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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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



AT THE HEART of kingship is the idea of one person controlling and ruling over a country or territory. When we think of kings, for many people what comes to mind is history, those times when monarchies were the normal way that countries were run. In terms of forms of government we probably believe that the world moved on from the model of monarchies into largely democratic forms of government. Recent history, however, suggests we have been moving back into the model of kingships and kingdoms. In Russia and the US and China, the biggest and most powerful countries in the world, the leaders have different titles but in practice they certainly have been operating a lot like kings. And there are also people that have so much control over vast numbers of people because of the technologies that they own – people like Elon Musk who can effectively decide who will win a war by simply turning a particular technology on or off. The concept of a king is no longer one of history but very much one of our current reality.

So, what do these kingships look like? Well from what we can see, it's all about using force and violence, exerting power for domination and control, expanding territory and increasing wealth of the king and his allies.

The current political situation in the world could easily cause us to worry – these kings have so much power, and so little care for their people. It is natural for people to worry about where this is taking us. The good news for us is that as much as these people appear to have tremendous power, there is a higher power than them – our king, Christ the King. Christ was there from the beginning of creation, He is with us still, and ultimately, He will be the one that will bring all of creation to its ultimate fulfillment in God. His kingdom is already present — in the Church, in the sacraments, in every act of love done in His name — and at the end of time, it will be fully and finally revealed in all its glory. Christ is the ultimate king, a king who cares completely about His people, cares so much He was prepared to suffer terribly and ultimately die for them. He is a king that preaches peace instead of war, forgiveness instead of revenge, humility instead of pride. He is the king of love.

Organisations and groups take their culture from the top – people tend to copy the behaviours of the person that rules over them. Today we have two models of kingship – a divisive, oppressive, tyrannical model, that exploits other people for selfish gain, and the model offered to us by Christ which calls us to care for others, most particularly the poor, the sick, and the lonely.

This week each of us needs to decide who is our king. If the answer is Christ, then we must offer Him our obedience and our hearts and we need to model our behaviour on what He has taught us. It is time the world learned there is another way to live, another king to follow, and we must take our responsibility for bringing His kingdom into our world.

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.

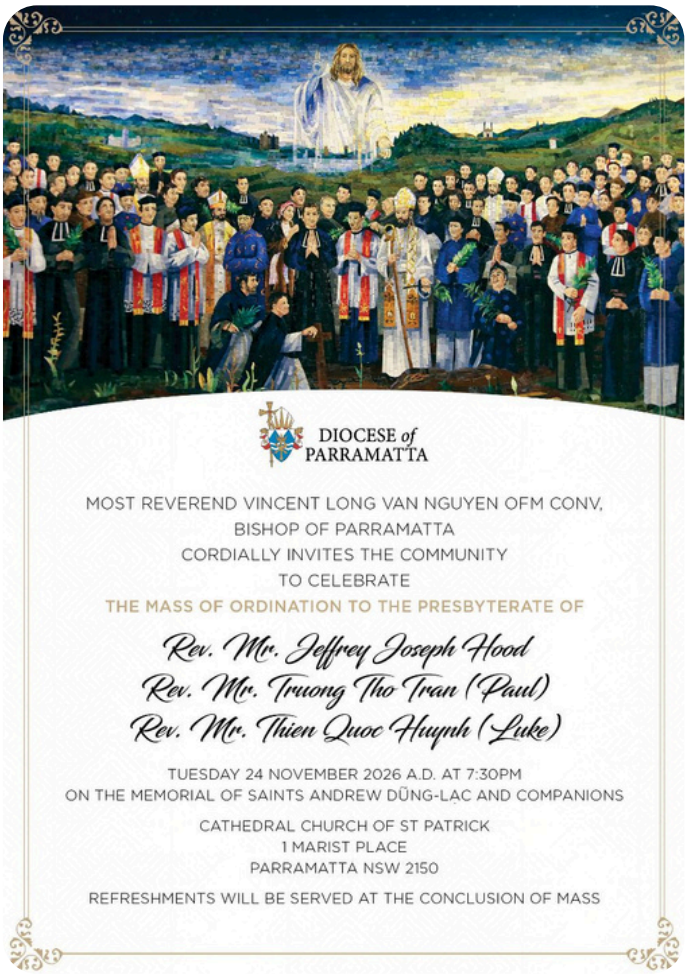
First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretaries.

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.**



Welcome, Fr Paul Tran!

We recently farewelled Fr Vincent. 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. Along with two others, Paul will be ordained here at St Patrick's Cathedral on the evening of **Tuesday 24 November at 7:30pm.** I know you will make him welcome when he arrives! Please pray for him and the other two men who will be serving as priests in our diocese. *Fr Robert*

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.**

Thank you!

