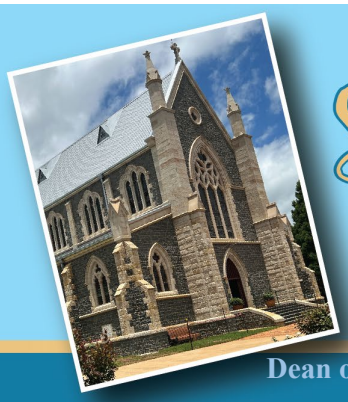

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 7 June 2026

First reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 He gave you food which you and you ancestors did not know.
Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem; Come praise the lord.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.
Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord: whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!
Gospel: John 6:51-58 My flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink.

On this glorious feast of Corpus Christi we are refreshed in our desire for the self-gift our Saviour makes for us in the holy Eucharist. But just as much as our love is refreshed, our knowledge of this Sacrament and our fully conscious participation in it must also be refreshed. In that vein, let's together refresh our understanding of the proper ways in which to receive Holy Communion by hearing anew what the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference says to us:

The approved "common posture" for receiving Holy Communion is standing, though the faithful may also choose to kneel. Before receiving Holy Communion (both the Body and the Blood of the Lord) the communicant should make a suitable sign of reverence.

The Body of the Lord can be received in one of two ways: either on the hand, or on the tongue. The faithful are free to receive on the tongue, and they are free to receive in the hand. If you are receiving Communion in the hand, try to ensure that your hands are clean and uncovered (not carrying keys or purses, nor wearing gloves, nor with ink or dirt stains). Please have your right hand slightly cupped and your left hand under your right. When the Host is placed in your hand, take it to your mouth with your left hand. Left-handers can do the same, but in the opposite.

Please try not grab the Host from the minister, move your hands around, have your hands separated, nor have your hands on an uneven angle. This might make it hard for the minister and may make it hard for you to receive Communion.

If you are receiving Communion on the tongue, try to ensure that you open your mouth wide, tip your head slightly back, and extend your tongue out of your mouth. As far as possible try to keep still and, for the comfort of all, probably close your eyes also.

Please try not to move your head around, or just extend your tongue only slightly, or open your mouth only slightly. The ministers know what they are doing, so thank you for your patience in waiting for the minister to place the Host on your tongue.

Together let us continue worship the Lord in spirit and in truth, as together we let the Love we receive in the Eucharistic celebration penetrate our hearts and minds an overflow into the world around us.

Every blessing this week, Fr. BJ

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Terry Conway, Kenneth Lucas, Fr Frank Coorey [Sydney].

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

✞ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Kate Gibbs, Helen Hoddle, Katherine Manktelow, Therese Odri, 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.***

Apostolic Nuncio visit to the Cathedral - Sunday 14 June at 9.00am Mass Bishop Ken Howell will welcome Pope Leo XIV's representative in Australia, His Excellency Most Reverend Charles Balvo. The Archbishop is visiting Toowoomba prior to the completion of his term as Apostolic Nuncio to Australia at the end of June. All are welcome. There will be morning tea after Mass.

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.
Registration:www.trybooking.com/eventlist/toowoombasynodlisteningsessions

Planned Giving envelopes are ready to collect from the table near the entrance, please note that if your number was between 61 and 70 you will have a new number. This has been done to reduce costs.

Money Counters are needed to count one Sunday per month after 5.30pm Mass. If you can help, 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.

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 7 June **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ** **[SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. in green]**	11.00am Baptism Tobias Stephen & Primrose Jacqueline Elora 12.00pm Baptism Oliver Leo Brown 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 8 June	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making Group in the Parish Centre *Fr Michael long service leave [1/6 – 10/7]*
Tuesday 9 June	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 10 June	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM **Fr Charles Casey** **Fr Pat Hall**	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 11 June **St Barnabas**	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 12 June **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 2pm Wedding Massimo Lamari & Cristina Cabarcas 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 13 June	7am Mass 6pm Mass **Fr Thomas Sweeney**	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 11.30am Baptism Myles Tatum Mathews
Sunday 14 June **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am**	9am Apostolic Nuncio visit to the Cathedral 12pm Baptism Declan Terence Foot 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections
Collection for 31/5/26 – Loose $2911 Planned Giving $1058 Donation Point $1620
Money Counters this weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase
Money Counters next weekend: Parish Office Staff
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.