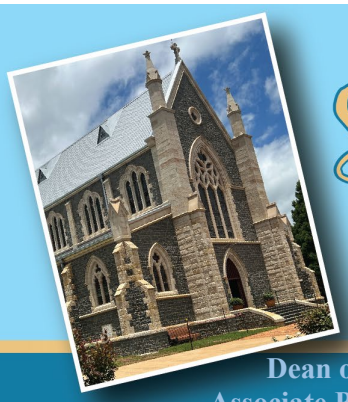

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter

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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 August 2026

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 The word of the Lord God has meant derision of me.
Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.
Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27 Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

The constellation we know as the Southern Cross has become a symbol of the ancient beauty, mystery, and providential path that is not merely the story of this land Australia, but also the story of the Blessed Virgin herself. For God (from time immemorial) chose Mary to be the Mother of His Son; highly favouring her, smiling upon her just as the Southern Cross smiles upon this great south land. The very shape of the constellation points us towards the central mystery of our salvation which is the cross of Jesus Christ, and no-one was more intimately bound up in this mystery than the Mother of our Lord.

So it is only right and just that this great natural sign should be linked with our Lady, and become the title under which she is venerated in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Just as the Southern Cross shines upon us each night, so too does our Mother lovingly gaze upon us and care for us. And this not because she is superior to God nor because she acts independently of Him, but because He has given her to us as our own mother and the preeminent model of discipleship. None can be closer to the Son than His mother, and none can be closer to the Mother of God than her Son. Our veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a small shadow of the veneration that Christ Himself has for the one who obeyed the Father's will, carried and cared for the Son of God, and who was united with Him in His sorrow and death.

As we unite in our veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is our Lady of the Southern Cross, let us remember the words of the Lord to us this Sunday: "'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life?"

Let us take up our cross with joy and know that our lives are saved by the One who hung upon a cross, and let us put aside everything that this perishing world has to offer and strive after that world which does not pass away.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, *pray for us*.

Blessings Fr BJ

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Margaret Sullivan (Roma), Tim Erbacher.

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

✞ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Noel Cook, Patti Twidale, Mary Neylon, 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.

OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS FEAST DAY will be celebrated on the 1st September at 10.00am in St Patrick's. Everyone is invited to come together to pray to our Diocesan patron on this day. Please note there will not be a 9.00am Mass that day. Bishop Ken will preside.

St Patrick's Floral Display 18th – 22nd September 2026 – HELP NEEDED

There are two sign-up sheets on the tables, one for helping during set up, pack up & welcome visitors to the Cathedral during the display. Any help is most welcomed. If you have any questions, please contact the office on 46 371 500.

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.

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 already received a number of requests from people wanting to become Catholic. The process of learning and praying will commence soon. If you believe the Spirit is calling you to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please contact the St Patrick's Parish on 4637 1500.

What is your St Patrick's Cathedral story? As part of the upcoming Cathedral Windows Appeal, we are seeking stories, memories and photographs that reflect the important role St Patrick's Cathedral has played in the lives of people across our Diocese. Whether it's a baptism, wedding, Christmas Mass, ordination, family celebration, or a special moment of prayer, we would love to hear your story. Please submit your memories and photographs by **Friday, 18 September** to **ekehoe-oshea@twb.catholic.org.au** to be featured throughout the October to December appeal. Help us celebrate the many connections our community shares with St Patrick's Cathedral.

Sunday 30 August **22nd Sunday in Ord. Time** **[SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. in green]**	**Social Justice Sunday** 11am Baptism Wilfred John Winter 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 31 August	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making Group in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 1 September	No 9am Mass SPC 10am for Feast Day. **Fr Mervyn Ziesing**	**10am Our Lady of the Southern Cross Feast Day Mass**
Wednesday 2 September	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM **Most Rev Edward Kelly DD**	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 3 September **St Gregory the Great**	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 5.30pm Liturgy Meeting – Parish Staffroom 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 4 September	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM **Fr Sydney Kattie**	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 5 September	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 10.30am Baptism Ezekiel Saunders 11.30am Baptism Fletcher Stanley Bradley
Sunday 6 September **23rd Sunday in Ord. Time**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am**	**Father's Day & Priest Retirement Appeal** 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections

Collection for 16/08/2026 – Loose $3269 Planned Giving $661 Donation Point $2050

Money Counters this weekend: Parish Staff

Money Counters next weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly – Jan-Nell & Errol Chase

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.