



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

## 5 May 2024

**First reading:** Acts 10:25-26 The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10 God is love.

**Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 15:9-17 No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

### “As I (Jesus) Love You”

Everyone who is able to join in the celebration of Mass this weekend – all over the world – will hear some enormously comforting and challenging words out of the mouth of Jesus. He speaks clearly and boldly, and John, his favourite disciple, remembers the words as a central part of the conversation at the Last Supper, the night before Jesus died. They are, arguably, the very heart of Jesus’ message to us humans.

**As the Father loves Me, says Jesus, so do I love you.**

So, No 1 message, take that offer and promise on board! That’s a rock solid promise on which to base our lives. And that’s the foundation of our life long relationship with God.

**Remain in My love ... in the darkest times, the uncertain, scary times ... in every experience life in this world offers, remember that promise! Rejoice in being loved by Him.**

And, with that unshakeable foundation, be game enough, confident enough, generous enough to love other people that same way...

**What I (Jesus speaking) ask of you is to love one another as I love You!**

We Christians are the only world wide religious people who believe in a God who in the person of Jesus, became one of us, fully human, and sacrificed His own life rather than abandon any human being. It isn’t just any old love that Jesus offers and calls us to offer!

- ❖ It is NOT about a fleeting feeling a nice smile or gesture of kindness occasionally.
- ❖ Nor is it about warm fuzzy feelings towards everyone.
- ❖ Loving everyone, in the way Jesus loves, is always going to be about SACRIFICE.

Jesus did not give His life, dying for an institution or some ideology. He was ALWAYS prepared to sacrifice self in order to focus on the other person, the next person, the person He didn’t particularly like.. the person in front of Him now..

Loving, real loving, is demanding: way different from liking, feeling comfortable with, admiring, wanting to be with, just feeling sorry for, wanting to fix the problem....

Real loving is about taking this person who is in front of “me” now into my heart – giving all of myself attentively, gently, sincerely to him, her, them NOW – at whatever cost doing that may carry with it.

Thanks be to the Father, Jesus Son and Brother, and the Gentle Faithful Spirit that binds them together, for really LOVING each of us..... and wanting us to do likewise.

*Hal Ranger*



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Elsie Phillips, Carmel McLellan, Ted Cavanagh.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Fr John Isaac [1987], Fr Tom Isaac [1992], Padraig Gaffney, Fr John Concannon [1937], Fr Reginald Prior [1962], Fr William Murphy [1983], Fr Brian Moran [1997], Fr Vincent Maher [1979], Msgr Patrick McMorrow [1999].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community** - Frank Marino, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Rita Irwin, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Gabrielle Saide, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

**MAY EDITION OF CATHOLIC LEADER NOW AVAILABLE.** If you are able to contribute to the cost, please do. If not please take one home, as it is better read by you than left unread in the Cathedral!

*I invite you to keep in your prayers the priests of the Diocese as we gather with our Bishop in the coming fortnight. On the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May, Sr Monica Cavanaugh will facilitate the exploration of the priorities and key areas for discussion in relation to the clergy in our Diocese. Bishop Ken is keen to deepen his understanding of the Diocese and listen to the needs of the different places within our vast territory. Discussion will follow the Synodality model which insists on hearing everyone's voice. After this time together as a presbyterate there may be further opportunity to look towards a more inclusive gathering of parishioners to gain a broader understanding of the Diocese. The Plenary Council has recommended there be regular synods in every diocese to form a vision and direction on a Diocesan level. Please keep Bishop Ken and the priests of the Diocese in your prayers. Fr. Michael.*

**SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE "The 39 Steps"**

Wednesday 8 May 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$25.00 includes wine on arrival, supper at interval, 5 x raffle tickets. Tickets available at SPRED office, Cnr Hume & Jellico St 9am – 3.30pm Mon – Thurs.  
Ph:4632 8427 / [spred@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:spred@twb.catholic.org.au)

The **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are holding a Mother's Day Cent Sale in The Cathedral Centre, Saturday May 11, doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Afternoon tea will be served, cost is \$10 which includes 2 free sheets of tickets. Children aged 12 and under are free. There are many excellent prizes and the multidraw includes a meat tray, fruit and vegetable trays, a flower arrangement and much more. All proceeds go to the Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 07 46321818.

**2 New TAP 'N PAY** have been placed in St Patrick's, with the new feature that will allow for the selection of a number of different amounts. You may have to tap the screen first to "wake it up" before you choose the amount you wish to donate. *Thank you to all who give generously to assist St Pat's.*

Upcoming save the dates for St Saviour's College, Toowoomba. **YEAR 7 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS** Expressions of Interest close Friday, 3 May 2024. **PRINCIPAL'S TOUR** Wednesday, 8 May 2024. **MERCY GIRL FOR A MORNING** Friday, 24 May 2024 – 8.30am to 11.00am. Register for any of these events online: [www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au)

<b>Sunday 5 May</b> [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism of Ollie Scott Alcock 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 6 May</b> <b>Labour day Holiday</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	
<b>Tuesday 7 May</b>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm SPC Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	7am Mass SPC	Baptism of Linny Rose Saad 4pm or 5pm - Confirmation PRACTICE in St Pat's 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 9 May</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 10am Mass at Numylo 6pm SPC Parish Council Meeting in Presbytery
<b>Friday 10 May</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 11 May</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism of Elizabeth Joyce Pierce and William Mark Pierce 12pm Baptism of Cecelia Una-Claire Bonell
<b>Sunday 12 May</b> <b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2022 Planned Giving \$734 Donation Point \$690 Money Counters this weekend: Pat Power with Leo and Maureen McMahon.  
Money Counters next weekend: Sam and Fina Ginardi with Wendy Heelan.

**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.