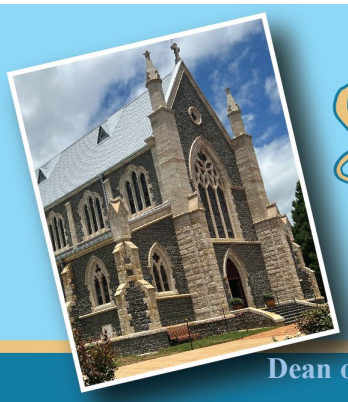

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We Acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal Peoples

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 July 2026

First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11 The rain makes the earth fruitful.
Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23 All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
All who come to him will live forever Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9 A sower went out to sow.

Our Lord uses an analogy this Sunday to draw our attention to our interior disposition. It's as if we are being asked: "What is the state of my soul?" And the image our Lord uses is that of seed and soul. Our hearts/souls are the soil in which seeds are sown, and in particular the seed of God's word. If our hearts are healthy and well-disposed then the word of God will bear fruit in us. But if our hearts are not healthy, then the seed of God's word which is sown in us will not bear fruit. Our hearts must thus be that rich soil; receptive to the seed of the Word in order to bear fruit.

We are given three examples of soil which is not healthy– or, in other words, of hearts that are not well-disposed and so will struggle to bear fruit. Rich soil means an open, expectant, well-prepared heart in which the word of God can take root and bring abundance. In this we must remember that the "word of God" is not simply letters on a page but the living Word who is the eternal Son of the Father, Jesus Christ. There are, following the Gospel, three conditions for rich soil (that is, a well-disposed soul): 1) Understanding, 2) Endurance, and 3) Detachment.

The Lord says: "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart." By this we learn that we must have understanding if we are to be receptive to the Word of God. Understanding is a gift of the Holy Spirit and is characterised by surrendering our intellect (and our desire to know things) to the One who alone made and reveals all things. Simply, understanding is the gift of trust in God's plan and faith in what cannot be seen.

The Lord goes on to say: "The one who received it [the seed] on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once." By this we learn that we must have endurance if we are to be receptive to the Word of God. Endurance is the ability to patiently bear suffering, silence, and darkness in the quietly confident trust that God is always faithful and always true to His promises.

And finally the Lord says: "The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing." By which we learn that we must have detachment if God's word is to grow in us. This detachment is the desire to love God above all things and to hold all things as worthless if they do not lead to love of God and of neighbour. Above all, detachment is the ability to hold all things lightly and to be indifferent to health and sickness, riches and poverty, glory and dishonour, joy and sadness.

Understanding, endurance, and detachment are the conditions which make for healthy soil – disposing a heart to receive the Word and enable this Word to bear fruit in abundance. So as we come once more to receive the living flesh of the One who is not merely words but *the Word,* let us consider the fertility of our souls and ask ourselves to what extent our hearts are ready to receive Him and bear the fruit of eternal life.

Fr BJ

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Rod Teevan, Mary Beahan.

✞ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Kev & Win Hogan, Anne Fox, Kev Dorge.

✞ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Anette Schaefer, Kate Gibbs, Katherine Manktelow, Therese Odri, Austin Amalemba, Janet Brady, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely.

St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul is seeking people who are interested in supporting vulnerable community members. If you are interested in helping. Please contact Terry 0428582205

Winter and Beyond Ars Cantorum Concert – Sunday 19th July 2pm 'warm the cockles of your heart' Conductor - Andrew Doecke, Accompanist - Pam Duane. Tickets $25 from the parish office or sold at the door. Enquiries 0439 355 089 or arstoowoomba@gmail.com

St Matthew's Catholic Church Crows Nest Fundraiser Performing with the stars concert & afternoon tea - Sat 22nd August 2pm Venue: Crows Nest RSL Hall Acts include ballroom dancing demonstration, bush poet, drama acts, choir, country Western duo, soloist - Contact Tracey Brennan for more details and tickets. (0418152073)

Broncos Legends Lunch – Friday 31st July - Tickets Available
All are invited to attend the Broncos Legends Lunch, featuring guests from the Brisbane Broncos, including CEO Dave Donaghy, Troy Thomson (General Manager – Football Operations) and a Broncos Legend, with Q&A hosted by Ben Dobbin. Guests will enjoy a two-course lunch and premium beverages while hearing insights from one of Australia's most iconic rugby league clubs. This event is proudly supporting the restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets via -https://www.trybooking.com/DMZUP

Caritas Australia Ukraine Emergency Appeal
Caritas Australia is urging the Australian community not to look away as the war in Ukraine continues for a fifth straight year. As violence escalates in other parts of the world, Ukraine is slipping from headlines, but for millions of people the suffering has not stopped. In 2026, an estimated 10.8 million people in Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance. Info - www.caritas.org.au/ukraine

Ignite your Faith - Your support makes it possible – Funds raised will help cover $355 Conference ticket, 3 days accommodation & meals. Every dollar raised is shared equally among registered attendees – Register by 1st August 2026to be eligible for support - Scan the barcode to donate or visit the website - https://www.trybooking.com/au/donate/ignite2026

Educating Rita – Repertory Theatre 7.30pm **Monday 3rd August** {supporting St Peter Claver Sisters – 46321 818 or Helen on 0416055976} **Wednesday 5th August** {supporting SPRED 46 328 427} Please call to purchase your tickets.

Closed for Maintenance – The cathedral will be closed from 7pm Monday 27th July until 7am Wednesday 29th July due to further maintenance to the flooring around the doorways.

Sunday 12 July **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **[SPC - St Patrick's &** **STM - St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. in green]**	11am Baptism Billie Eve Bryan & Lainey Louise Clent 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 13 July	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making Group in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 14 July	9am Mass SPC **Fr Patrick Campbell**	
Wednesday 15 July **St Bonaventure**	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	4pm Practice for First Eucharist 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 16 July	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 17 July	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM **Fr Neville Grundy**	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 18 July	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 6pm Celebration of First Eucharist
Sunday 19 July **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am** **Fr Joseph Portley**	9am Celebration of Frist Eucharist 2pm Ars Cantorum Concert 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections
Collection for 5/07/2026 – Loose $3213 Planned Giving $723 Donation Point $1410
St Peter's Pence Collection $5,644 – Thank you for your generous support
Money Counters this weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly – Jan-Nell & Errol Chase
Money Counters next weekend: SPC Parish Staff
Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number or name in donating. Thank you.