ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
PARRAMATTA

15 November 2026 - 33rd 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

Credo Youth Ministries
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"Well done, good and faithful servant..."



"NEXT SUNDAY, the Solemnity of Christ the King, marks the beginning of the final week of the liturgical year, the last week before we move into the preparatory season of Advent.

As we know from last Sunday's parable of the ten bridesmaids, the focus at this time of the year is very much on the end times and the return of Jesus. This Sunday's Gospel, not unexpectedly, also reflects a similar theme, developing further what is means to watchful and alert in the "in-between" times in which we live.

Before looking any further into the parable, it is important to establish the meaning of the word "talent". We understand talent to refer to a skill or ability that a person possesses, such as musical or sporting talent. In the Near East at the time of Jesus, a talent was a measure of weight for gold or silver. Most scholars estimate that weight to be the equivalent of somewhere between 35kg – 45kg, so we are talking about a lot of wealth here! Fortunately, there is great profit to be gained from this parable in understanding the word talent as a gift or skill, as mentioned earlier.

Caution is often a wise approach to certain situations. No one would recklessly sign on the dotted line for an investment that they had not researched thoroughly, nor would anyone sensibly marry someone they hardly knew. In the parable we have before us this Sunday however, it is the person who is fearful and timid, rather than bold, who is condemned. Why? Simply because they failed to put to good use the talent (gift) that was given them and instead simply returned to the master the very same that the master had entrusted to them.

This approach is not uncommon among many people of faith. So many people understand the Christian life as a life of piety and an avoidance of sin. Whilst there is obviously no problem with trying to avoid sin and practise piety, (we *should* be doing those things!), if this is the *sum total* of our faith life, there *is* a problem. Living a life without putting to positive use the gifts God has given us is the equivalent of despising what God has gifted us with, treating our talents with contempt by pretending they don't exist. If someone you love presents you with a gift as a token of love, you don't store it away in the back of a drawer or cupboard and forget about it. Depending on the nature of the gift, it is either put in a prominent place or put to good use.

How much more should we put to use what God has given us? When we stand before our Lord at the end of time, we will be asked how we used that with which God gifted us to build his kingdom, to spread the Good News. We cannot stand there, looking at our feet, mumbling about having prayed a lot and resisted unhealthy temptations.

Rather, may we be able to answer boldly that we used God's gifts to expand the kingdom, returning to God severalfold that which he gave us for a specific purpose.
Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert

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.

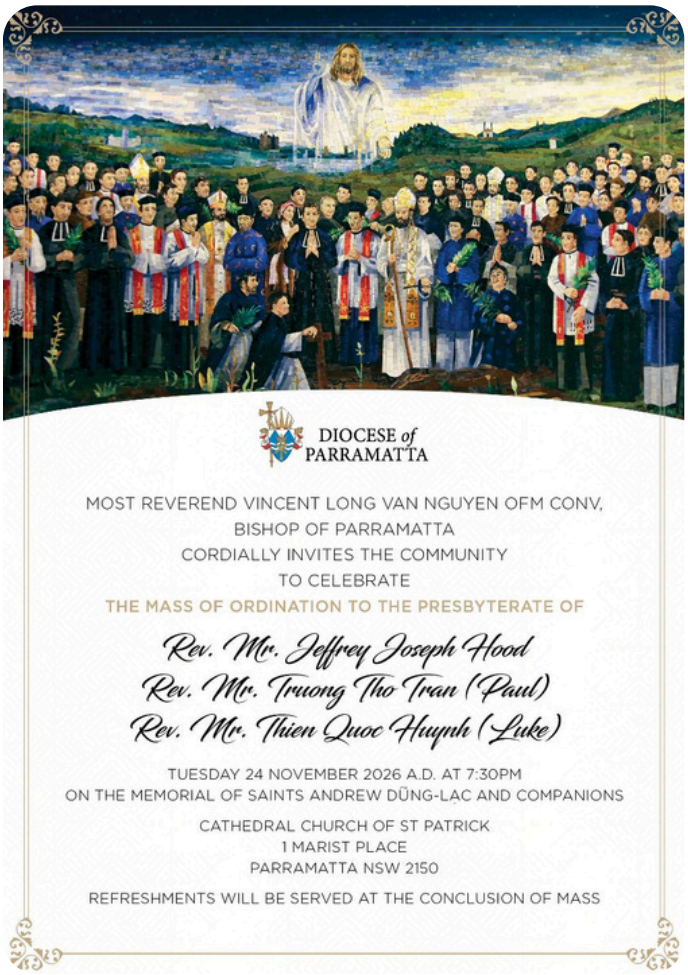
First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretaries.

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.**



Thank you, Fr Vincent!

We sincerely thank Fr Vincent for his dedicated service to our Catholic parish community over the past year. We are grateful for his ministry, his celebration of the sacraments, and the faith, care and fellowship he has shared with our parishioners. Thank you for shairng your joy, happiness and laughter with 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 CATHEDRAL

PARISH NOTICES

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.

Vinnies Christmas Hamper Drive

We know everyone is doing it tough at the moment, including those in need that Vinnies support. The St Vincent de Paul Society is once again calling on our parish's generosity this Advent season to help bring the spirit of Christmas to families and individuals in need, living in our community.

We welcome your donations, including:

Festive Food Items: Small Christmas puddings, mince pies, long life custard and other holiday-specific treats to add a touch of festivity to our hampers.

