

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

NEWSLETTER

Sat 27th February/ Sun 28th February 2010

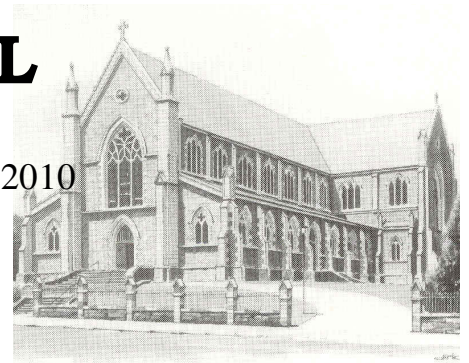
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A

Entrance Antiphon:	Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.
First Reading:	Genesis 12:1-4
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Second Reading:	Timothy 1:8-10
Gospel Acclamation:	Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Gospel:	Matthew 17:1-9
Communion Antiphon:	This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

PARISH NOTICES

We hold up and remember all those who have died recently:

Sister Jo Carmichael rsm, Kevin Thompson, Olga Morgan (Kennedy), Cedric Phillips.

And those who have Anniversaries:

Catherine Rogers, Joan Byrnes, Roman Llamson, George Phie, Daniel Gainey.

We hold up in Prayer all those who are sick including those in our Newsletter:

Father Kevin Noble, Father Peter Murphy, Father Bernard Kane, Father Peter Collins SSS, Sister Jo Carmichael RSM, Sr Geraldine Hambling csb (Victoria), Peter McEniery, Rita Moran, Joscelyn (Power) Hjort, Sandra Sequiera, Thea Sophia Adamczak, Jennifer Stark, Kath Rafter, Dan Carroll, Melanie Ross (Nowra), Bill McErlean, Tracey Harman, Robert Taylor, Harry Jones, Kate Gibbs, Jim Barry, Elizabeth Simpson, Jane Denning, Paul Ashton, Robert Thompson, Noel Francis, Bryan Flemming, Patricia Fitzgerald, Steve Rees, Mary Parker, Sam Thiik, Stephen Cusack, Alan Padget, Bienvenido Llamson, Laurie Kronk, Pat Thompson, Dermot Healy, Betty O'Callaghan, Kev Grinke, Margaret Collins, Patsy Quinn, Les McGinley, Keith Bell, John Keightley, Catherine Keightley, Mary Saunders, Molly Hackwood, David Smith, Isabel Giuffrida, Madeleine (Moran) Wallace, Evangeline Laudon, Marina Flores, Maria Flores, Jesus Flores, Ambrosio Flores Jr, Margaret Hadden, Margaret Perkins, Carol Perkins, James Cook, Bob Jones, Joanne Canas, John Remeus, Dawn Remeus, Diana Rose Marasigan, Ernesto Flores.

Weekday Mass Times St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday	6.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	6.30 am Mass
Wednesday	6.30am Mass
Thursday	6.30am Mass
Friday	6.30am Mass
Saturday	6.30am Mass

Weekday Mass Times St Thomas More's Parish

Monday	9.00am Mass
Tuesday	5.30pm Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass

VOCATIONS: Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, please phone Father Jamie Collins 4625 3021 or Father Michael Cooney 4662 4011.

EASTERFEST YOUNG CATHOLICS GROUP - DISCOUNT TICKETS

By purchasing your Easterfest tickets through Young Catholics, you can receive a 10% discount on all 3-day passes. \$90 adults, \$72 children; \$252 families. Call or email Jessica Ryan for details 46382946 or jryan@twb.catholic.org.au

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR POSITION

Expressions of interest are invited for the position: Education Officer – State School Religious Education. This is a position within the Faith Education and Curriculum team. The role statement and further information is available on request at the Parish Office. Expressions of Interest close on Monday 8 March 2010 and should be forwarded to the Assistant Director, Faith Education and Curriculum, Catholic Education Office PO Box 756 Toowoomba 4350

PROJECT COMPASSION SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

As Christians we are called to walk with those who are in need. This week's story introduces us to Teneille, from Derby in Western Australia. Limited job opportunities, low family literacy levels and poor health and housing are some of the issues affecting poor school performance amongst Indigenous children in the area. Teneille participates in a Caritas Australia-supported program that is empowering children to attend school, have healthy and nutritious food and improve the school performance amongst the area's children. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to work towards the goal of ensuring primary education for all children.

