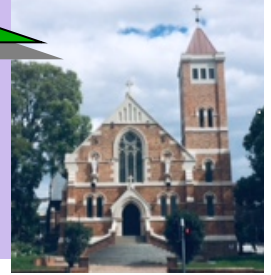


# PARISH BULLETIN



## ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, KOGARAH

Church Address: 143 Princes Highway Kogarah 2217  
Parish Office: 38 Chapel Street Kogarah 2217



15 September 2019

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

130 Years of Our Church

### Pastor

Monsignor Henryk Micek

### Hospital Chaplain and Assistant Priest

Fr. Gabriel Ballawig

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday Mass

Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 8:00am,  
10:00am (Family), 6:00pm (Youth)

#### Daily Mass

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat -  
9:15am

Wed - 6:00pm (before Mass -  
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

#### Monthly

First Thu - 6pm Holy Hour  
First Fri - 6pm Sacred Heart  
First Sat - 9:15am Divine  
Mercy Novena

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00-11:00am,  
5:00pm before Mass,  
also on request before or after Masses

### Installation Blessing of the New Pastoral Council

On Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2019 at the 10 am Mass, we will have the Installation Blessing for the new officers and members of the Pastoral Council.

Please join us in praying for the success of new initiatives and projects of the Council.

### First Holy Communion

We pray for our St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School children who received, last weekend, and those who will receive, this weekend, their first Holy Communion.

*Jesus is alive in you!*



Christ crucified, painted by Giotto, circa 1310

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14 September

According to Christian tradition, the True Cross (the physical remnants which are said to be from the cross upon which Jesus was crucified) was discovered in 326 by St. Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine. The church was dedicated nine years later, with a portion of the cross. One-third remained in Jerusalem, one-third was brought to Rome and deposited in the Sessorian basilica Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (Holy Cross in Jerusalem), and one-third was taken to Constantinople to make the city impregnable.

The date of the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335. This was a two-day festival: although the actual consecration of the church was on September 13, the cross itself was brought outside the church on September 14 so that the clergy and faithful could pray before the True Cross, and all could come forward to venerate it.

Red is the usual liturgical color in churches that follow such traditions. In the Roman Catholic liturgical observance, the red is worn only on this day, and if the day falls on a Sunday, its Mass readings are used instead of those for the occurring Sunday in Ordinary Time.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

### Parish Office

38 Chapel Street  
Kogarah NSW 2217  
Ph: 02 9587 5444

[stpatkog@tpg.com.au](mailto:stpatkog@tpg.com.au)  
[www.stpatrickskogarah.org](http://www.stpatrickskogarah.org)

### Enquiries 9am-3pm

Margaret - Tuesday  
Vladimir - Friday

### Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO)

Leellen - 0411 800 526

### Youth Coordinator

Joseph - 0424 322 552

### St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

36 Chapel Street  
Kogarah NSW 2217  
Ph 02 9587 8998

[info@stpatkogarah.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stpatkogarah.catholic.edu.au)

### School Principal

Vanessa Polin

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** (during Sunday mass) 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10am (not on Palm  
Sunday, Easter Sunday, Christ the  
King Sunday) 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
5:30pm

### First Reconciliation 2020

Classes start February 2020  
every Sunday 9:00am,  
excluding school holidays.

### First Holy Eucharist 2020

To be received on 24 November  
(State Schools)

### Christ the King Sunday

### Confirmation 2020

TBA

**Marriage** by appointment at least 4  
months before the date.

### How To Receive Holy Communion

A Practicing Catholic must  
- be in a state of grace and has made a  
good Confession (no grave/mortal sin)  
- believe in transubstantiation  
- observe fasting for 1 hour before  
communion  
- not be excommunicated.

The Body of Christ must be consumed  
in the presence of the Priest/  
communion minister.

Others, with hands crossed at the chest, are  
welcome to receive a blessing.

