



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [Year C] Sunday 13 March, 2022

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lighting.

"It's Spring in Germany at Easter, you know"

by Norbert and Hildegard (shared with Fr. Michael)

We sit under the ageing grapevine – Norbert, Hildegard and myself, with a 'drip' coffee and homemade cake – Norbert tells me the grapes were sparse this year due to a particular bird who took a liking to their sweet flavor. A silent dry leaf falls onto his shoulder pausing there gently, like a hand from the past giving encouragement. We come together with Hildegard, his wife of many years to remember the days of Lent and Easter in Germany – a lifetime from where they are now – from the village of 20 houses in Birkheim (home of the Birch tree) where Hildegard was a child. Norbert interrupts, *"the first thing you've got to know is that it is spring in Germany at Easter – that's important."*

They reminisce about the carnival days that start on the 11th November in the previous year and are complete on the Monday before Ash Wednesday. These are days of silliness and fun all through winter ending with a big parade and celebrations on the Monday. Then it's Pancake Tuesday using up all the flour and treats in the cupboard. Hildegard speaks of being one of two sets of twins and one more. She talks of village life, of work in the fields, of the long 4 kilometer walk to have sacramental lessons with a cook next door making biscuits - every time – *"but we weren't even offered a glass of water."* Easter was hard boiled eggs painted to celebrate the season of joy. They speak of their faith in a God that helped them wherever they were in difficult times of their lives. Norbert's father and grandfather were school teachers so they moved around a little to different villages. Norbert later became a teacher himself.

The Second World war impacted greatly on their lives. Hildegard's father went to war and never returned. His name is on the honor board in the village church. Norbert shares an amazing story of when he was 11 years of age. His family was almost the last to leave a particular area of East Germany. The Polish were moving all the Germans out, unless they became Polish citizens, so it was time to leave. After a trip on a lorry they were put into an intern camp with other families in Glatz. Then as Christmas of 1946 drew near the people in the town would come to sell cake for Christmas, if you had money. Norbert's family didn't have money even though they had sold things, they hadn't had time to get the money. On one side of the camp there was a frozen river so Norbert said to his mother that if he walked over the ice, he could board the train and get the money from those who owed it. Speaking fluent Polish he crossed the river, caught the train for the hour's trip back to Bad Landeck. Before he left a lady said to him, *"Norbert can you do me a favor? – my fur coat, my fur coat, can you get it for me?"* He did find it and he wore it to keep warm, it reached almost to the floor. He found people he used to help look after the cows and they gave him 2 bottles of milk, and he got the money owed - 1,000 Zloty. Then he headed back to the train station to hear the announcement that there had been a derailment and the train will not be coming. (cont'd over page)



St Nepomuk Chapel in the village of Birkheim



Hildegard



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**

Leo Cosgrove, Kevin Lawless, Andrew Marsh (Sr Eileen's brother) 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: Rev Fr Bernard Kane [2011], Rev Fr Derick Furness [2013] and Rev Fr Ronald Walton [1970].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:**

Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), 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 suffering with the long term effects of COVID.

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

MASS FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE. A special Mass for peace will be celebrated at 5.30pm on Monday, 28th March.

SERVICE TIMES OVER LENT AND EASTER: You will find the times of services during Lent and Easter on the tables provided. Thanks. Please take one and put in on your fridge TODAY!

PARKING: PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

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Eleven year old Norbert's heart sank – I am here, what if my family are transported out and I am not there. *“God I panicked, but God is always on your side. One educated Polish lady with a PHD was at the station. She knew my family and said to me, “Have you any money because we are hiring a car and you can come with us.” “But it was ute and I was in the back, it was winter – thank God for the fur coat. We got back to the river and I crossed the river and then felt a gun in my back. I was caught by the guards. Then they took me to the office and wanted to know everything. I thought they would take everything away, but they didn't. They called my mother and they found I did belong there. My God, my mother was so worried. Then we had Christmas.” They look at each other and Hildegard chuckles saying, “and he had money for cake.” and they laugh and say, “But that has nothing to do with Lent.” “Oh, but it does”, I say.*

They tell me their parents had sayings that they would often repeat, Norbert's mother would always say, *“The Lord knows best”* and Hildegard's mother, *“If it is God's will”*.

You may not think we have talked about Lent and Easter, but our lives are continuously Lent and Easter. For Norbert and Hildegard they have never doubted their belief that there will always be new life, there will always be an Easter. At every corner God is there. I say this to them, and Norbert says, *“You gotta remember that it is spring in Germany at Easter, it's in our psyche and it always will be.” Thank you, Hildegard and Norbert Greulich for sharing your Easter story. Let us all walk this Lent and Easter path together, God Bless, Fr. Michael*

Sunday 13 Mar	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism Cosima McBride 12pm Baptism Charlotte Herron 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 14 Mar	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 15 Mar	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 16 Mar	7am Mass SPC	9.30am Anointing Mass at St. Thomas More's. Council of Priests Meeting. 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 17 Mar <i>Saint Patrick</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration
Friday 18 Mar	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	2pm Wedding Mark Coroneos & Michelle Flanigan 6pm Celebration of First Reconciliation. 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 19 Mar <i>Saint Joseph</i>	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am 9.30am Celebration of First Reconciliation 11am Baptism Tory Timothy Fragale
Sunday 20 Mar	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism Mason Moore 12pm Baptism Tai & Freyja Lane 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving: \$1147 Loose: \$1001 PayPoint: \$670. Wendy Heelan, Sam and Fina Ginardi.

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