LENT

- Praying the Scriptures in Lent: Copies of the Resource Book (Lectio Divina) are available on the tables..
- Stations of the Cross: Are recommended as a private Devotion in the Cathedral anytime during the Season of Lent. Prayer booklets on the Stations are provided on the tables.
- Evening Prayer of the Church: will be celebrated each Thursday evening during Lent at 5.30pm.
- Communal Rite of Reconciliation: Friday 26th March at 12.15pm
- RCIA Rites: This year we are welcoming four people into our community of Faith. This involves a Rite of Election (last Saturday night) Three special Scrutiny Prayers (on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent) and two special Eucharists for the Presentation of the Creed (Friday 12th March 7.00pm) and the Our Father (Friday 26th March at 7.00pm).
- Scripture Readings for the Sunday Masses during Lent will be taken from Year A. The Gospel Readings from Year A are reflected in the RCIA Prayers. (Please see notice below).
- Mass of the Chrism: Tuesday 23rd March 5.30pm.
- Music during Lent: The music to be sung on the Sundays of Lent has been chosen to reflect the Scripture Readings of the day and the Season of Lent. Please note three special matters: (A) during the Penitential Rite we will be saying the Confiteor (I confess...) and singing the Kyrie (Lord Have.....); (B) After Communion there will be a period of quiet instead of the usual Song after Communion; (C) When there is a Special Prayer associated with the RCIA Candidates, there is a sung refrain "Blessed be God".
- **Easter Ministers:** Between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday we will need a range of Ministers to help with the Celebration of these Easter Liturgies. Please give some early thought to your availability and then let us know when you can be involved. Many thanks.

YEAR A READINGS ON SUNDAYS DURING LENT

During Lent this year we will be using Year A Readings on Sundays as we will be welcoming two Catechumens and two candidates into our St Patrick's Community at Easter. There will be special Rites during Lent and the Year A Readings are reflected in the prayers for these Rites. Please note: this change does not affect weekday Readings.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Our Parish programme for Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist continues with cluster group meetings being held weekly. We ask that all members of the Parish pray for these children and their families over the next few months as they prepare and then celebrate these Sacraments for the first time.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER CENT SALE

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be holding a Pre-Easter Cent Sale on Wednesday 10th March at St Stephen's Hall, Annand St., Toowoomba commencing at 9am. Entry is still only \$5 which gives you a sheet of tickets, a lucky door ticket and Buffet style morning Tea. A multi draw raffle with great prizes is available for \$2 a ticket. Our Trade Table has been refreshed with new Craft and there will be Jams, Pickles, Relishes and Cakes for sale as well. All monies raised go direct to the Missions.

YOUNG CATHOLICS LENTEN PROGRAM

Young Catholics Toowoomba is providing a weekly Lenten study for young adults. The program commenced on Wednesday 24th February at 7.30pm at Unit 4/3 Luke Street Kearney Springs. All young adults from across the Diocese are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Jessica Ryan on 0427382946 or jryan@twb.catholic.org.au You are still welcome to join this Group.

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM 28th February – 7th March 2010