## Parish Information

**This Weekend's ROSTER: 14/15 Sept**  
**PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO SERVE ON YOUR DAY -THANK YOU.**

### READERS

Sat 5:30pm - Tiah L, Albert J  
 Sun 8am - Margaret C, Mary T  
 Sun 10am - Allan M, Jerahmeel V  
 Sun 6pm - Francesca N, Jacob A

### ACOLYTES/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sat 5:30pm - Cesar M, Aileen B  
 Sun 8am - Ian H, Maria A  
 Sun 10am - Mel V, Anika D  
 Sun 6pm - Rob L, Frances A

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 5:30pm -  
 Sun 8am -  
 Sun 10am - Jer/Jenziel V, Madel/Ethan G, Alphin M  
 Sun 6pm - Joshua A

### CLEANING TEAM 21 Sept Saturday

TEAM D - *new people needed - pls contact Parish Office*  
 Anita/Janice L, Ruth T, Leellen L, Geraldine L

### Please pray for...

**Our Sick** Kay Jackson, Sonia Lynn Leng, Demetria Barros, Virgilio Manalac, Leanne Horton, Clive Lang, Daniel Harb, Marie Majoor, Mark Andrew, James Stewart

**Our Dead** Miriana Bradvica, Maria Matosevic, Aleyamma Augustine, Vicente Robles Jr., Jenoveva Da Costa, Elenora Xi, Edilberto Valenzuela, John Boon, Rebecca Lee, Rev. Nelson Valle, Nathaniel de Leon Adriano, Bernice Fahey, Laurice Sikh

**Anniversary** Manuel De Sa, Paulo Quintero, Jacinto Dos Reis, Joao Teixeira, Fulton/MacKinnon Families

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

*In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our Parish Bulletin without the permission of the person/s or their next of kin. Please specify name publication on your Mass Intention Envelope.*

### **The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office**

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on **02 9390 5812** or [safeguardingenquires@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquires@sydneycatholic.org).

### Volunteers Needed Please

1. **Money Counters** to assist in the counting of Mass collection on Wednesday at 9am or contact Parish Office.
2. **Scripture Teachers** contact Maureen Sullivan 02 9587 0261, Alma and Chris 02 9588 3551, 0421 459 982. Training provided.
3. **Singers and Musicians** for Sunday Masses contact Parish Office.
4. **Sewing Bee** people with sewing skills and sewing machines with overlockers are needed to help with seat cushions for pews contact the Parish Office.

### CLEANERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Can you spare one hour once a month to join a team to **clean the church**? Volunteers are required on Friday and Saturday mornings. Everything is supplied, we just need helpers. Please ring or email the Parish Office (providing your best contact) and someone will get in touch with you. Thank you in advance.

*On behalf of  
 St Patrick's Catholic School,  
 Kogarah  
 you are invited as our special guest  
 to attend*

**We Believe!**  
*Proclaiming Our Faith As One  
 Voice*

*A joyous and prayerful celebration*, celebrating the message of Jesus and the gift of our Catholic Faith. Combining Scripture, Church teaching and song into an evening of prayer and reflection.

Led by composer **John Burland** and featuring the many talents of our school communities, together with a specially formed Eastern Region Combined Schools Children's Choir.

**St Patrick's Catholic School,  
 Kogarah**

**Date: Monday 23 September  
 Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
 Venue: St Patrick's Parish Hall,  
 Kogarah**

### RENOVATION PROJECT OF ST PATRICK'S CHURCH KOGARAH

#### Update on the Choir Loft Stained Window Project

The 3 round sections - Sts. Charbel Makhlouf and Lorenzo Ruiz, and the Holy Spirit are now installed.

The 3 vertical sections - Sts. Pope John Paul II and Father Pio and Sister Faustina will be installed shortly.

**We still need your kind donation for this project.**

#### **Please remember St. Patrick's Church Kogarah in your Will.**

Your Catholic faith is woven through the many milestones in your life. Making a gift of any size through your Will is a wonderful way to thank God for our blessings and enable our church to serve future generations of Catholics.

#### **Choir Loft Steel Gate Appeal**

In order to prevent unauthorised entry into the choir loft area and to protect the new Piety Stall, we intend to install a Steel Gate. The cost of this is not part of the Renovation Project, so we appeal to you to support this. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Parish Safeguarding Training

The next training date is **Tuesday, 24 September 2019 at 7pm**, in the Church. **All parish volunteers** who have not participated in safeguarding training need to attend. Parish ministry coordinators must ensure that their entire membership participate in the training.

