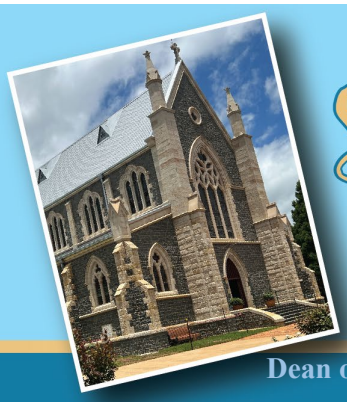

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 August 2026

First reading: Isaiah 56:1.6-7 I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.
Responsorial Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you.
Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32 The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,
and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 Woman, you have great faith.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Bishop Ken Howell together with the Diocesan Council of Priests extends a very warm invitation to the Jubilee celebrations of Frs. John Quinlan, Peter Doohan and Brian Noonan on Wednesday 21st October, 2026, beginning with Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11.00am, followed by refreshments for everyone in the Cathedral Centre.

This date is just days before the start of the Diocesan Synod. You are also invited to the opening Mass of the Synod in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Thursday, 22nd October** commencing at 6.00pm. This is an important and profound moment in the history of the Diocese which will lead us into the future, based on the wonderful ministry many committed parish members have given, and these and many other priests working closely with them. Representatives from throughout the Diocese will help fashion the hopes and challenges to be considered into the future. ***Please keep the Synod in your prayers.***

Below is a reminder of the places that Frs John, Peter and Brian have served the Diocese:

John Quinlan
St Patrick's Cathedral, St Mary's Goondiwindi, St Monica's Oakey, St Mary of the Angels Tara, Our Lady of Lourdes Toowoomba. Military Chaplain Service: Royal Military College Duntroon, Australian Defence Force Academy, Holsworthy Sydney, Laverack Barracks Townsville, Regional Senior Chaplain Victoria, Regional Senior Chaplain, Queensland, Recruit Training Battalion Kapooka, Reserve Chaplain, Oakey and Cabarlah.

Peter Doohan
St Patrick's Cathedral, St Mary's Wallumbilla, Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady Surat, All Saints Roma, St Mary's Charleville, St Finbarr's Quilpie, Sacred Heart Cunnamulla, St Joseph's Helidon, St Matthew's Crows Nest.

Brian Noonan
Saints James and John Clifton, St Stephen's Pittsworth, St Thomas More's Toowoomba, St Columba's Mitchell, Sacred Heart Childers, Our Lady of Christians Chinchilla, Holy Cross Miles, St Mary's Taroom, St Joseph's Wandoan, St Theresa's Toowoomba, St Mary Mackillop Highfields.

Please pray for our priests and further vocations.

Fr. Brian Noonan
Celebrating 50 years
Ordained Priesthood

Fr John Quinlan
Celebrating 60 years
Ordained Priesthood

Fr. Peter Doohan
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✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Boyce Morgan, Denise Dorge.

✞ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Leo Cuskelly, Mona O'Brien.

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

Welcome to Father Praveen Varkey, who has joined the Toowoomba Diocese from Kerala, India. Fr. Praveen was ordained on the 12th January 2015. I'm sure you will make him welcome! At this stage he is unable to celebrate Mass until he receives his Blue Card which hopefully will arrive by the end of August. May you find the Spirit alive throughout the Diocese! Fr Praveen will remain at the Cathedral for the time being until all his preparation is complete.

St Patrick's Floral Display 19th – 22nd September 2026 – HELP NEEDED

We would love your help with Carnival of Flowers. There are two sign-up sheets on the tables, one for helping during set up and pack up, the other is to welcome visitors to the Cathedral during the display. Please consider adding your name to the sheet we will be in touch once the roster has been created. Any help is most welcomed. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal (6/9/26)
Our retired priests have given their lives in faithful service - supporting our communities, celebrating the sacraments, and being present in times of joy and sorrow. In retirement, many rely on the **Priests' Retirement Foundation** for essential care, including accommodation, healthcare, and daily living support. We ask you to keep our retired priests in your prayers during this appeal. If you would like to learn more or offer your support, please visit: https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/ways-to-give-prf/
Local cash appeal on weekend of 5/6th September.

CHANGE TO LITURGICAL PRACTICE – To ensure the smooth and efficient distribution of Holy Communion, the Liturgy Committee has decided to trial the practice of administering to those seated in the front seat at the completion of the main body of the church having received communion. The priest will distribute communion to the parishioners in that seat and the extraordinary minister will offer the chalice. We will trial this procedure from the weekend of the 16/08.

This coming Saturday (22/08) there will be a funeral at St Patrick's at 10.00am. It would be greatly appreciated if Reconciliation could cease at 9.00am, as is the advertised time, however sometimes the time is extended, which normally is accommodated. In this instance confessions need to end at 9am. You are invited to make arrangements with a priest before Mass or on another occasion. We apologise if this causes offence or is a difficulty for you.

NEW DOORS ARRIVING SOON! You may like to avoid the Cathedral (other than Mass of course) on the 17th and 18th August as the doorway is prepared to receive the new door. This requires an amount of drilling into the stonework, so it will be noisy work. It is hoped that the first of the new doors will be installed on the 25th August.

Sunday 16 August **20th Sunday in Ord. Time** **[SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. in green]**	11am Baptism of Penelope Jayne Hawthorn 12pm Baptism of Tiffany Elena Manangan 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 17 August	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making Group in the Parish Centre **Parish Council meeting** has been postponed to September
Tuesday 18 August	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 19 August	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 20 August **St Bernard**	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 21 August **St Pius X**	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 22 August **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 1.30pm Wedding Nick Gordon & Kacey-Jae McEwan 3pm Wedding Jesse Hill & Mary Torrecampo
Sunday 23 August **21st Sunday in Ord. Time**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am**	11am Baptism Michael Thomas Feldhahn 2-3pm One Equal Music Concert 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections
Collection for 09/08/2026 – Loose $3365 Planned Giving $696 Donation Point $1730
Money Counters this weekend: Michelle Betros, Mick Cuskelly, Karen Holtham
Money Counters next weekend: Wendy Heelan, Jabour Hanna, Rod Slater
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.