Date	Readings – Year C	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 28th February	Second Sunday of Lent – Year A Readings First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 Second Reading: Timothy 1:8-10 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 1st March	Monday of the Second Week of Lent First Reading: Daniel 9:4-10 Gospel: Luke 6:36-38	6.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion	Week 4 Sacramental Programme 9.30am Staff Meeting 11.00am Liturgy Team Meeting: Easter 5.30pm Choir Practice – New members most welcome 7.00pm STM's Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 2nd March	Tuesday of the Second week of Lent First Reading: Isaiah 1:10,16-20 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12	6.30am Mass	9.00am Council of Priests Meeting SPC 9.00am Care and Concern Meeting: Parish Centre 10.00am Craft Group in Parish Centre 12.45pm St Pat's Sth Tmba Indoor Bowls: Groom Pk Hall
Wednesday 3rd March	Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent First Reading: Jeremiah 18:18-20 Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28	6.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Council of Priests Meeting SPC 9.30am Prayer Group in Parish Centre 7.00pm SVDP St Patrick's Conference Meeting 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 4th March	Thursday of the Second Week of Lent First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31	6.30am Mass	10.30am Nursing Home Ministry Meeting: Parish Centre 1.00pm Mothers' Prayer Group in Parish Centre 5.30pm Evening Prayer: St Patrick's Cathedral 7.00pm Race Day Committee
Friday 5th March	Friday of the Second Week of Lent First Reading: Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43,45-46	6.30am Mass	10.15am World Day of Prayer Service: St Luke's Anglican Church
Saturday 6th March	Saturday of the Second Week of Lent First Reading: Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32	6.30am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am – 10.00am Reconciliation at St Pat's 9.00am Reconciliation at STM's 10.00am First Reconciliation
Sunday 7th March	Third Sunday of Lent – Year A Readings First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8 Gospel: John 4:5-42	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Mass RCIA: First Scrutiny 11.00am Baptism: Josie Harrington 1.30pm-4.00pm Missionary Sisters of Service Gathering 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre

MINISTRIES FOR MASS – Saturday 7th March/ Sunday 8th March 2010

	Vigil 6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
Co-ordinator	Tony Allom 46354788	Gabrielle Saide 46324778	Kevin Hoddle 46354784	Desley Salty 46131535
Welcomers	Peter and Eileen Castles Jo and Bernie Reilly, Mary Schwartz, Warren Saal, Patricia and Tony Allom	Merv Crichton Noela Fisher Joyce Keane Marie Therese Gould	Dawn O'Neil Joan Falvey Teresa Frelek	Avis Hunter Desley Salty Tiamie Salty
Readers	Debbie Klease Val McErlean Ron Green	Thea Sheriff Sister Mirian SSPC John Fisher	Kevin Hoddle John Evers	Avis Hunter Jakov Vucak Pat Murphy
Communion Ministers	Eileen Castles Tony Allom Patricia Allom Kate Gilloway Claire Seymour Warren Saal	Gabrielle Saide Jon Manley Marie Fitzpatrick Mick Fitzpatrick Merv Quigley Bev Bouny Noela Fisher	Helen Hoddle Pauline Hickey Evelyn Pople Mary Jones Maureen McMahon	Mary Milton John Willis Sharon Toomey Desley Salty John Salty Michael Cook
Altar Assistants	Daniel Saal, Jacob Saal			Daniel Salty
Music	Diana, Margaret and Moira	CD's	St Patrick's Choir	CD's
Collectors	Mal Kirby, Norm Fechner, Lindsay Fox, Denis Zeller, Bernie Reilly, Marty O'Reilly	Bob Hegarty, Merv Quigley, Merv Crichton, Pat Murphy Graham McCarthy, John Ryan.	Kevin Garrett, Arthur Hoffman Brian Strong.	Jim Harris, Jabour Hanna, Cliff Hooper, Robin Cooney
Counters	This Week: Kevin and Judy Lindores, Christine Singh, Jim Harris Next Week: Maureen Biggin, Michael and Lorraine Hogan, Marge Harney, Jabour Hanna, Craig and Amanda Hogan			Collections 20/21 Feb 10 PG: \$2907.40 Loose \$1900.85

ENTRANCE: In These Days of Lenten Journey

Refrain: In these days of Lenten journey
we have seen and we have heard
the call to sow justice
in the lives of those we serve.

1. We reach out to those who are homeless,
to those who live without warmth.
In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams;
we will clothe them in mercy and peace.
2. We open our eyes to the hungry
and see the faces of Christ.
As we nourish all people who hunger for food,
may their faith in our God be renewed.
3. We open our ears to the weary,
and hear the cry of the poor.
To the voices that echo the song of despair,
we will show our compassion and care.
4. We call on the Spirit of justice
and pray for the righteousness' sake.
We will sing for the freedom of all the oppressed;
we will loosen the bonds of distress.

