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**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Tom Stevens**  
**MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm**  
**Mon: 8.00 am Communion Service Tues to Fri: 8.00 am Mass**  
**Rosary after Morning Mass - Tuesday to Saturday**  
**RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30 pm to 5.45pm**  
**PARISH ADMIN.: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm – Brenda**

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**PLEASE NOTE**  
**THERE WILL BE A COMMUNION SERVICE ON**  
**TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER AND WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER**  
**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS**

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Tuesday:** St John Paul II; **Wednesday:** St John of Capistrano; **Thursday:** St Anthony Claret.

**PRAYER IS DIFFICULT . . . . but let's CRACK ON !!**

I don't know about you, but prayer for me, can at times, be extremely difficult. It's difficult to pray to a God that we cannot physically see, who we cannot audibly hear. The Gospel today recognises this fact. We should each take some comfort in that acknowledgment. Jesus tells his disciples to pray continually and to never lose heart.

Often the times of greatest challenge and hardship produce the most satisfying results. Let us continue to encourage one another through our times of celebration and hardship alike. May we all maintain the resolve to keep going, knowing that we are not alone. We have our loving God and we have each other in this St. Pat's community. United and faith filled, nothing can hinder us. **Fr Tom**

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL:** This weekend we will be holding our annual Catholic Mission Appeal. Funds will go to aid the Church's mission work in Ghana as they provide ongoing protection and education of children who are vulnerable. Please place any donation in the envelopes located on the pews and it can be placed in the collection plate. **Thank you for your support.**

**CHANGE TO SATURDAY MORNING 9.00am MASS:** After consideration and consultation, as from Saturday, 9 November, a Communion Service will replace the Saturday Morning Mass. This is due to Fr. Tom's other commitments in the archdiocese. However, the Saturday Morning Communion Service at 9.00am will continue. Please feel free to speak to Fr. Tom if you have any queries.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** The parish is currently recruiting Ministers of the Eucharist for the weekend Masses. With the advent of the reception of the Eucharist under the forms of both bread and wine extra ministers are required. If you wish to be part of this ministry please contact Brenda at the office (9743 1017) or Betty Flynn on 8757 3307.

There will be an hour long refresher course for current ministers and an induction for all new ministers in the church on: **Wed. Oct. 30 at 9.30a.m. and Wed. Oct. 30 at 6.30p.m.** Please come to one of these sessions.

**ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATION:** Next Sunday – following 9am Mass in the hall there will be a 30 minute presentation on “Forgiveness Mercy and Love” based on the RCIA sessions presented to new Catholics. It will look at the changing view over time of our perception of God and the wonderful gifts of Forgiveness Mercy and Love. Some scripture references followed by discussion with tea and bikkies. Should be interesting and informative so hope to see many of you there.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS: The First Collection** provides for our parish priest (his monthly stipend, household food expenses, household electricity and cleaning expenses). Any surplus is forwarded to a central fund to contribute to any shortfall in less affluent parishes.

**The Second Collection** provides the income for all operating expenses of the parish: parish ministries and services, liturgical supplies, utility costs, insurance, maintenance of our Church, presbytery, hall and grounds, maintaining and operating the Parish Office and employment of the Parish Secretary. **As from 1 July 2019 all giving to this collection via direct debit or envelopes is 30% tax deductible. Receipts will be available upon request in July 2020.** If you would like to contribute to the second collection or vary your contribution forms are available in the Narthex.

**HSC EXAMINATIONS:** Please keep all year 12 students of our parish in your prayers as they sit their HSC examinations. May they know that their future is bright and full of opportunity!

**RECEPTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES:** From the weekend of Saturday, 30 November/ Sunday, 1 December 2019 (the beginning of Advent.) parishioners at St. Pat's will have the option of receiving the Precious Blood as well as the Body, in the form of the host, at Holy Communion. Receiving the Precious Blood is not a requirement, but receiving the blood of Christ is a fuller sign of the mystery we celebrate. Christ whole and entire, is received, even under one kind, but the invitation will be there for those who wish to receive the Precious Blood. **A more detailed explanation of the Reception of the Precious Blood is available at the back of the Church**

**PARISH BAPTISMS THIS WEEK:** Aurora Macnamara and Hunter Sorrentino.

**PARISH WEDDINGS THIS WEEK:** Alexandra Mirabito and Christopher Ringland.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ida Gladys Ryan; Jacqueline Heath; Silvana Criscione; Guido Giomo (Italy); Catherine Gordon; Bonaria Palmas; Carmen Bonnici; Matteo Di Pasquantonio; Kevin McCord; John Wallace; Francesca Parison; Margaret Dix; Margaret Love; Renaldo Gabrielle di Natteo; Antonio Merlino; Brian Bowman.

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Alvaro Bianchi (17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); Abele Prevedello; Francesco & Vincenzo & Maria Cannone; Andrea & Angela & Loretta Ricchiut; Domenico and Concetta Severino; Anna and Romeo Dovico; Roy Mitchell; John Jarmalavicius; Minna Burgess; Mary O'Sullivan; Lola Wilkinson; Maude Mc Donald; Betty O'Sullivan; David Wilson; Leo Gallagher; Ethel Steele; George Gray; Sylvesta Cotter; Robert King.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Join the Prayer Group after Sunday's 9am Mass to say one decade of the Rosary and the Memorare for petitions received; Otto Petrin; Mario Cremonese; Loretta; Antonietta; Theresa Tan; Billy Brandt; Peter Allen; George; Michael; Anne Trivia; George Cepak; Audrey and Tony Clarke; Dave Roberts; Fr Giuseppie Cremonese; Sr Celina Cavaliere; Bill Young; Don Khoury; Cameron Sue; To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.

DIARY DATES	
MON	10am–Bingo in the Parish Hall. Come along, have some fun!
TUE - SAT	The Rosary after morning mass
WED	11.00am - Christian Mediation in the Lady Chapel – All welcome

NEXT WEEK 26 & 27 OCTOBER - WEEK FOUR			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Greg Whitby Kerry Hartfield	Maria McGrath Greg Mc Crisken	Cristina Profilio Diane Carlin
Acolytes	Ales Duck Julian McCarron	Cristina Profilio	Eric Kent Rico Arce
Communion at Mass	Maureen Casey Nerina Briganti Max Briganti	Ron Vozzo Anne Manenti	Rita Kolibac Michelle Couch Laura Morelli Sinews Kent
Communion to the Sick	Wendy Ballesty & Kevin Nelson-Smith		
Children's Liturgy	Annemarie		
Altar Society Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Judy Gliddon, Michelle Cellar, Sandra Ryan		
Money Counters	Olympia Pirovic, Jeandera Petrossian, Peter Coffey		

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