred and forty-four thousand now unified for a singular purpose in the communion of the white-robed army of the saints.

Today, we are called to raise our hearts in praise as well. As we gaze at the glory of the Church Triumphant, the destination of our long pilgrimage is illuminated by those models of Christian life who walked before us on the narrow path. And what do we see? A vision of a life in Christ, clothed in his righteousness, the vision of those who engraved the program of beatitude in their lives, those "children of God."

May the Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, that we too might burn with heavenly zeal. May we dare to look up to the Mount of Beatitude today and hear the bellowing call of Christ bidding us to ascend to that life of possibility available in His program of blessedness.

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**.



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PARRAMATTA

MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV,
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THE MASS OF ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE OF

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Rev. Mr. Truong Tho Tran (Paul)
Rev. Mr. Thien Quoc Huynh (Luke)

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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS

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.

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

Masses to Commemorate All Souls' Day

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

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

- 6:00pm - St Francis Chapel at St. Patrick's Cemetery (1 Pennant Hills Rd, North Parramatta).
- 7:30pm - St Patrick's Cathedral, accompanied by the Cathedral Choir.

Credo Teen is back!

Thank you to everyone who completed the EOI earlier this year and helped bring our younger Credo groups back!

Credo Teen is open to those students who will be in Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 in 2027.

 **When:** First Saturday of each month

 **Time:** 4:30pm – 6:00pm

 **Where:** Meet in the Chapel for prayer, followed by social time in the parish hall. Participants are welcome to attend Vigil Mass afterwards.

 **First session:** Saturday, 07 November

Parents and guardians, register your child using the link below. Registration **must** be completed before attendance at a session can begin.

Register here or scan the QR code:

<https://stpatscathedral.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/133/responses/new>

We look forward to growing in faith, friendship and community together! 

Please note that registration is currently open to students in:

- Year 10 in 2026
- Year 11 in 2026

Registration will reopen in 2027 and will be available to students in Years 10, 11 and 12 in 2027.

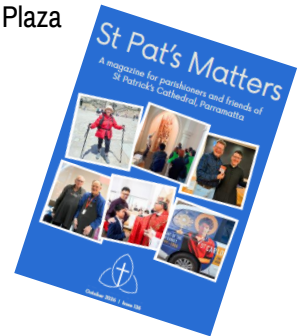


First Friday - 06 November @ 7:00pm

We warmly invite you to join us for our First Friday Devotion this Friday, 06 November, starting at 7:00pm in the chapel. This is always a special time of quiet reflection - all welcome!

St Pat's Matters is out!

The latest edition of our own parish magazine is out this weekend. Please take your free copy and get to know more about the diversity of the people in our parish, what concerns them, what inspires them, what moves them to action; their accomplishments, ways of prayer and service, their Catholic faith; and their connections far and wide to Kiribati, the Plaza del Obradoiro, Northmead, Jerusalem, Auckland, Ealing, Turin, Assisi, Bathurst, Seoul, Baulkham Hills, Dublin, and No Fixed Address - all in 24 pages!



Also available on the Parish App and website.

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! 

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.

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.

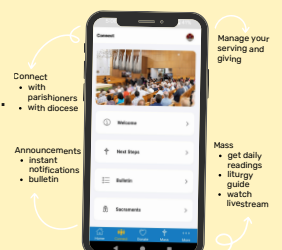
As always with our barbecue breakfasts each month, funds raised will go towards the supporting the parish and its many ministries and activities, both internal and outreach.



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.stpatscathedral.com.au



PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday 06 November** from 1:00pm -4:00pm. The Parish Staff will be having a celebration to farewell Fr Vincent. Thank you for your understanding.

Praying for the Holy Souls

St Cyril of Jerusalem reminds us that prayers offered for the departed bring great spiritual help.

From 01 – 08 November, the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence for a soul in purgatory by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead. On 02 November, this may also be gained by visiting a church or oratory and praying the Our Father and the Creed.

A plenary indulgence remits all temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. The conditions are:

- Sacramental confession
- Holy Communion
- Prayer for the Pope's intentions
- Complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.

Detachment from sin does not mean never experiencing temptation, but sincerely rejecting sin and being willing to turn away from it. An indulgence is not a substitute for conversion, but an aid to it. Only one plenary indulgence may be gained per day, and each is offered for one of the faithful departed.

Red November Mass - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral as we pray in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around the world.

 **Wednesday 25 November | 7:30 pm**

 **Celebrant: Bishop Vincent**

A collection will be taken up to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Pontifical Foundation supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Pray. Support. Stand in Solidarity.
Learn more: www.rednovember.org



KAIROS – Catholic Young Professionals

Join us for KAIROS – Catholic Young Professionals at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, as we come together in prayer, fellowship, and faith.