Thank you for supporting our final Parish barbecue on Sunday, 08 November. Together, we raised just over $800 for our parish.

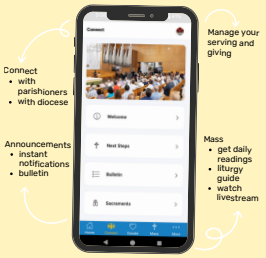
Thank you for your generosity, support and contribution. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.



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1. Scan QR Code to go to Google Play Store or Apple App Store on your mobile device.
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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

Volunteers' Thank You Dinner

Last Friday, our parish gathered for a wonderful evening celebrating and thanking our amazing volunteers. It was a great night of fellowship, gratitude and recognition, bringing together more than 140 parishioners to acknowledge the many people who generously give their time and talents to St Patrick's. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, faith and generosity of all our volunteers, whose contributions help make our parish such a welcoming and vibrant community. Thank you for all that you do!





St Pat's Matters



No doubt you enjoyed the story of May and Lily from Kiribati in the October edition. If you were born overseas, please share with us your story of family and faith from your country of origin. Write to us at **stpatsmatters@stpatscathedral.com.au** and see recent editions of St Pat's Matters on the Parish App and website.

Mr Paul Peters

Around the first anniversary of his passing, we remember in our prayers the late Paul Peters, known to many parishioners at St Patrick's as a reader and one of the longest-serving acolytes here. Paul's contribution to the liturgical life of the Cathedral, as well as his prayerful presence, was greatly appreciated. Paul always enjoyed saying "Alleluia!" Deeply missed by so many. May he continue to rest in peace.



Noël! Noël! returns to St Patrick's Cathedral

The Australian Brandenburg Orchestra is delighted to return to St Patrick's Cathedral on **Tuesday 08 December at 7:30pm** with Noël! Noël! Don't miss this treasured Christmas tradition in the magnificent surrounds of the Cathedral.



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Tickets:
https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/noel-noel-2026/

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Hamish J Pereira, Celine Selvenraja, Vihan Wakista, Celin Justus, Lia Lopez, Rodolfo Alchiruth, Irene Slivva, Sharon Pereira, Oliver,, 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, Celin Selvenraja, Noelia Narciso, Fr Bob Bossini, Priscilla Newman, Sebastiao Bugo, Sharon Webb, Silvana Rechichi

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

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

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...

Kai Ferrarelli
André Saab

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...

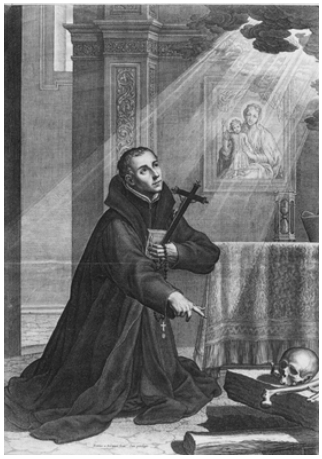
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"Doing good requires combating violence with charity and responding to corruption with honesty. Where people are healed, the earth flourishes, and the culture of charity alleviates moral pollution — which is the cause of every wound inflicted on creation, our common home."

Saint of the Week

26 November - **St John Berchmans** (1599 - 1621), Religious

John Berchmans was born in Diest, Belgium. He joined the Jesuit novitiate when he was seventeen. Sent to Rome to study philosophy at the Roman College in 1619, he surprised both masters and classmates: he joined an exquisite charity and friendliness to a brilliant intelligence and great emotional maturity. His spiritual diary also reveals the depth of his interior life, which bespeaks a true mystical union with God. His health suffered from the effort he put into studying for his final examination, and he became steadily weaker as he prepared for the disputation. On July 8 1621, he passed his final examination brilliantly, but soon after he fell seriously ill with dysentery and died on 13 August 1621.

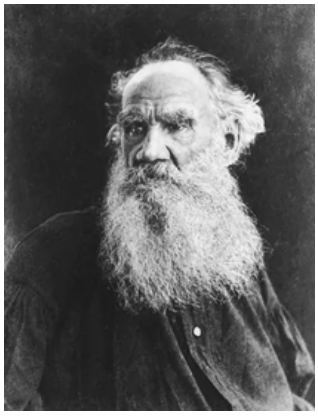


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Quote of the Week

"Man gives himself to the illusion of egoism, lives for himself - and he suffers. It suffices that he begin to live for others, and the suffering becomes lighter, and there is obtained the highest good in the world: love of people."

Leo Tolstoy
(1828 - 1910)
Novelist



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