



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 IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C]

Sunday 13 February, 2022

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8 A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26 Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Shuggie Bain, lives in a bedsit in Glasgow with his mother, Agnes and brother Leek and sister Catherine. In the early eighties with the collapse of the mining and high unemployment, Agnes leaves with her children and Shug, her man, to begin a new life. Shortly after Shug leaves her she sinks back into her alcoholism. She tries to fight the demons in her life but fails. Halfway through the book she gives away the alcohol and things start to look more positive for them all. Catherine has already married and left to begin a new life in South Africa because she could no longer stay with her mother and her struggles. Leek leaves when Agnes returns again to alcoholism and Leek cannot face it any longer. Shuggie remains to try to find a way out of the spiraling hold that drinking has on his mother. He simply wants to love her and to find the person that loves him back. He dreams of being a hairdresser but lacks the self-esteem to achieve his dream.

You know by three quarters of the book that it is not going to have a happy ending. It makes you want them to find happiness and to achieve their goals in life. Yet deep down you just know it's not going to end that way. I have 30 pages left to read, I feel like I have been putting off finding out what happens. But you know it's not going to be the brightest ending. The book was written by Douglas Stuart and it is noted as being semiautobiographic in nature. Whilst it is not his life story, he experienced many of these similar struggles having grown up in the tough mining male dominant Glasgow of the eighties, homosexual, not welcomed, with an alcoholic mother, seen as a little odd and he wanted to be a hairdresser. In a lot of ways he is Shuggie. It is not a light read – it is gritty, realistic and challenging – at times sad and other times filled with hope and love.

When I read today's gospel I was thinking about the people hearing Jesus for the first time. People who probably thought that having lived three quarters of their short life, they were pretty sure they knew how it was going to end – much the way it always was – oppressed, poor, unwanted, outcasts and so on. Then along comes this Jesus guy who suddenly opens their eyes to give them some hope. *Jesus invites them to see that whatever is happening in their lives it is not the end. You will be part of God's Kingdom, you will laugh, you will not hunger, and God is with you in those difficult times where people persecute you – God has not abandoned you!! So open your eyes and see anew a God who gives you HOPE.*

How does God bring you the gift of hope? Who carries the flame of hope for you? Where to you experience a God who will never abandon you?

Have a blessed week, Fr. Michael

For those with a gardening flair, you will notice the new trees at the front of the Cathedral and those in the grounds. The two directly in front of the Cathedral are Crimson Spires, the two either side are Capitol Pear. The new trees in the grassed areas, clockwise from the corner on Neil and James are Jacaranda, Prunus, Crepe Myrtle, existing Callistemon, Crepe Myrtle, Cape Chestnut and finally the existing Melaleuca tree. Thank you to the Grounds Committee for their work to this point, and especially Michael Geraghty of Ravensbourne Trees.

Our next endeavor, as previously explained is an arbor for use for morning teas etc.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Cecil O'Brien, Vince Shine 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:** Pat McGrory, Gladys Norris, Rev Msgr John Bergin [2000], Rev Fr Michael Hayes [1960]

✠ **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.

PARKING: The new parking spaces in front of the rose garden as you enter Neil Street are available for anyone to park in. Please be aware the spaces in front of the disabled parking are not car parks, but can be used if necessary for extra disabled parking. They allow for the easy flow of traffic. Please do not park there, unless you are in need of a disabled park. **PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TCSO CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!**

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 reached by ringing or emailing the Cathedral office (4637 1504; admin@stpats.org.au).

NO MORE CHECKING IN! As you would be aware the State Government has decided that all venues that do not have a mandated Vaccination requirement will no longer need to check in, which includes places of worship. The wearing of masks remains a necessity at this stage. This also gives us the opportunity to begin to **reopen** the church during the day. As from this week the church will be open for those who wish to spend some quiet time in the space of St Patrick's. The church will still be sprayed after Mass to ensure the safety of everyone.

A BIG thank you to all those who have given generously over this time to assist in the ever changing landscape which is COVID prevention. To those who helped when we had to have bookings etc – **THANK YOU!** To those who have assisted with the check in process – **THANK YOU!** To everyone who has dealt with the changes responsibly and without complaint – **THANK YOU.** Let us all hope that this is the beginning to greater freedoms, and dare I say, a return to some of those ways of life we have previously enjoyed.

Sunday 13 Feb	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism Madeline & Joseph Dare 12pm Baptism Edward Burke
Monday 14 Feb	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 15 Feb	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 16 Feb	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 17 Feb	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am ADORATION
Friday 18 Feb	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 19 Feb	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am 11am Baptism Alexander Ocampo
Sunday 20 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: \$1618 Loose: \$631 PayPoint: \$490. Jabour Hanna, Craig or Amanda Hogan.

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