

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

10 May 2026

First reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

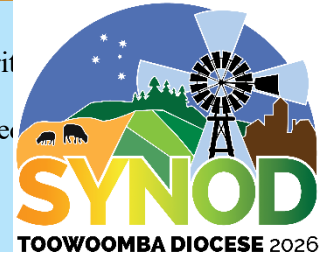
Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18 In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised

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 14:15-21 I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.



Young Hearts at the Altar Guided by the Holy Spirit

Every weekend at St Patrick's Cathedral and St Thomas More Parish, you will see a beautiful sight: a wonderful group of children wearing white robes, walking quietly and prayerfully to the altar with smiles, reverence, and joyful hearts. For nearly two years now, these young altar ministers have faithfully served our parish community, giving their time and energy to God in a very special way.

On **Sunday, 17th May at the 9:00 am Mass**, we will celebrate the **Renewal Ceremony of our Altar Ministers**. This is a happy and meaningful moment for our children as they renew their commitment to serve at the altar. It is inspiring to see young boys and girls willingly saying "yes" again to God and to the Church.

In the Gospel of John 14:15–21, Jesus promises His disciples that He will not leave them alone. He sends the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to guide and stay with them always. We see this promise alive in our altar ministers. Through their simple acts of service, their prayers, and their willingness to help at Mass, the Holy Spirit is quietly working in their hearts, teaching them kindness, responsibility, faith, and love.

Being an altar minister is not only about serving during Mass. It is also about friendship, laughter, and growing together. Over the past two years, our children have shared many happy memories through sports and games, fellowship gatherings, pilgrimages to churches, and visits to Marian Valley. These moments have helped them build friendships and feel that the Church is truly their home and family.

We also give special thanks to the parents who continue to support this ministry so generously. Thank you for bringing your children, encouraging them, and helping them grow in faith. Your support makes a big difference. We are also grateful to Fr BJ, Fr Michael O'Brien, Dean of the Cathedral, and Bishop Ken Howell for their constant encouragement and care for our young ministers.

As we celebrate this renewal, we warmly invite more boys and girls to join us. If your child would like to serve, make friends, grow in confidence, and become closer to God, altar ministry is a beautiful place to begin.

Please email me at bredondo@twb.catholic.org.au

Come and join us on 17th May at 9:00 am and witness how the Holy Spirit continues to guide these young hearts at the altar.



By Fr Fhear Brian Redondo

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Allan Doxey, Darcy Stewart, Cynthia Muhatia.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Pat & Peg O'Brien.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Katherine Manktelow, Therese Odri, Lynne Anderson, David Cattel, Austin Amalemba, Janet Brady, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Claire Seymour. *This list has been reviewed after 12 months. if you would like a loved one placed on the list please contact the office.*



Big Band on the Green - Jim Miller Big Band 17th May 2-4pm

Pack your picnic, settle in, and enjoy crowd-pleasing classics as we come together to **raise funds to preserve and restore St Patrick's Cathedral.**

Tickets also available from the Parish Office. **\$25/Person**



The Synod Listening Sessions are an integral part of the Synod process. These sessions enable us to gather as a diocese, share our joys and sorrows, pray together, and discern where the Holy Spirit is encouraging us to take action for our future. This is an opportunity for each person in the diocese to contribute to our Synod, with the information gathered at these sessions being directly fed back to the Bishop for his discernment and deliberation for the Synod assembly which will be held 23-24 Oct 2026.

QR code:



Listening Sessions: Please register via QR, Website below or our office.

Saturday 16 May, 9.30-11.30am at Edmund Rice Cultural Centre, St Mary's College Toowoomba.

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

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Sunday 10 May 6th Sunday of Easter [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am [Priest ann. in green] Mother's Day	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11.00am Baptisms of Lachlan Edward Geroge and Matilda Rose Schneider 12.00pm Baptism Oscar Scott Mills
Monday 11 May	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group in the Parish Centre 9.30am Mass Brodribb
Tuesday 12 May	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 13 May	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 14 May St Mathias	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 9am Catherine McAuley Mass St Saviours College 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 15 May	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM Fr Garrett Murphy Fr Michael Herbert	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 16 May	7am Mass 6pm Mass Msgr Rev Thomas Nolan	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 9.45am Baptism Bjorn Donald Gregory Warry 11.30am Baptism Oliver Leo Brown
Sunday 17 May The Ascension of the Lord	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am Msgr Rev Edward Concannon	9am Mass for Renewal of Alter Servers 11am Baptism Jamie Amari Yco 2-4pm Big Band on the Green 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections

3/5/26 – Loose \$3235 Planned Giving \$919 Donation Point \$1490

Money Counters this weekend: Parish Staff

Money Counters next weekend: Sam & Fina Ginardi – 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.