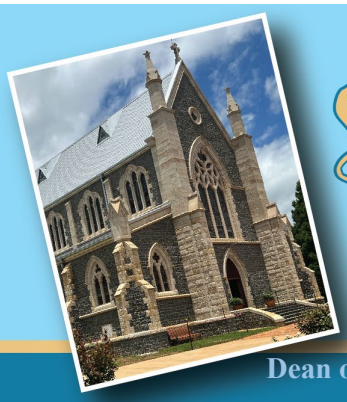

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We Acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal Peoples

Pentecost Sunday 24 May 2026

First reading: Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 In the one Spirit we were all baptized, making one body.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love, Alleluia!
Gospel: John 20:19-23 As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit – the ink that writes our story

Quite awhile ago I read a book by Belinda Starling titled, *"The Journal of Dora Damage"*. It was a fictional story about a bookbinder in the 17th Century. Dora Damage's father was the local bookbinder and when he died Dora took over the business which was not the expectation for women at that time. It shows the struggle that she encountered. In the prologue was this quote,

"My father used to tell me that before we are born, St Bartholmew, patron saint of bookbinders, presents our soul with a choice of two books. One is bound in the softest golden calf and majestically gold-tooled; the other is bound in plain, undyed goatskin straight from the tan-pits. Should the nascent soul choose the former, upon entering this world he will open it to find that the pages of the book are already inscribed with a story of an inescapable fate to be followed to the letter, and on departing at the time of death, the book will have deteriorated from constant consultation that the hide will be shoddy and the text illegible. But the pages of the other book start off blank, and wait inscription by the leading of a life of free will according to personal inspiration and divine grace. And the more one's destiny is pursued, the more brilliance the book acquires, until the binding far surpasses any hide, cloth or paper binding ever produced in the finest workshops of Paris or Geneva, and is finally worthy of joining the library of human knowledge."

One of the things this novel taught me was to read to very last page, past the completion of the story! Belinda Starling after completing the story of Dora went to hospital for a simple operation but through complications, died. She never saw her story published. Her husband wrote of the courage of Dora and her strength of character, that reflected the life of his wife, Belinda. The above quote was from her heart, not knowing what was to come.

When we reflect on our life story, we can see and hear so often where the Holy Spirit has been, and continues to be. It is indeed like the Holy Spirit is the ink that writes the lines that make up our story. At Pentecost we have the opportunity to read those lines – to remember and give thanks for the wonder of the Spirit in our lives. It is the Spirit that hears our innermost hopes and dreams and provides the gifts to keep us going or to prepare us for what is to come. The pages of our book *glow* with the presence of the Holy Spirit that guides our free will with divine grace, the ink upon our page.

I invite you to reflect on the workings of the Holy Spirit in your life. To acknowledge the ways that the fruits have become manifest in your life – gentleness, kindness, love, faithfulness, self-control, patience, joy and peace.

May you recognise and welcome the Holy Spirit in your life!

Every Blessing, Fr. Michael

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**

✞ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:**
Josie Vetter, Cathy Pitt, Clara Sutherland, Mary O'Shea, Trevor Cavanagh, Sadie Moses.

✞ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Helen Hoddle, Katherine Manktelow, Therese Odri, Lynne Anderson, David Cattel, Austin Amalemba, Janet Brady, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Claire Seymour.

BULLETIN EMAIL: Please note that we have transferred to the "cloud" for our computer system here at St Patrick's, so during that upgrade the list of people on our list to receive the bulletin each week has been lost. If you would like the bulletin sent to you each week please email your request to stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au and you will be added to our regular mailout list.

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. **Online:** Tuesday 26 May, 10-11.30am via Teams.
Registration:www.trybooking.com/eventlist/toowoombasynodlisteningsessions

Who stole the door? You will notice that the middle door on the eastern side of the Cathedral has been boarded up. This is part of the ongoing restoration project. The main doors will be replaced with doors that reach to the centre of the arch above which until now have had glass paneling. This cost of this door is partly being funded by a Toowoomba Regional Council Heritage Incentive Grant. We thank them for this timely contribution.

Money Counters are needed to count one Sunday per month after 5.30pm Mass, it's not an onerous task. If you can help with this important ministry, 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 making them a place of reflection and peace. Please contact Christine on 0408 784 253.

THE MULTICULTURAL MASS COMMITTEE extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to join us this Pentecost Sunday, 24 May at 9am for our Multicultural Mass. ***"We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life…"*** Light refreshments will follow in the Conference Room after Mass. Please come along for fellowship and community. All are warmly welcome.

Cent Sale Saturday 30th May Peter Claver Sisters - St Patrick's Cathedral Centre Neil St. Entry fee is $10. Children 12 and under are free. Multi draw prizes include 2 hampers and meat trays. Doors open at 12pm. Afternoon tea is served at 1.30pm and calling will start at 2.00pm. All proceeds go to the Missions. The Sisters can be contacted on 07 46321818.

Vacancy St Anthony's Parish – Parish Secretary Part-Time (24 hours per week) For a copy of the Position Description or to submit an expression of interest, please contact: stanthonysparish@twb.catholic.org.au Applications close: 29 May 2026.

Sunday 24 May **PENTECOST SUNDAY** **[SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. in green]**	**MULTICULTURAL MASS** 11am Baptism Arthur Todd & Maggie Robyn Stewart 1pm Baptism Levi William & Gianna Mae Ghirardello 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 25 May **Our Lady Help of Christians**	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 26 May **St Philip Neri**	9am Mass SPC	Council of Priests Meeting in Chinchilla
Wednesday 27 May	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 28 May	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 10am Mass at Numylo 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 29 May	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 30 May	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 9.30-11am Steven Nisbet Organ Concert 12pm Baptism Ollie Robert Arthur
Sunday 31 May **The Most Holy Trinity**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am**	**9am Parish and St Saviour's Primary School Mass followed by morning tea.** 10.30am Baptism Lillian Grace Fahim 2-3pm One Equal Music Concert 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections
Collection for 17/5/26 – Loose $3176 Planned Giving $683 Donation Point $1940
Money Counters this weekend: Parish Office
Money Counters next weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros, Mick Cuskelly
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.