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PENITENTIAL RITE: Kyrie GA123

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: GA31

Let your mercy be on us, O God
As we place our trust in you.

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PREP OF GIFTS: Beyond the Days

Refrain: Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

1. Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice.
2. Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
to the yearnings of our hearts.
3. In your hands, O God,
we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care:
may your gentleness be there.

4. On our Lenten path
We see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope;
be the promise of our lives.

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COMMUNION: All I Ask Of You AOV1-150

Refrain: All I ask of you is forever
to remember me as loving you.

1. Deep the joy of being together in one heart
and for me that's just where it is...*refrain*
2. As we make our way through all the joys and pain,
can we sense our younger, truer selves?...*refrain*
3. Someone will be calling you to be there for awhile.
Can you hear their cry from deep within? ...*refrain*
4. Laughter, joy and presence: the only gifts you are!
Have you time? I'd like to be with you.... *refrain*
5. Persons come into the fiber of our lives
And then their shadows fade and disappear. But...*refrain*

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RECESSIONAL: Lord, the Light of Your Love AOV2-59 (Shine Jesus Shine)

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF SERVICE: INVITE

The Missionary Sisters of Service (formerly known as the "Rosary Sisters") wish to 'catch up' with those many people with whom they have worked in Toowoomba and beyond to express their gratitude for their friendship and support, and are inviting them to an informal afternoon tea at St Patrick's Parish Centre on Sunday March 7 between 1.30pm and 4.00pm. Those interested are asked to contact Sister Margaret Windsham by phone 46353780 or email: mmm@tadaust.org.au by Feb 28.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL AND ST SAVIOUR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RACE DAY

The **Race Day** (20 March) is fast approaching! **Have you purchased your tickets yet?** Tickets (\$45) are on sale each Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:00-8:30am at school, in the main foyer. Don't miss out! **RACE DAY SPONSORS:** Our 2010 Race Day will be a success thanks to the generous support of our sponsors. Our major sponsor is **DEAN LYONS BUILDING**. Their support is very much appreciated. There are a number of businesses and organizations who sponsor our race day, some with a link to the school and some, who just wish to join in the success of our Race Day. To this point we have these Sponsors committed to this year's Race Day: **Brammer Architects, Caltex Energy Qld, Clive Berghofer Land Sales, Condon Charles Lawyers, Cranbrook Press, FK Gardner, Hannas, Harvey Norman Electrical and Computers, Stonestreeets Coaches, The Late Joe Brady**. Please **support these businesses** when the need arises. Their financial support of our Race Day is very much appreciated and has ensured the success of the 2010 Race Day! **MULTI DRAW RAFFLE:** Please consider **donating a prize** for the **Multi Draw** at the Race Day. The quality and value of prizes is always outstanding so we do rely on the generosity of parents. As yet we have minimal prizes and the Race Day is only three weeks away! Please remember that we need **volunteers** in **Race Day Week** to come to school and help **collate** and **wrap** the **Multi Draw prizes**. Please contact the School Office or any member of the Race Day Committee if you are able to help out. **RACE DAY AUCTION:** We will be holding an auction at our Race Day once again this year! Many great items will be up for auction! If you have anything you would like to donate for this auction please see the School Office or any member of the School Race Day Committee. Please contact the Parish Office 46371500 for tickets.

RE-LAUNCHING A YOUNG VINNIES GROUP IN TOOWOOMBA

Young Catholics is interested in re-launching a Young Vinnies group in Toowoomba for young people of all ages. Young Vinnies groups do similar work to St Vincent de Paul and offer a few different programs that can be adapted in local regions such as Buddies Days, Mini Vinnies, Teen Vinnies. Here is a link to the national site for Vinnies Youth (the term 'youth' can be adapted broadly!) to give you a better idea about what Young Vinnies is all about. <http://www.vinnies.org.au/youth-national> It would be appreciated if you could please take the time to think of friends or family members who may be interested in being a part of re-launching this initiative in Toowoomba or another regional area in our Diocese.

