ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
PARRAMATTA

08 November 2026 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (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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THERE IS a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven (Eccl. 3:1). As the liturgical season is gradually drawing to a close, the readings of today bring to our awareness the need to be prepared and ready for the end that must come to every created being. Nothing in this life lasts forever. If life is as transient as it is, we are all expected to do whatever we need to do at the proper time. We must avoid procrastination because it is a thief of time. What teaches us this awareness is wisdom which the first reading today speaks about. "Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her" (Wis. 12ff). Wisdom teaches us to use our time wisely in this world in preparation for the day of reckoning that must come. Without this wisdom one is rudderless and lacks direction.

In the second reading (1 Thes. 4:13-18), Paul exhorts us not to behave like unbelievers in relation to the reality of death. We have just commemorated the church suffering, that is, All Souls', last Monday and we remember all our departed loved ones throughout this month of November. Paul reminds us that death is transitory. It is not the end of life. There is hope of life after death because our Lord and Master, Jesus, who died rose again to life. He says: "Those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air". Therefore, there is no need for Christians to be afraid of death or to be too sad when death occurs. We know and believe that our departed brothers and sisters who have lived well and died in Christ are at peace in heaven. We must then be like the wise virgins who went prepared to meet the bridegroom (Matt. 25:1-13) unlike the foolish ones who were not wise enough to anticipate the contingency of life. They were caught unawares because of their lack of wisdom. This cost them their place at the banquet. We must always be ready by arming ourselves with good deeds so that we may be found worthy whenever it is our turn to depart from this world.

On a note of appreciation, I thank God for bringing me to Parramatta Diocese in Australia for my sabbatical year. It couldn't have been better elsewhere. I thank Bishop Vincent for accepting me and posting me to work in the Cathedral for the whole year. I thank Fr Peter Williams for his assistance. Thanks to the Dean, Fr Robert, for his love and care throughout my stay. He is, indeed, a brother. Thanks to Fr. Rooney for his brotherly love. I'm grateful to the Nigerian priests and faithful in Parramatta for their love and support. I thank Deacon David for his companionship. I can't but thank Fr Philip for being a true brother. Thanks to Lisa for facilitating my coming here. I also thank the staff at the Cathedral for their services. All thanks goes to you, wonderful parishioners, for the love, care, warmth, hospitality, solidarity and generosity I enjoyed from you throughout my stay here and especially at this time of my departure. I'm also grateful to you all for your support at the passing of my dad in February. May God reward you all abundantly. As I return to Nigeria in a few days, I leave with great memories of my time here, memories that will remain with me for eternity. I wish to return here, God willing, in the nearest future. May God continue to be gracious to you all. *E seun pupo! Daalu! Mugode!*

Wishing you a blessed week ahead - and farewell...

Fr Vincent

THE BULLETIN

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays after the 11:00am Solemn Mass, at around 12:45pm. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

Weddings are by appointment only.
At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

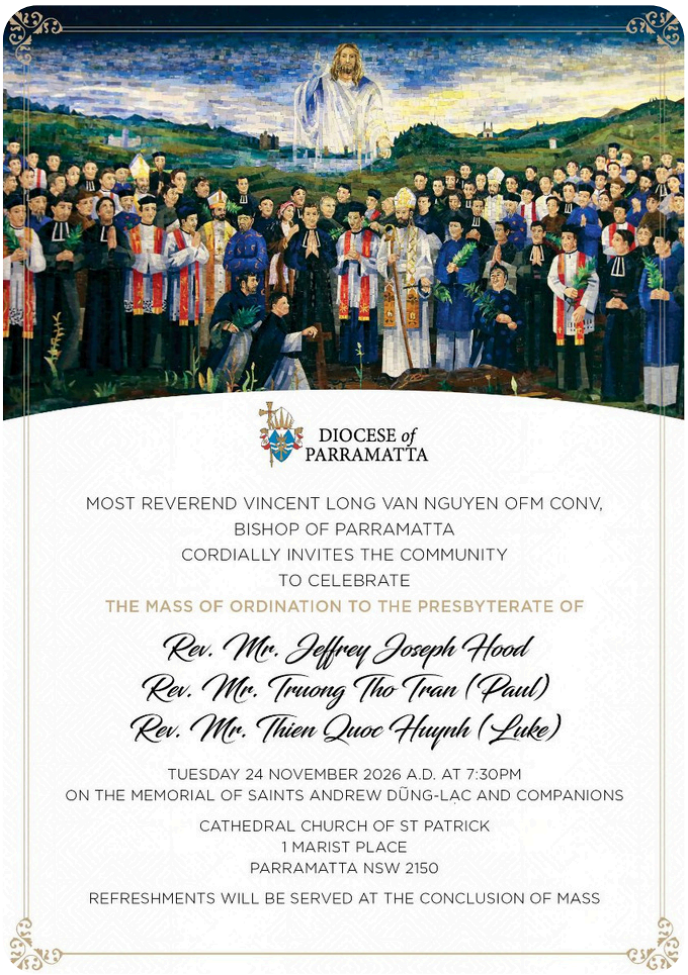
First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretaries.

Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretaries, 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.

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 CATHEDRAL

PARISH NOTICES

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Bishop's GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Bishop's Good Works Appeal - Help a young mother break the cycle of violence and homelessness

This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story. Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need – especially vulnerable homeless women and children. Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future.

The collection appeal weekend at St Patrick's Cathedral will be the weekend of November 28/29 November.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.

Become an SRE Catechist – Volunteers Needed

Would you like to play a pivotal role in fostering Catholic faith and understanding among children?

Would you like to volunteer in public schools to make a difference in the lives of young students?

Would you like to find out more about becoming a Catechist? We would love to hear from you.

For further information about becoming an SRE Catechist in the Diocese of Parramatta, please visit: https://parracatholic.org/contribute/sre-catechist/

If you are interested or would like to know more, please email the St Patrick's Cathedral SRE Team at: sre@stpatscathedral.com.au

Your "yes" could help shape a child's faith journey.

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.

A River City Christmas

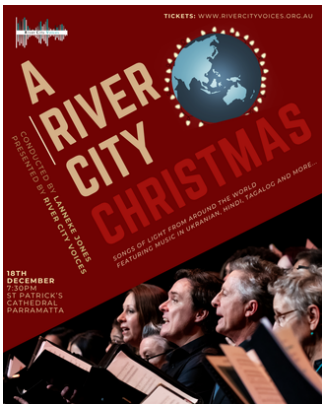
Songs of light from around the world, featuring music in Ukranian, Hindi, Tagalog and more…

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 Ukranian, 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.

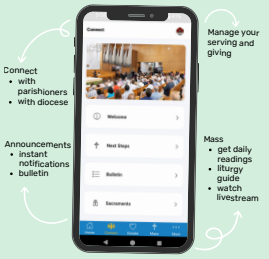
A River City Christmas
18 December @ 7:30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral,Parramatta
Tickets Available:
www.rivercityvoices.org.au



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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.
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The App can also be downloaded via the Cathedral website:wwwstpatscathedral.com.au



PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

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)

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

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

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.

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



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PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

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Special Intentions: Bartolome Cabezas Sr. 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, Jeevanee, Isuru, Sandunika, Ariyarathne

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

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 it in at the office. We will update the Book of Remembrance regularly throughout November to reflect new names that are requested for inclusion and for whom we offer each November Mass.



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 05 November

"On Friday, I will travel to South America to visit Uruguay, Argentina, and Peru. I entrust myself to your prayers, so that this journey may strengthen faith, renew hope, rekindle the fire of charity, and encourage us to continue joyfully proclaiming the Gospel."

Saint of the Week

13 November - **St Frances Xavier Cabrini** (1850 - 1917), Foundress



She was born in Lombardy, the youngest of thirteen children. Because of her frail health she was refused admission to two convents. She devoted herself to teaching, and founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose aim is to spread devotion to the Heart of Jesus by spiritual and corporal works of mercy, running homes for the old and the sick, orphanages, and schools. In 1889 the Pope sent her to New York, where she founded an orphanage. In all she founded 67 institutions across the United States, South America and Europe. She died of malaria at Chicago in 1917.

Information: Universalis

Quote of the Week



"We cannot know whether or not we love God, although there may be strong reasons for thinking so, but there can be no doubt about whether or not we love out neighbour. Be sure that in proportion as you advance in fraternal charity, you are increasing in your love of God, for he bears so tender an affection for us that I cannot doubt he will repay our love for others by increasing, in a thousand different ways, that love which we have for him."

St Teresa of Avila (1515 - 1582)
Virgin and Doctor of the Church
The Interior Castle

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