



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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 November 2022

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20 The sun of righteousness will shine on you

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19 Your endurance will win you your life.

On 6th July this year, our Congregation celebrated the centenary of the death of our Foundress, Blessed Mary Theresa Ledochowska. At first glance, it may seem strange to 'celebrate' the anniversary of her death because joy is not an emotion usually associated with death. Birthdays and weddings are joyous occasions – but death?

However, when we examine it a little more closely we realise that we are, in fact, celebrating both a birthday and wedding! The Church celebrates the feast days of its saints on the day they died, calling it their "birthday in heaven". Christ is the bridegroom of every soul, so the moment of death is the moment we meet our Bridegroom face to face for the first time. How could this not be a moment of joy?

Mary Theresa died in 1922, surrounded by her Sisters. One of the Sisters described the moment: *"I was kneeling at the foot of her bed and could see her face clearly. Suddenly it lit up and our mother began to laugh. I could not help crying out: She's laughing! This drew the attention of the others, who at first had not noticed it. Our mother was laughing with unspeakable joy, with an outpouring of unspeakable gratitude."*

We are beginning at the end, though. Perhaps we should take a step back and look at life, the joys of life, for the joy at death is only the pinnacle of the joy of living.

Most photos and paintings of Blessed Mary Theresa show her in a serious mood, but as Roland Quesnel C.S.Sp writes in his biography of her *"the joy with which Mother Ledochowska went to meet God was typical of her life. Those who knew her said that she was always brimming over with interior joy, even in the midst of the worst tribulations. She lived in a permanent state of thanksgiving... Everything in her came from love of God and union with God"* ('Go Out to the Whole World', p. 186).

For us Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the death of our Foundress, has been an opportunity to remind ourselves of the joy of her death and the joy of her life; and to dive once again into her charism, into the "flood of joy" that is evangelization (Pope Francis, Message for World Mission Day 2014): a flood that we wish could inundate the whole world. Indeed, we must not only *wish* this, we must *help* it to do so! Our Constitutions state: *"Our priority is to transmit to others the fire of Christ that burns in our hearts, to spread ever further the love for the Mission so it may take root in all hearts."* (Art 4, par 2). It is therefore, our obligation to share this "fire of Christ", this "flood of joy" which is evangelization. *"Joy cannot be held at heel: it must be let go. Joy is a pilgrim virtue. It is a gift that walks, walks on the path of life, that walks with Jesus: preaching, proclaiming Jesus, proclaiming joy, lengthens and widens that path...The Christian sings with joy, and walks, and carries this joy."* (Pope Francis, May 10, 2013).

St Paul wrote: *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice"* (Phil. 4: 4-5). To this we add "Amen" and ask our Foundress to intercede for us, for you and your loved ones. May each and every one of us experience the "Joy [that] cannot be held at heel".

Would you like to join us and walk a little more deeply into this 'flood of joy'?

Needed: 'person-power' to help set up for functions; Mission Committee Members, 'Echo' subscribers; and prayers for missionaries.

Please contact us: telephone 4632 1818.

Thank you! Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver.



✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. We hold in our hearts all those who have died in the Ukraine conflict.

✚ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Bernadette and Tony Aboud, Fr Cornelius Cahalane [1959], Fr Charles Daly [1955].

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Stanley Poon, Ken McIntosh, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Fr Raymond Sweeney, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, 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, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

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

ANNUAL ADVENT ANOINTING MASS will be held in the Cathedral Centre on **Thursday 24 November at 11am**, followed by Christmas Lunch. Please RSVP to the parish office admin@stpats.org.au or 46371500.

VOLUNTEERS DINNER All those who have volunteered (and partners) at St Patrick's are invited to come to a simple Christmas dinner and entertainment, so we can say thank you. Even if you only volunteered once, you are very welcome. We will celebrate at the Cathedral Centre on **Monday, 12th December** commencing at 6pm. Please advise our parish office (4637 1500 or admin@stpats.org.au) if you are able to attend. God Bless.

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS now available from Parish Office. Cost \$10.00.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER'S NOVEMBER EDITION NOW AVAILABLE – Please take your copy!

ADVENT REFLECTION MATERIAL – INCARNATE is now available from the entrance table. Please feel free to take one and make a donation to cover the cost, if you are able. Blessings on your Advent journey.

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be speaking at each Mass this weekend. Sr Reena John will tell us a little of their role in the missionary Church. You are invited to take copies of their family mission publication *Echo from Africa & other Continents* and to consider subscribing. Subscription is by donation, suggestion only: \$20.00 annually (10 copies). Thank you.

SPRED - You are very warmly invited to attend the annual SPRED community Thanksgiving Mass and to share afternoon tea with us following the service. St Theresa's Parish Sunday 20th November at 1.30pm. Please RSVP to SPRED 4632 8427 or spred@twb.catholic.org.au for catering purposes.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding a Christmas Cent Sale at The Cathedral Centre on Saturday December 3. Entrance of \$5 includes a free sheet of tickets and afternoon tea. Doors open 1.00 pm, afternoon tea 1.30pm and calling of tickets 2.00pm. There are great prizes in the multidraw including a ham, homemade Christmas cake, fruit tray and more. Raffles, including a total of \$1000 in cash prizes are to be won. In addition a \$100 number board prize is on offer. All funds go to The Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 4632 1818.

Toowoomba Diocesan Schools thank Theresa Blatchley for her tireless effort to supply rosary beads to as many students as possible, especially those in year 5 and year 10. This year Theresa created and donated a total of 1,398 rosaries!

Sunday 13 November [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of Isla Williams
Monday 14 November	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group
Tuesday 15 November	9am SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wednesday 16 November	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 17 November <i>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's
Friday 18 November	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	10am Friendship Group in Parish Office Boardroom 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 19 November	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Baptism of Reuben McCullagh
Sunday 20 November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	11am Baptism of Savannah Bennett 12pm Baptism of Georgia Boston 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's. Planned Giving: \$1097 Loose: \$1824, PayPoint: \$750. Pat Power and Leo McMahon. 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.		