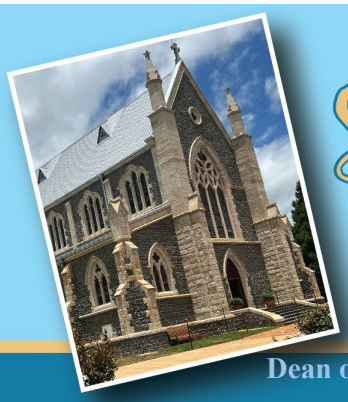

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 June 2026

First reading: Exodus 19:2-6 You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.
Responsorial Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.
Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11 We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.
Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 9:36 -10:8 He summoned his twelve disciples and sent them out.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 9:36–10:8), Jesus looks at the crowds with deep compassion. He sees people who are harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He is moved by their suffering and tells His disciples, The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

As I reflect on this Gospel I cannot help but think of the magnitude 7.8 earthquake that struck the southern coast of Mindanao in the Philippines on 8 June 2026. The tragedy is very close to my heart because I come from the Davao Region especially Digos City near Sarangani where the earthquake hit. It is my home. Even though I now live in Australia my heart remains connected because my family, relatives, friends and many people I know still live there.

What makes it more heartbreaking is that it happened on the opening day of classes for many students. Instead of joy and excitement many families suddenly faced fear loss and uncertainty.

When I first heard the news, I was worried about my mother and loved ones. Thanks be to God they are safe. My mother shared that while earthquakes are not unusual in the Philippines, this one felt very different. Living along the Pacific Ring of Fire we are used to disasters like earthquakes and typhoons. But this one was stronger and more frightening than many had experienced before. People rushed out of their homes unsure of what would happen next.

Reports show that homes, schools, government buildings and even churches were badly affected. In my diocese, (Diocese of Digos) many churches were damaged. In Balut Island Sarangani the parish church and presbytery were completely destroyed. This is painful because the church is not only a building, but the heart of the community a place of prayer comfort and strength.

In moments like this the Gospel becomes real. The people affected are those Jesus speaks about being overwhelmed, grieving and afraid. Jesus sees them with compassion and sends His disciples to bring healing and hope.

One striking image gave me hope. At Notre Dame of Dadiangas University in General Santos City, a Marist Brothers school, many buildings collapsed and wrecked, but an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary remained standing. It is a reminder that even when everything is shaken faith can still stand.

We are also blessed in Australia where we rarely experience such earthquakes. Our homes schools and churches are on stable ground. This is a gift we must not take for granted. It calls us to gratitude and responsibility.

The Gospel calls us to respond. We can pray give and stand in solidarity.
We may be far away, but we are not helpless.

May the Lord comfort those grieving strengthen those rebuilding in Mindanao especially Balut Island and make us labourers in His harvest bringing hope to a shaken world never abandoned by God.

May our prayers become concrete actions of compassion, generosity and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Mindanao during this time of great suffering. Amen in hope

Fr. Brian Redondo

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Paul Ramsay, Carol Patterson.

✞ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** George Saide.

✞ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Kate Gibbs, Helen Hoddle, 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.

In preparation for the Synod in October, you are invited to attend a Listening Session:
Please register via QR, Website below or call our office for assistance.
Tuesday 16 June, 6-8pm at Micah Centre, Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office, Toowoomba.
Registration:ww w.trybooking.com/eventlist/toowoombasynodlisteningsessions

Planned Giving envelopes are ready to collect from the table near the entrance. Please note that if your number was between 61 and 70 you will have a new number. This has been done to reduce costs and waste.

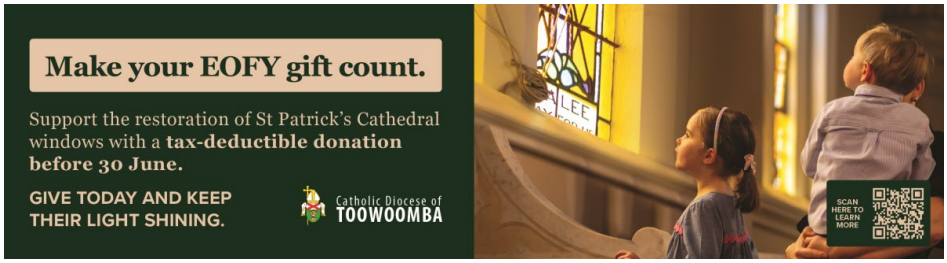
Money Counters are needed to count one Sunday per month after 5.30pm Mass. If you can help, please email stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au or phone the office 4637 1500.

Garden Committee Members needed – Why not think of joining our gardening committee to help beautify our church grounds continue to make them a place of reflection and peace. Please contact Christine on 0408 784 253.

Are you interested in learning more about being an RCIA guide? Brisbane's Adult Formation team are offering an opportunity to learn more about being part of an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) formation team. If you are interested there will be a session on Sunday, 21st June, 2pm – 4.30pm in the Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre, Charlotte Street, Brisbane. RSVP 15/6. Cost $5.00. Please register via **tinyurl.com/RCIAformday26**

Broncos Legends Lunch – Tickets Now 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 are now available via the link - https://www.trybooking.com/DMZUP

End of Financial Year Giving
Cathedral Windows
As the end of the financial year approaches, we invite you to consider a tax-deductible donation to support the restoration of the stained-glass windows at St Patrick's Cathedral. Your gift will help preserve this treasured part of our faith and heritage. Every contribution is deeply appreciated. To give or learn more. Visit: https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral/



Sunday 14 June **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **[SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. in green]**	**9am Apostolic Nuncio visit to the Cathedral** 10am Morning Tea – Provided by Parish Council 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre *Fr Michael long service leave [1/6 – 10/7]*
Monday 15 June	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making Group in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 16 June	9am Mass SPC	6-8pm SYNOD Listening Sessions – Micah Centre
Wednesday 17 June	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM **Fr John Sinnott**	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 18 June	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 19 June	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 20 June	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 10.30am Baptism Koda Kai & Arlo Elvis Pryor
Sunday 21 June **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am**	9am Apostolic Nuncio visit to the Cathedral 11am Baptism William Jay Bryan 1pm Wedding Olivia Paul & Jose Josbin 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections
Collection for 7/6/26 – Loose $2819 Planned Giving $1088 Donation Point $1880
Money Counters this weekend: Parish Office Staff
Money Counters next weekend: Sam & Fina Ginardi - Wendy Heelan
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.