



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 September 2023

**First reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9 If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to my voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-10 Love is the fulfilment of the law.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia!** God was in Christ, to reconcile the world;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20 If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won them back.

### MERCY – Receiving and Giving

The scripture Readings offered to those who gather for prayer and worship in the Christian Tradition these next weekends in September, include three passages from Matthew's Gospel.

They carry a special edge for us because Matthew's own story is very much included and reflected in the receiving and giving, the binding and loosening of the shackles of guilt and fear and shame that are running through the experiences and teaching described. Matthew was a public servant – a Jew who chose to work for the Roman occupying forces; that's his first 'sin'. Matthew holds a license to collect taxes for the enemy from his own people. Probably he has some freedom to add a commission on top of the basic tax and makes use of the 'privilege'. All in all Matthew is not the most popular man in Galilee! He's a traitor and quite probably feathering his own nest!

Let's have a look at what Jesus brings to the conversations and experiences referred to by Matthew.

**A** The early Christian communities attached much importance to the community of believers. Every individual had their own life to live surely, but it was their shared experiences of listening and discerning, the readiness to forgive one another and to seek that forgiveness from one another, their honesty and admission of guilt, their offering of mercy, encouragement and sustained membership in the community that sustained them. We have individualised the important processes of reconciliation with God and with our sisters and brothers to our great loss I think.

**B** To survive, probably, the Church as a society of people has to exist alongside 'other societies' – but we must always endeavour to live and act in Jesus' way – which will often be regarded as foolish. But I think it is TRUE that the number of people who have turned away from God because they found the Church too forgiving is not large. But many have abandoned God and Church because they found Christian people, as individuals and as a community, unforgiving!

**C** Is there a limit to forgiving?

Jesus clearly rejects Simon-Peter's attempt to draw the line .... maybe SEVEN times??? Jesus responds – 'Peter, there is no end to the willingness of God to forgive... the LOVE God offers and calls us to offer is without limit. There is no keeping of scores and records. Love and mercy have no bounds! WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE and FORGIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS GOD LOVES and FORGIVES.

Fr Hal Ranger

*"The Church is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ. From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people approach it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends".*

Pope Francis



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Max Elmes.  
 ✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Elizabeth Collins, Elaine Mahon, Lena Coelho, Anthony Hoddle, Fr Myles Patrick Smith [2011], Most Rev William Brennan [1975], Fr Lino Valente [2021] and Fr Francis Burke [2001].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Josephine Tuite, Mary Vandersee, Freddy Nield, Bev Smith, Christopher Blackford, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Greta Berge, Christine [Faus] Barron, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Kate Gibbs, Tina Hobson, Braxton Rayner, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Kathy Allan, Andrew Supple, Hannah Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Mary-Ann Hine, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday**, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

**Understanding the Voice:** you are welcome to respectful and open conversation on the Voice on any of the Wednesday evenings between now and the Referendum on Saturday 14 October. These Voice conversations will be held in St Pat's Parish Conference Room between 6pm and 8pm on each Wednesday evening, beginning on Wednesday 06 September. Fr Peter Dorfield and Mr Phil Armit will host each occasion.

**SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE- "William Shakespeare - Complete Works"** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$25.00 includes wine, supper and 5x raffle tickets. Tickets available 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 September Edition of the Catholic Leader** is available on the entrance table, please take a copy even though you may have no money with you today!

**Carnival of Flowers** display in St Patrick's Cathedral will be open from Friday 15-Monday 18 September 9am-5pm. Gold coin donation is appreciated. Come along and see how **"We are the Seeds of Hope"**.

**ST PAT'S BINGO - A ROYAL WEEKEND OF BINGO, KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND.** Friday 29 September - normal eyes down 7.15pm. Saturday 30 September - \$20 000 Bingo Royale. **Sunday 1 October - no Bingo.** Monday 2 October - special Monday Bingo, eyes downs 4.30pm.

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** are still being sought. You will find the forms for nomination on the information table. Please give some time and discernment regarding who you would like to represent you on the Parish Council to continue to strengthen the mission in the life of St Patrick's Parish Community.



By using this QR code, or calling St Patrick's office you can secure your ticket for an afternoon of entertainment and fun in enjoyable social company! We invite you come along to the Cathedral Centre and have a fun Derby Day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, from 2.00pm. Cost only \$25. Come along for the whole time, or partly on your way to 6pm Mass.  
**Be a winner, come to the race day!!!!**

<b>Sunday 10 September</b> [SPC - St Patrick's] [STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 11 September</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	9.30am Rosary bead making in Cathedral Conference Room
<b>Tuesday 12 September</b>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir practice
<b>Wednesday 13 September</b> <b>St John Chrysostom</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm Understanding the Voice - St Pat's Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 14 September</b> <b>The Exultation of the Cross</b>	7am Mass SPC	9.00am St Saviours Primary School Mass - <b>All Welcome!</b> 7.30am - 8.30am Adoration at SPC
<b>Friday 15 September</b> <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Carnival of Flowers Display opens 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 16 September</b> <b>St Cornelius</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am - 9am Reconciliation
<b>Sunday 17 September</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$1823 Planned Giving \$869 Donation Point \$830 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.