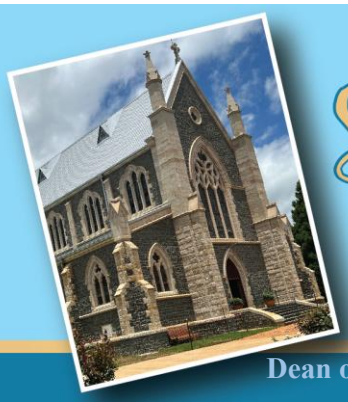

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter

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

The Most Holy Trinity 31 May 2026

First reading: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9 The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.
Responsorial Psalm: Glory, Glory, Glory and praise forever!
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!
Gospel: John 3:16-18 God sent his son to save the world through him.

SYNOD TOOWOOMBA DIOCESE 2026

The old joke quips that every preacher dreads Trinity Sunday; how to break open the Word in an intelligible way and expound this most important of dogmas?

But perhaps dread is precisely the most appropriate response. How else to approach this absolutely central and crucially important Christian belief if not with a certain amount of dread. Because a little bit of dread in the spiritual life is never a bad thing – otherwise we might delude ourselves into thinking that we'd figured it all out and that we know God inside, outside, upside down (as the saying goes).

If we ever begin to think that we know God so completely as to stop dreading Him (or, to put it better: to stop relating to Him as child to Father, creature to Creator, beneficiary to Benefactor) we would surely be tempted to consider ourselves God's equal and might even then stop being open to the "ever ancient, ever new" activity of God's Spirit within us.

Mercifully, our God is One who reveals Himself – the scriptures are testaments of this Divine revelation. And so, we know that God the Father revealed Himself fully, perfectly, and completely in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In this self-revelation of the living God to us – His beloved creation and adopted children – we are able to know and understand this God as Three-in-One. For that is Who God Is. On this great Feast of the Holy Trinity we call our minds back to what we believe to be true of God: that God the Father sent His only-begotten Son into the world that by the power of the Spirit (of the Son who proceeds from the Father) all creation would be restored to participation in the life of God.

How dreadful (how awesome!) this great mystery of our Faith.
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One!
Have mercy on us, and on the whole world.

Blessings
Rev Fr BJ L. Perrett

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

✞ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Patrick Amalemba, Sophia Gainey.

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

From the Dean….. After 27 years in ordained ministry, I have decided it is time for a break, so for the first time I have accessed my long service entitlement to take the coming 6 weeks in leave. You will be in the capable hands of Frs BJ, Salvador and Jim Cronin. Fr Dorfield will be acting Administrator in my absence. June marks 8 years since I joined you here at St Patrick's and I take this opportunity to thank you for your support, generosity and companionship as we journey together in this wonderful place. Thank you also to the two best schools in Toowoomba for your joyful encouragement. In the years to come, I look forward to further restoration work on the Cathedral and the celebration of 100 years of our Diocese in 2029. I will keep St Patrick's Parish in my prayers as I travel around Ireland for some of my leave and look forward to returning on the 10th July. ***Every blessing and with a sense of gratitude, Fr. Michael.***

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. The cost of this door is partly being funded by a Toowoomba Regional Council Heritage Incentive Grant. We thank them for this timely contribution.

Thank you to all those who assisted in counting the attendance over the last 4 weeks. This data, gathered nationally will assist in planning and assessing future trends throughout Australia.

Money Counters are needed to count one Sunday per month after 5.30pm Mass. 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 continue to make them a place of reflection and peace. Please contact Christine on 0408 784 253.

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.

Are you interested in learning more about being an RCIA guide? Brisbane's Adult Formation team are offering an opportunity to learn more about being part of an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) formation team. If you are interested there will be a session on Sunday, 21st June, 2pm – 4.30pm in the Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre, Charlotte Street, Brisbane. RSVP 15/6. Cost $5.00. Please register via **tinyurl.com/RCIAformday26**

Sunday 31 May **The Most Holy Trinity** **[SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. in green]**	**9am Parish and St Saviour's Primary School Mass followed by morning tea in the Conference Room.** 10.30am Baptism Lillian Grace Fahim 2-3pm One Equal Music Concert 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 1 June **St Jusitn**	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM **Fr Joseph McKey**	9.30am Rosary Making Group in the Parish Centre *Fr Michael begins 6 weeks long service leave [1/6 – 10/7]*
Tuesday 2 June	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 3 June **St Charles Lwanga & Companions**	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 4 June	7am Mass **Fr Kevin Noble**	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 5 June **St Boniface**	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 6 June	7am Mass 6pm Mass	**Queensland Day** 6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 10.30am Baptism Minji Isla Chang 11.30am Baptism Millie Jean Gaske
Sunday 7 June **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am**	11.30am Baptism Tobias Stephen & Primrose Jacqueline Elora 12.30pm Baptism Oliver Leo Brown 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections
Collection for 24/5/26 – Loose $3546 Planned Giving $746 Donation Point $1500
Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros, Mick Cuskelly
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.