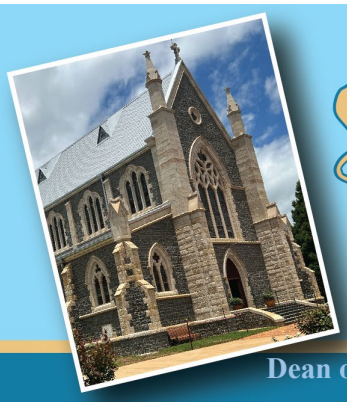

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 August 2026

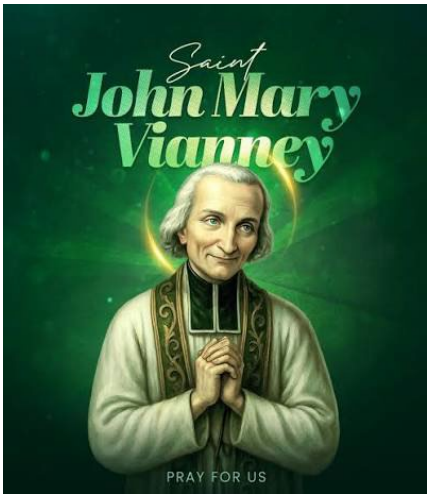
First reading: Isaiah 55:1-3 Hasten and eat
Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.
Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39 No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 They all ate and were satisfied.

National Vocations Awareness Week

This Sunday begins National Vocations Awareness Week. Appropriately, we also celebrate this week the feast days of both St Mary MacKillop and St John Vianney; a reminder for us of the wonderful vocations to religious life and the priesthood that have marked the life of our diocese and our own journeys of faith. In no less a way we also celebrate and remember the many men and women who have lived the vocation to marriage and fruitfully pass on our Catholic faith to each succeeding generation.

Part of being aware of the four vocations is an awareness of what draws men and women to respond to these unique calls in their life; for a vocation is a call from God to live a particular kind of life. What draws people to the priesthood, to religious life, and to marriage, is the deep aching of a heart which yearns for satisfaction and delight. God alone, as we know so well, is the perfect fulfilment of all our desires. No material thing can satisfy the human heart. No food, nor drink, nor intimate relationship, nor dream, nor activity, can fully satisfy the yearning of the heart for that which is infinite and eternal.

A vocation faithfully lived is the means by which God desires us to be satisfied. For through the sacrifice and constant giving-of-self that a vocation to service entails, we are led to that personal satisfaction which is but a shadow of the delight and perfection of the world to come. Only in heaven, through the gateway of death, will attain that for which our hearts long so earnestly: perfect happiness and contentment.



So, if you smell freshly baked bread, or taste a delightful chocolate cake, or enjoy an embrace, or gush with pride at a sporting win, or rest in the vibrant colours of sunset this week, spare a thought for the young men and women who are discerning their vocation in life – and pray for them. For as good as all these good things are, they will not last and they will not fully satisfy. Listening for and responding to God's call is the path to the satisfaction of desire. As the Lord says through Isaiah: "Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live."

May our all-loving and all-merciful God bless you this week.

Fr BJ

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Lynette Busiko, Fr Barry Grayson (BNE).

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

✞ **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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Sam Hannant, Principal of St Saviour's Primary School as recipient of the prestigious Catholic Education Week Award for "Excellence in School Leadership" *Well deserved*.

EDUCATING RITA
Educating Rita is one of Willy Russell's best known plays' drawing on every emotion to produce a profoundly moving, yet also **hilarious** play.

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 either to purchase your tickets.

The new **Play for Purpose** raffle has just opened with a very exciting **$350,000 First Prize Pack,** which includes: **Lexus RX 450h+** valued at **$138,087.76** - **$175,000 worth of Gold Bullion** - More than **$36,000 in shopping vouchers of your choice.** Tickets are just **$10** and funds raised support the restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral. **Purchase tickets here:** https://www.playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese

VIGIL FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION will be celebrated at St Patrick's on Friday, 14th August at 5.30pm. This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ken Howell. 7am Saturday morning will be as usual to celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation.

REMINDER – Please observe the one way direction through the Neil Street Cathedral entrance. This is for the safety of pedestrians so they can be sure vehicles are travelling in one direction and will not be unpredictably reversing. Parking is permitted **ONLY** in designated spaces. Note there are plenty of parks in the adjacent carpark of Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office, via Lawrence Street. Please **DO NOT** turn right when exiting onto James Street, not only is it dangerous but also illegal. *Thank you for your patience and care of those in our Cathedral Precinct.*

Sunday 2 August **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **[SPC - St Patrick's &** **STM - St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. in green]**	Vocations Awareness Week 11am Baptism Elspeth Sandy Wilkes 12pm Henry Thomas Frater 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 3 August **St Dominic**	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making Group in the Parish Centre 9.30am Mass at Brodribb
Tuesday 4 August **Saint John Vianney**	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 5 August	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM **Fr Peter Schultz**	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 6 August **The Transfiguration of the Lord**	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 7 August **St Ignatius of Loyola**	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM **Fr Mark Cosgrove**	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 8 August **St Mary of the Cross**	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation
Sunday 9 August **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am** **Fr John Ryan**	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections
Collection for 26/07/2026 – Loose $2662.95 Planned Giving $844 Donation Point $1890
Money Counters this weekend: Parish Office
Money Counters next weekend: Sam & Fina Ginardi, Pio Pedernal
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.