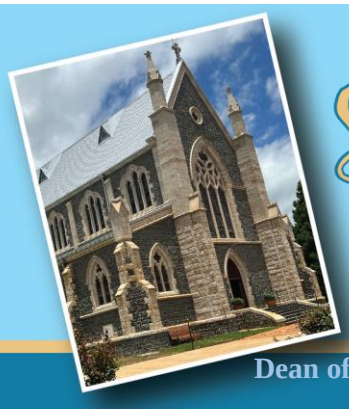

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 February 2026**
**First reading:** Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13 In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.
**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, My Soul
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.
***ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. ALLELUIA!***
**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes.

## Are We Looking for Happiness in the Right Place?
## Blessed Are We: Jesus' Way to Happiness

All of us want to be happy. It is the deepest desire in every human heart.
*Some people think they will be happy if they have a lot of money, so they focus only on working and making money.*
*Some think they will be happy if they can travel far away and have many holidays.*
*Some think they will be happy if they own a big house with many modern comforts.*
*Some think they will be happy if they have an important position, and are respected in society.*

The world offers many answers to the question, **"What will make me happy?"** But as Christians, we need to ask ourselves: **Have I found true happiness yet?**
J. Robert Oppenheimer, an American physicist once said, ***"The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his feet."*** In simple words, this means we often think happiness is far away—in the future, in success, or in something we don't yet have. But real happiness begins much closer than we think. It begins in the heart, in the small things of everyday life. Wise people don't wait for everything to be perfect. They learn to be thankful, content, and present each day.

In today's Gospel from Matthew(5:1–12), **Jesus speaks to us through the Beatitudes**. **He shows us a very different way to be happy—a deeper and lasting joy.** Jesus invites us to stop focusing only on outside things and to look at what is happening inside our hearts. He calls us to live not by the values of the world, but by the values of God's Kingdom.

Jesus tells us that **the truly happy people are the poor in spirit, the gentle, those who mourn, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who suffer for doing what is right.** This may sound strange to the world, but in God's eyes, these people are truly blessed.

The Beatitudes remind us that happiness is not something we can chase or collect. **True happiness is found in following a Person—Jesus Himself. He gives us a clear and practical way to live as Christians. This is the way of God's Kingdom**. Let us ask the Lord for wisdom and grace, so that we can live each day in this true happiness.

**"Blessed are We…" who believe in Him, who recognize this true happiness, and who dedicate our lives each day to building up His Kingdom.**

*May God bless you with this true happiness.*
*Fr. Francis Kritsada*

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Stephen Caldwell, George (Vic) Victor Shultz.

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

✞ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Jane Kennedy, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Mark Betts, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar (age 2), Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Rajender Vellore, Evandro Andrade, Antonietta Del Riccio, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Cocozza, Jibran Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Dorothy Marsh, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

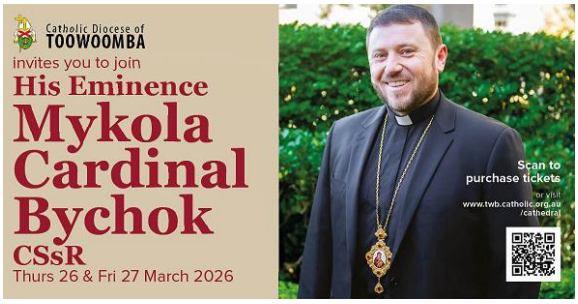
**World Day of Prayer** 5th March 6.30pm St Bart's, 103 Stenner St. Guest speaker Ashley Saunders. Planning meeting 6th February St Bart's 10am - RSVP 2nd February robynarobinson@gmail.com

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process through which interested adults and older children are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. We have received a number of requests from people wanting to become Catholic. To enable this process to proceed Catechists and Sponsors are needed to walk the journey with those interested in entering the church. Parishioners who volunteer for these roles must be familiar with modern current teaching and be open to the changes in the modern church. Please give some consideration to walking with those whom the Spirit has called to enter into the Catholic church. If you wish to know more about what is required, please contact Gabrielle on gabriellesaide@outlook.com or phone St Patrick's office and Gabrielle will make contact with you. It is indeed a rewarding and soul satisfying journey to bring another into the faith!

**Live Theatre - Comedy Whodunit** —4 March 2026, St Theresa's Parish will be holding a fundraiser at the Repertory Theatre, 'The Game's Afoot' - a comedy murder mystery whodunit. Our very own parishioner, Mike Taylor is the production's director. Tickets are $25.00 per person and include complimentary tea/coffee and a light supper. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. Multi-drawer raffle which will be drawn on the evening. Tickets sales – St Theresa's Office sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au or 07 4639 4688.

### *Invitation to an Historic Moment – Cardinal Bychok Visits Toowoomba*

*This March, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba warmly invites parishioners to join in welcoming* ***His Eminence Mykola Cardinal Bychok CSsR****, our Australian Cardinal, on his* ***first-ever visit*** *to our Diocese. Celebrate this special occasion at a* ***breakfast*** *or* ***dinner****, with proceeds supporting the* ***restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral's leadlight windows****.* ***Tickets now available*** *– book at: www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral or use the QR code on the posters in Cathedral.*

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| **Sunday 1 February**<br>**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**<br>**[SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]** | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.<br>**Live Stream 9am**<br>**[Priest ann. in green]** | 11am Baptism Charlotte Anne Ruhle<br>4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |
| **Monday 2 February**<br>**The Presentation of the Lord** | 5.30pm Mass SPC<br>9.00am Mass STM<br>**Deacon Robert O'Shea** | 9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre<br>9.30am Mass at Brodribb |
| **Tuesday 3 February** | 9am Mass SPC | |
| **Wednesday 4 February** | 7am Mass SPC<br>5.30pm Mass STM | 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre<br>5.00pm Grounds Committee meeting in Staff Room |
| **Thursday 5 February**<br>**St Agatha** | 7am Mass SPC | 7.30 – 8.30pm Adoration SPC<br>6.00 – 7.00pm Choir Practice |
| **Friday 6 February**<br>**St Paul Miki and Companions** | 7am Mass SPC<br>9.30am Mass STM | 9am Friendship Group in the Conference Room<br>7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |
| **Saturday 7 February** | 7am Mass SPC<br>6pm Mass SPC | 6.30am Rosary at St Patrick's<br>8–9am Reconciliation SPC<br>10.30am Baptism Leo Aavin Kotikawatte<br>11.30am Baptism Tommy Bryant |
| **Sunday 8 February**<br>**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time** | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm<br>**Live Stream 9am**<br>**Fr Raymond White** | 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |

**Planned Giving:** *Thank you for your donations*. Loose $3076 Planned Giving $996 Donation Point $1710
Money Counters this weekend: Sam & Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan
Money Counters next weekend: Parish Office 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.