SACRISTANS NEEDED

We are updating our rosters for Sacristans here at St Patrick's and need more people to help clean the sacristy and sanctuary (light cleaning and dusting) after 6.30am Mass on a Friday for 1 hour only, once a month. The time is negotiable. Please contact the parish office on 4637 1500 if you are able to help.

VOLUNTEERING AT TRAMS (Toowoomba Refugee and Migrant Support)

If you would like to help refugees and migrants start a new life in Toowoomba, why not volunteer a few hours a week at TRAMS? Volunteers provide support to refugee families in their homes; help teach English, Cooking and Sewing at the Centre; provide childcare while parents access classes and help primary or secondary school students with their studies. All lessons are provided to small groups; no previous experience is required and all teaching resources are supplied. Phone 46329285.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

Our local conference always welcomes new members. If you are interested in finding out what this ministry involves, please talk to Florence Egan or Brian Walsh. Florence and Brian can be contacted through the Parish Office.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

Mother's Prayers began in England in 1955 by two grandmothers who felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children. It has spread through 700 countries and there have been many wonderful answers to prayers. Members meet once a week and as mothers learn to trust each other through their prayers and sharing together, their burdens become lighter. A Mother's Prayer Group at St Patrick's Parish Centre will gather on a Thursday afternoon at 1.00pm. For more enquiries please contact Christine Cary on 46663709. Thank you.

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

The De La Salle Brothers are offering young men (20 - 35yrs) an incredible volunteer opportunity in the remote indigenous community of Balgo Hills in Western Australia. Spend 2 weeks (15 - 29 May) learning about the Brothers' life and work whilst helping young people in need. Applications close 29 March. For details please visit www.delasallebrothers.com

DRESS FOR SALE - Beautiful white dress with veil, suitable for First Eucharist or Flower Girl, size 8. Paid \$350, will take \$250 or nearest offer. For viewing please call 46332056.

The Season of Lent

The Baptismal Dimension of Lent

Next we see how the period of preparation for Easter began to be even further extended. From the 2nd Century on, Easter (*Pascha*) was seen in most parts of the Christian world as the **most significant time** for catechumens to undergo the rites of initiation into the faith of the Church. Specifically, the Easter Vigil was the time for conferring the integrated rites of Baptism and Confirmation, culminating in the newly-baptised's very first experience of the celebration of Eucharist.

The period of **catechumenate** generally took about three years, during which time any person who wanted to become a Christian underwent an **intensive inculturation in the faith**. This meant learning to pray, and to think and act "like Christ". It meant an induction into Christian moral sensitivity, of beginning to identify with the concerns of the community, of fitting in. It particularly centered on learning to love the poor, to work to alleviate their suffering and to be in solidarity with them. As Thomas Talley writes, the catechumen learned how to develop **patterns of responsibility within the Church**. This whole period of acclimatization meant constant attendance at prayer meetings, fasting, and sessions in which the faith of each catechumen was tested.

During all this time, absolutely nothing was revealed to the catechumen about the rituals he or she would undergo at the Easter Vigil. Nothing was told about Baptism, not a word about Eucharist, those key sacraments through which the Christ-life would be imparted. Even characteristic Christian prayers (the *Our Father*, the *Creed*) were kept secret. But all would be revealed, not through educational sessions, but by the Christ himself as he imparted his Spirit-life *per medium* of the rites of initiation. So this preparation was aimed at gradually opening a person's eyes to the mystery of Christ, to his presence, to his healing and reconciling love, and the extraordinary power of his word.

Working up to this point of profound revelation and transformation called for a special time of preparation. In 4th Century Rome, for example, there was a special three week period of preparation. During this time there were daily services of prayer and instruction for catechumens, and these were gradually open to everyone. This proved a great way to bring both spiritual and moral education to the whole community, especially in those times when there was a flood of converts. In St Augustine's own community at Hippo in Nth Africa, the catechumens lived with their bishop all through this special time. He shared their fasting, prayer and penance and imparted to them an extraordinary feeling for the Church and the living action of Christ within the ecclesial assembly.