 **First Thursday of every month - Begins 05 November**

 **5:45 pm: Vespers (Evening Prayer)**

 **6:00 pm: Exposition & Benediction, followed by a talk**

 **7:00 pm: Pub feed**

 **St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**

Rooted in our Catholic faith and under the patronage of St Joseph the Worker, KAIROS is a space to grow spiritually, build meaningful connections, and discover Christ in the ordinary moments of everyday life.

Open Arms of St Patrick's Parish

The Open Arms group has continued to support Abdi, Sukare, Sifan and Somayia, especially Sukare and the children, on behalf of our parish community. We are delighted to announce (with Sukare's permission) the birth of a beautiful baby girl whom they have called Sabrina. Both mother and baby are well and settling into the care routine. As expected, both of Sabrina's sisters are very excited about having a new baby in the family. Sifan is keen to take on the role of "big sister" and Somayia is fascinated by Sabrina's tiny hands and feet and wants to be with her constantly. The Open Arms group members are providing help with official forms and registrations, as well as offering practical help and support. We have had offers of help from other parishioners and are very grateful to be able to call on them when needed.

(Dianne Starkey, Coordinator, Sebastian Villafana, Deputy Coordinator, Malcolm Freame, Angela Hansford, Samantha Rattos and Brian D'Souza)

Belated and sincere thanks from the Hospitality Coordinator

A few Sundays ago, a generous person dropped a \$20 note into the donations basket in the Cloister Cafe! Thank you so much, but in the future if anyone wants to offer a monetary donation, I suggest you hand it to a person on cafe duty, rather than put it in the donations basket.

Thanks also to the many anonymous donors leaving contributions of supplies for the cafe on the kitchen bench or popping them into the Donations Basket.

Finally, thanks to Adam for the wealth of tea and coffee that he supplied last week, and which will be shared with the Alpha Group.

How blessed is St Pat's Parish with such a wealth of generous-hearted people!

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! Find out more and express your interest at parracatholic.org/streetfeast

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Recently Deceased: Gunter Laucher, Mariano Cruz

Sick: Irene Slivva, Sharon Pereira, Oliver, Hamish J Pereira, Heidi Mezzano, Denmark P Bautista, Leon Nacson, Robert Olaes, 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, Fr Bob Bossini, Priscilla Newman, Sebastiao Bugo, Sharon Webb, Silvana Rechichi

Special Intentions: Raveen, Vishnu Soman & Melvin Davis, 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, Jeevane, Isuru, Sandunika, Ariyaratne, Savithri, Edward Yin

Anniversaries: Peter & Juliet Noronha, Francesco Davino, Thomas Davoren, Edward Muller, Eddie Lai, Maximina Manlangit, Isobel Dupre, Dr Chander Singh, Aleksei Chijoff, Randolph Johnson, Tony Thottan, Dorothy Revelman

Book of Remembrance

Like All Souls' Day itself, November is traditionally a month of prayer for the faithful departed.

Each year a 'Book of Remembrance' is displayed in the Chapel. If you would like to have the names of your deceased family members and friends included, please fill in a November Mass Offering envelope and leave on the collection plate or hand in at the office. We will update the Book of Remembrance regularly throughout November to reflect new names that are requested for inclusion.



BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children recently baptised here...

**Wesley Greenough
Joshua Ravibalan
Boyd Allan Thrift**

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 November



For the proper use of wealth

"Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less."

From Pope Leo...

*"X" post dated
28 October*

"Faith can be embodied in all cultures, because it does not identify itself with any of them in a specific one. It dwells within them, shaping them from within according to the "form" of Jesus Christ; that is, through charity, service and the filial recognition of God's fatherhood. In this way, the Church draws from the various cultures all that is good, beautiful and true, in order to embody and transmit the message of the Gospel."

Saint of the Week

03 November - St Martin de Porres (1579 - 1639), Religious

Martin was born in Lima in Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a black ex-slave. His mother gave him a Christian education and he became a pharmacist and a nurse. Despite his father's opposition he entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother in 1603 and spent his life working for the sick and the poor. Many people of all ranks would come to him for advice. He had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He has been named as a patron saint of those of mixed race.



Information: Universalis

Quote of the Week

"Jesus has been so zealously worshipped, his deity so vehemently affirmed, his halo so brightly illumined, and his cross so beautifully polished, that in the minds of many he no longer exists as a man.... By thus glorifying him we more effectively rid ourselves of him than did those who tried to do so by crudely crucifying him."

Clarence Jordan

(1912-1969)

Founder of Koinonia Farm



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