

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Third Sunday of Lent

12 March 2023

First reading: Exodus 17:3-7 Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4:5-42 The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

"Before the Coffee Gets Cold" by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

"These are the rules for time travel," Kazu said, "You can only encounter people who have been in this café, you must not leave your chair, and you must finish before the coffee gets cold, and one more important thing, there is nothing you can say or do in the past, that will change the present". It was a strange café, called, "Funiculi Funicula". It was famous once for it's special gift of time travel, but that was a long time ago and people didn't like the rules. Once a lady visited who would sit with her husband and talk. Slowly her husband developed dementia and would not have a memory of Kohtake, his wife. For a long time, Fusagi would come holding onto a envelope with his wife's name on it, but would not hand it over to her, as he did not remember who she was. Kohtake decided to go back in time to the moment Fusagi first held the envelope. A time before he began to forget. Knowing the rules, and accepting that whatever was in that envelope it would not change the present situation she found herself in, she sat in the required seat and received her coffee and found herself in the past.

When Fusagi finally handed her the envelope, she opened it and read the contents. Fusagi said he knew that he was developing dementia, and he knows how much Kohtake loves him and how much he loves her. "You are a nurse, and I know you are aware of what will happen to me. When I no longer know who you are, I want you to leave me. Do not care for me out of pity, but live your own life and just remember our love." Her time came to an end as the tears flowed and she drank the coffee before it got cold and returned to the present.

The next day, Fusagi comes to the café as usual, sits in his usual spot and begins to flip through the travel magazines that he always brings. Kohtake approaches the table and her husband claims not to know her and tells her to find another table. She answers by saying, "Oh, I thought I might make a new friend, as I'm new around here. Would you mind if I sat with you and had a chat for awhile, maybe we have some things in common?" So she sits and shares the common life that they previously shared, but now as strangers making links of, surprisingly similar life stories.

Later in the book we discover the moral of the four stories that are experienced. "The present doesn't change – nothing about Fusagi changed, but Kohtake came to enjoy her new conversations with him. Kohtake returned to the present that was still the same, but she discovered that it was her heart that had changed."

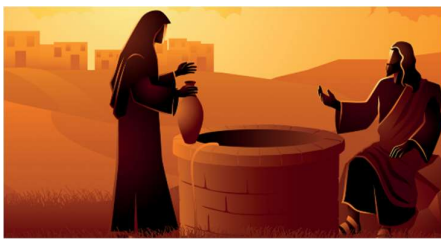
The Samaritan woman lived with the shame of her past. We find her at the well in the hottest time of the day – not with the other women at a cooler time – either by choice or by design. She was living a past she can not change and a present that causes her pain and isolation.

Yet Jesus opens her heart to see things differently – that the living water is for all, wherever they find themselves in their journey of life. It brings new hope for a new life.

For the Samaritan woman the present has not changed, people will still treat her the same, but her heart has changed. She sees life differently and believes more deeply in a loving and forgiving God that will never abandon her.

Can we dare to hope God may change our hearts this Lent, even though our present stays the same?

Have a week filled with hope, Fr. Michael



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Jon Pearson, Jennifer McCarthy, 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:** Anthony Thanabal, Fr Kevin Ryan [2011], Fr Bernard Kane [2011] and Fr Derick Furness [2013].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Bernadette Farrell, Greg Coddington, Gloria Hayes, Gayle Christoffel, Stanley Poon, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, 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, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

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

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS: There will be the opportunity to be part of a Lenten Reflection Group each Tuesday during Lent following 9.00am Mass. If you would like to be part of this group, simply remain after Mass and join with Gabrielle who is coordinating the sessions.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to assist at St Pat's. If you are still willing to volunteer, you will find the sheets on the table.

PALM SUNDAY – If you, or your neighbour, or friend are willing to allow us to cut some palms from your large palm trees could you please let us know. Usually we get them from the Bishop's backyard, but the supply is pretty low. So please call the office with details if you are able to help – 4637 1500 or email admin@stpats.org.au Thanks!

Fundraiser for Türkiye/Syria. St Thomas More's Sewing Group will have a sewing and craft stall at the Neil St entrance of the Cathedral, at Masses this weekend. All funds will go towards victims of the earthquake. We will have lots of great gift and household items, including some wonderful gifts for Mothers Day. Cash or cards welcome.

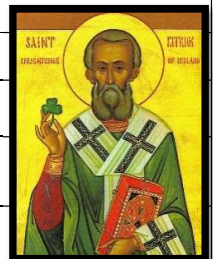
Holy Name Church – A part time Parish Secretary position exists at Holy name Church. Enquiries and for a position description please email holynameparishtmba@bigpond.com

Thank you to all those who took the time to attend the recent World Day of Prayer service, especially those who volunteered to assist Gabrielle in preparation and presentation. Much appreciated.

SOME DATES TO NOTE:

- St Patrick's Cathedral **Anointing Mass** will be combined with St Thomas More's on Friday, 17th March at 9.30am, at St Thomas More's.
- **2ND Rite of Reconciliation** – St Thomas More's on 22/03 at 9.00am and St. Patrick's Cathedral on 22/03 at 5.30pm.
- Ecumenical **Blessings of Palms** at St Patrick's Cathedral, on 02/04 at 8.15am followed by 9am Mass
- **Chrism Mass** on Monday, 03/04 at 5.30pm at St Patrick's.

Sunday 12 March [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	12pm Baptism of Isabella Grace Case 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 13 March	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Centre
Tuesday 14 March	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice 6pm SVdP Meeting in Parish Centre
Wednesday 15 March	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 16 March	7am Mass SPC	Adoration SPC 7.30am – 8.30am 5.30pm SPC Liturgy Committee Meeting
Friday 17 March St Patrick	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	9.30am Anointing Mass STM 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 18 March	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation
Sunday 19 March	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. 9am Live Streaming	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre



Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$1700 Loose \$1974 Donation Point \$660 Money Counters this weekend: Wendy Heelan with Sam and Fina Ginardi.

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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. Thank you.