



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C] Sunday 6 February, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 Here am I! Send me.

Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 They left everything and followed him.

Prayer through weakness

"Let's get to the bottom of this," says Christopher Robin. Eeyore replied: "I'm already at the bottom."

Faced with the insurmountable problem of life, we feel that we are little or nothing; we look at examples of Christian life around us and sigh in defeat with the impression that such a life could never be ours; we want to want, but cannot achieve it. There is a natural inclination to feel unworthy for and incapable of the task posed by Christian life. It takes very little to slip from there into doubt that the Lord could possibly be calling us.

The readings today are a very strong rejection of such a line of thought. Characters presented in each of the readings felt this distress, felt ill-equipped, and wanted to throw in the towel. Isaiah says: "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost;" Paul says: "I am the least of the apostles;" and Peter says: "Leave me ... I am a sinful man." So, when we face the struggle of life, we are in fellow company among the saints.

A very important detail of these scriptures, however, is that these characters spoke to God in their distress. They did not cower or turn in on themselves; neither did they run away; neither did they ignore these inclinations. No, their acclamations – "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost," "I am the least of the apostles," and "I am a sinful man" – were all honest prayers to God in their doubt and defeatedness.

It is delusion to think that calmer and better times will come. Rather, next time you're feeling wretched, lost, down in the dumps, unworthy, ineffective in mission, or even not such a 'good' Catholic, you might just be closer than ever to the mystery of God. Though it can feel counterintuitive to pray in those times, I encourage you to turn to our heavenly Father, go out on a limb, cast out into the deep of your distress, and present this in prayer.

We have really been taught to pray today. These are all prayers that we can add to our repertoire: "What a wretched state I am in," "I am lost," "I am the least of the evangelisers," and "I am a sinful person." These are all prayers that we can make as we cast out into the deep this week.

Blessings to you and yours,

Nathan P. Webb

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Bill Sykes, Kevin Lawless, Frank Musudi and those who have died with Covid-19. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Beryl Cordner, Jacqueline Hoddle, Rev Fr Raymond White [2000], Most Rev James Byrne DD [1938].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Fr Raymond Sweeney, Angelina Santa Lucia, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering with Covid-19.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

St Pat's 2022 Sacramental Program is due to start in Term 1. If you would like an information package please contact the Parish Office; admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

Unit for Rent: We have a one bedroom unit available for rent, which would suit an actively independent person. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in to the Parish Office or emailed to celia@stpats.org.au The current rent is \$325.00 per fortnight.

The **Presbytery** is nearing completion and we intend to move in during the first full week of February. As it is Diocesan finances that are being spent we wish to be a little accountable, so invite you to view the renovations after the 6pm, 7am and 9am Masses over the 5th/6th Feb weekend. There is only one stipulation – **NO SHOES!** Looking forward to showing you the new improved St Patrick's Presbytery! God Bless.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER February edition is now available. Articles include Praying for Ukraine, Brisbane's new Auxiliary Bishop, obituaries for Archbishop desmond Tutu and Sidney Poiter plus many more articles of interest. Please take a copy even if you have not got the money with you today, or place \$4 in the collection box. Thank you for your support.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS: Synod of Bishops responses due 27th February: Since October, the Church of this Diocese and throughout the world have been preparing in a special way for the *XVIth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops*. Individuals in each parish – that's you and me – are encouraged to contribute responses, following a list of prompts on the themes of Communion, Participation, and Mission. These can be submitted to the parish or through the national Synod Website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>.



Resources are also available at the Vatican Synod website: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>. Thank you to those who have already offered a submission. If you have any questions regarding the Synod consultation, or if you need support you as we walk together this Synodal journey, Rev. Nathan Webb has been appointed the diocesan contact and can be reaching by ringing or emailing the Cathedral office (4637 1504; admin@stpats.org.au).

Sunday 06 Feb	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 07 Feb	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 08 Feb	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7pm Choir Practice
Wed 09 Feb	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 10 Feb <i>Saint Scholastica</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am ADORATION Liturgy Meeting 5.30pm Parish Office
Friday 11 Feb	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 12 Feb <i>Saint Agatha</i>	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am
Sunday 15 Feb	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.
Planned Giving: \$538 Loose: \$812 PayPoint: \$490. Jim Harris, Kevin and Judy Lindores.

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. Thank you