- **Non Perishable Foodstuffs:** Help stock our pantry with canned goods, breakfast cereals, fruit drinks, dry goods, pasta and noodles as well as other essential items that can sustain families over the holidays.
- **Toiletries and Bathroom Items:** donations of soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste and toothbrushes are essential for personal care and dignity.
- **Cleaning Supplies:** Kitchen cleaners, washing up liquids and laundry powders are vital for maintaining clean and healthy homes.
- **Gifts for Children:** Bring smiles to young faces with toys and books suitable for ages 3 to 15 years, making their Christmas truly special.

It may seem early, but we need all donations by 15 December. This allows for packing and distribution to people's homes before Christmas.

Every item you donate contributes to a brighter Christmas for an individual or family in need. Let's share the warmth and love of the Holy Season through our collective efforts. We are passionate in our endeavours to provide a hand up to those people doing it tough. Donations can be placed under the Christmas tree in the chapel from the **30 November 2026.**

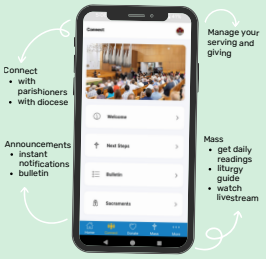
Parramatta Street Feast

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

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:wwwstpatscathedral.com.au



PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Local World Youth Day & the Feast of Christ the King Mass: 22 November

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, **22 November at 11:00am** for Mass celebrating Local World Youth Day and the Feast of Christ the King. Give thanks for our youth leaders and celebrate the commissioning of 2027 leaders. Light refreshments follow. All welcome!

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

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Invitation to Teen Credo

- Are you in Year 7 to 12 at school?
- Would you like to meet other teens in our parish?
- Maybe you have wondered what being Catholic means?
- Are you looking for ways to live out your faith?
- Maybe you are just curious what our parish youth group is all about?

If you answered yes to one or more of the questions above, then join us for Teen Credo.

📅 **When:** Friday 04 December
⏰ **Time:** 5.30pm to 7.00pm
📍 **Where:** Cloister Hall

scan me!

What you can expect

- Meet and connect with other teens in our parish
- Spend some time hearing and reflecting on a scripture reading led by one of our parish priests.
- Time for your own prayer in the chapel
- Be part of a youth group where there is space for you to learn and grow in your faith journey, accompanied by others in our parish community.

How to register

Please ask your parent/guardian to register your attendance via the link or QR Code
https://stpatscathedral.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/133/responses/new

You are welcome to share this with your friends to register. Once you are registered we will send information and reminders of the upcoming session to the contact details provided. We look forward to welcoming you soon at Teen Credo.

Caitlin and Charles
Teen Credo Coordinators

Welcome, Fr Paul Tran

Last weekend we farewelled Fr Vincent, who arrived safey back in Nigeria a few days ago. Whilst it is sad for the Cathedral to lose such a wonderful priest, I am pleased to announce that Bishop Vincent will be appointing a (shortly-to-be) newly ordained priest to the Cathedral parish, Fr Paul Tran. Paul will be ordained here at St Patrick's Cathedral with two others on the evening of **Tuesday 24 November at 7:30pm.** I know you will make him welcome when he arrives! Please pray for him.

A River City Christmas

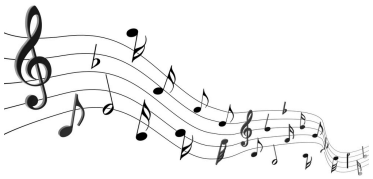
Songs of light from around the world, featuring music in Ukranian, Hindi, Tagalog and more…

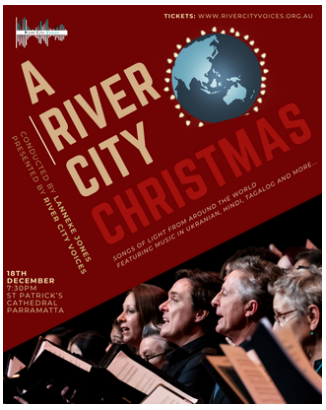
River City Voices presents a "Christmas" program like no other. Join us for a celebration of the music, languages and traditions that make the festive season in Parramatta vibrant and unique.

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
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

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Special Intentions: Raveen, Noel, Marilie, Marielle, N. Raphael, Lynil Paul & Josna Thomas, Julie D'Mello, Bartolome Cabezas Sr. Vishnu Soman & Melvin Davis, Naleen, Tian, Mouzel Del Mar, Ryan Lamdizabal, Joe & Tania, Daniel, David, Chrales, John, Christopher, Madeline, Sandra, Anna, Jessica, Kassis, Mouzel Del Mar, Fatima Rodricks, Tharindu

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 11 November

"Prison can be a place of profound changes and conversions, to growth, learning, and the acquisition of new skills and knowledge. After experiencing human fragility in its most painful form, many have learned to transform the desert of their own existence into a fruitful garden. Indeed, with God's grace, it is possible to move beyond total darkness and kindle small lights of hope."

Saint of the Week

17 November - **St Dionysius of Alexandria** (190 - 265), Bishop

Dionysius was born in Alexandria in 190. After studying literature and philosophy, he became a Christian and joined the catechetical school where he was taught by Origen. In 232 he became the head of that school. Fifteen years later he was appointed bishop of Alexandria and had to endure severe persecutions and even exile because of his boldness in proclaiming the faith. He involved himself in major theological disputes of the time. He died in 265.



Information: Universalis

Quote of the Week

"It is an error to isolate oneself from others... If God does not call one to solitude, one must live with God in the multitude, make him known there and make him loved."

Raïssa Maritain (1883 - 1960)
Poet and Contemplative



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