Contact our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer, Leellen Lewis, to confirm your attendance *PRIOR* to the day.

Leellen can be contacted on **0411 800 526**. Please ensure you leave your contact details as well those of your ministry/team coordinator.



### Plenary Council Listening and Discernment

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



**St. Patrick's Playgroup** welcomes families of children up to 5 years old.

Meet parents of young children in the community, while children play, listen to stories, sing and socialise. Share a cup of tea or coffee.

Tuesdays from 9-10:30am in the hall. Access through After School Camp Australia gate.

For more information email Julie Lloyd - Family Educator at [julie.lloyd@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:julie.lloyd@syd.catholic.edu.au)

### Franciscan Family Day

The lay Franciscans are meeting for a cuppa and talk by the Campbelltown Poor Clares on **Sunday, 29 September** in the Parish Hall at John's Catholic Church, Campbelltown from 9.30am onwards. Parishioners are most welcome. Need more info? Call **Leellen 0411 800 526**.



### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Thank you to those who supported the international Catholic aid organisation, Aid to the Church in Need | ACN Australia and to Kylie Cullen for speaking last week.

Phone: 1800 101 201  
[www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org)

### Fr. Gabby's Corner

*"Rejoice with me ...*

*I have found my sheep that was lost."*

In today's long narration of the Gospel text (Lk 15:1-32) for this Sunday we have Jesus' three parables: the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the "Prodigal Son". The three parables have the same message of Jesus: a merciful and forgiving God who is seeking creatures especially sinners. He is like a shepherd who goes in search of one lost sheep. A sheep may not cost very much, but it has a unique worth to the shepherd. The lost coin may have been part of the woman's dowry, representing her most precious possession. And a father, representing God, who welcomes back his wayward son totally, forgives him fully, and restores him completely to his status before he went away.

The parables show that God always regards his "lost creature" or sinner as if they have supreme value, whether this creature has worth or not in the eyes of human beings.

The parables are told in the context of an argument. The Pharisees and the scribes complain that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. These religious teachers stay away from sinners in order to maintain ritual purity. By their complaint, they picture Jesus as irreligious, therefore, people should stop following him. With the parables, Jesus answers his critics that God himself welcomes sinners. If, like them, he stays away from sinners, he cannot truly represent God.

God judges by standards different to our own. He does not cease to care for sinners, and he rejoices when they repent and return to him. Today we are challenged to honestly look at our own lives and to seek the forgiveness of God in order to prepare ourselves for entry to eternal life.

Fr. Gabby

### Walk with Christ

We ask all parishioners to save the date for a very special celebration for all Sydney Catholics.

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm.

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

**Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm, November 24.**

## READINGS AND RESPONSES TO THE LITURGY

**Entrance Antiphon**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**First Reading**

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage forever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

**The word of the Lord.****Responsorial Psalm**

**I will rise and go to my father.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

**I will rise and go to my father.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

**I will rise and go to my father.**

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;  
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

**I will rise and go to my father.**

**22/9/2019 Readings - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary - Year C**

**First Reading** - Amos 8: 4-7

**Second Reading** - Timothy 2: 1-8

**Gospel** - Luke 16: 1-13

**Stand for Life Rally**

This is our last chance to have a huge public gathering to oppose the extreme abortion bill that is being rushed through NSW Parliament. Join religious leaders, politicians, pro-life advocates and everyone who stands for women and children for a rally this **Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 2.30pm in Hyde Park, Sydney.**  
[www.stand4.life](http://www.stand4.life)

**Second Reading**

Timothy 1: 12 - 17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**The word of the Lord.****Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!** God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 15: 1 - 32

\*The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.\* **Shorter form, 15: 1-10.**

**The Gospel of the Lord.****Communion Antiphon**

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**September Feasts and Memorials**

16 Mon - Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

17 Tue - St. Robert Bellarmine

19 Thu - St. Januarius

20 Fri - Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Co.