

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 November 2024

**First reading:** Kings 17:10-16 The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah

**Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28 Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44 This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

**"Knights of the Altar"** I grew up in a parish where heaps of young boys and girls serve at the altar during Mass. Because of the number of applicants who aspire to join the altar servers, it often takes time and training before they're officially accepted.

The knights of the altar servers encourage the young ones to appreciate the church and hopefully, the liturgy, teaching them about faith, teamwork, and commitment to Christ. The humble beginning of the knight's altar servers traces back to **St. John Bosco**, who believed deeply in involving young people in the life of the Church and fostering their faith through active service.

Altar servers make the life of our cathedral alive. When children serve, they remind the entire community of the joy, simplicity, and purity that Jesus calls each of us to bring. Some saints also began their journey as altar servers St. John Paul II and St. Dominic Savio.

Pope St. John Paul II addressed altar servers with these powerful words:

*"The altar server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration. He who serves at Mass presents himself to a community. He experiences firsthand that Jesus Christ is present and active in every liturgical act. Jesus is present when the community comes together to pray and render praise to God. Jesus is present in the Word of sacred Scripture. Jesus is present above all in the Eucharist under the signs of bread and wine. He acts through the priest who, in the person of Christ, celebrates the holy Mass and administers the sacraments.*

*"Therefore, in the liturgy, you are much more than simple 'helpers of the parish priest.' Above all, you are servers of Jesus Christ, of the eternal High Priest. Thus, you, altar servers, are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus. Be determined to go deeper and to cultivate this friendship with him. You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life."*

The Gospel passage, from **Mark 12: 38-44** tells the story of Jesus recognising the act of the widow who gave two small coins as her offering, a gesture that held great meaning as it was all she could give from her heart and soul. Similarly to this moving tale of generosity and devotion to God's work is the role of altar servers in our church communities today. Their demonstration of humility and dedication in their service as knights" serves as a lesson in genuine discipleship for all of us to reflect upon and learn from deeply. In the spirit, their devotion at the altar shows us the way to present ourselves to Jesus with sincerity and humility, understanding that every simple act of love we offer is invaluable in the eyes of God.

Please let us join the **commissioning of the knights of the altar servers** this coming **24th November, 9 am** mass and appreciate the contribution of the young ones in our parish.

Fr Fhear Brian Redondo




✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Paul O'Leary, Mary Murphy.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Dianne Frelek, Ronald Skuthorpe.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Win Southern, Claire Seymour, John Evers, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibran Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

**PRAY AND PAINT** places still available! This is a unique opportunity to further your spiritual journey in a meditative way – uniting visual art with a reflective heart. There is no need to have any art experience! 2 talented artists will assist in the painting and drawing stage. Sr Di and Meryl Tracey will assist in the inner journey that will lead you to feel confident to express your interpretation in the art medium. All you will need to bring is a picture/photo taken from the internet or a book/bible to help guide your reflective process. Please use this QR code to register or call into the office. The cost is \$25 and the dates are 23/11 and/or 7/12. More information is available on the tables. Blessings.



**A Mass of Remembrance** will be held on the 23 November 9.30am at the Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery Chapel.

**Commissioning of the Knights of the Altar** (Altar Servers – 1<sup>st</sup> group) during 9am Mass Sunday 24 November.

**2025 Columban Art Calendar: \$10** - available for purchase from the Parish Office Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm, Friday 9am-3pm. **Australian Catholic Magazine:** Please feel free to take a copy home to read.

**Advent Reflection Books** are now available from the information table. Please take one to help with your journey to Christmas. If you are able, feel free to make a donation in the collection box to help cover the cost. Thank you.

The **Sacramental program for 2025** will begin with a parent information evening on 12 February. If your child/ren are interested in enrolling for Reconciliation, Confirmation and/or Eucharist in the coming year, please email St Patrick's office for an information letter or call in to collect a copy. Enrollments close on 20 December 2024.



**SVDP:** will not be collecting produce for hampers this year, due to the fact many have differing needs. Instead we are requesting donations of supermarket gift cards or cash donations which will be given to those in need. Donations of cash/cards are to be placed in an envelope marked **VINNIES**. Please leave these in the collection plate or box or alternatively St Pat's office. Donations will continue until 15/12/2024. Thank you for your generosity.

**Our annual Anointing Mass with lunch** will be held in the Cathedral Centre at 11.00am on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Please pass this invitation onto anyone who you feel would like to attend. For catering purposes please let the office know on 4637 1500 or [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) before Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**HOLY SOULS MONTH**, as you are aware during the month of November and it provides an opportunity for us to remember our loved ones who have passed from this world to the next. As we did last year we invite you to bring a photo to place on our memory banner. If you don't have a photo a remembrance book will be below the banner. Please feel free to bring any photo into the parish office to make a copy of and then take a quiet moment to place the photo onto the banner. *May they rest in peace.*

If you **volunteer** for any role within the parish of St Patrick's you are invited to a thank you BBQ in the grounds on **10 December** from 6pm. Please bring a chair or picnic blanket to sit on. Wet weather venue will be the Cathedral Centre. For catering please RSVP to [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500.

<b>Sunday 10 November</b> <b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism Victoria Joy Roberts 12pm Baptism Elle Patricia Parr 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 11 November</b> <b>St Martin of Tours</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Beads making in Parish Conference Room
<b>Tuesday 12 November</b> <b>St Josaphat</b>	9am Mass SPC <b>Fr Cornelius Cahalane</b>	Meeting of Clergy of the Toowoomba Diocese to reflect and explore a vision for the future years
<b>Wednesday 13 November</b>	7am Mass SPC <b>Fr Charles Daly</b>	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 14 November</b>	7am Mass SPC	10.00am Mass at Numylo <b>Due to external works on the Cathedral, Adoration will be suspended until Advent – Thurs, 5/12.</b>
<b>Friday 15 November</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in Parish Conf. Room – all welcome 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 16 November</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism Adeline Grace Thurgood
<b>Sunday 17 November</b> <b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b> <b>Deacon Leo Hayes</b> <b>Fr Francis Leonard</b>	10am TCSO hosts morning tea in Cathedral grounds 1pm-4pm Altar Service practice 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$3084 Planned Giving \$942 Donation Point \$1060

Money Counters this weekend: Kevin and Judy Lindores, Jim Harris

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**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.