



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 October 2024

**First reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11 In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-13 The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30 Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

## Homily by Bishop Ken Howell for Day of Prayer for Peace – Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

These readings [Luke 10:25-37 Prodigal Son] are the Scripture for the day, they were not specially chosen. I can't think of a better question to be asked in the light of our prayer for peace than: **And who is my neighbour?** This is a crucial question that we must answer every day in our day-to-day interactions with people, because those we accept and those we reject [even in the simplest of ways] is significant to the quest for peace.

The conflict in the middle East is very much about neighbours. The tensions run deep and for a very long time. Memories are long and past tensions and even atrocities are at the heart of these neighbourly disputes. There are religious differences, but these are not always at the heart of the problems. Memories are long and when the innocent are killed in the crossfire, it is almost impossible to remove the painful association with the people who have caused the death of a loved one, a child, a parent, a mother, a father, a cousin... these deaths scar a family almost forever.

### **And who is my neighbour?**

We will never regard someone as my neighbour unless we believe in the equal dignity of every human being and the inalienable rights that flow from this. Human dignity comes from God who has created every person in the divine image, has made each one a daughter or son of God. This is why every human being has rights which come from God and not from governments; and just as governments don't confer these rights, they have no power to take them away, however much they may try.

Here, I would like to return to this year's Social Justice Statement from my brother bishops and myself with its theme, TRUTH AND PEACE: A Gospel Word in a Violent World. At a time when violence is everywhere, such a word, a word of truth, doesn't seem to make sense. But the Gospel word keeps coming back to the Question in tonight's Gospel: **who is my neighbour?** Putting it in the context of the Middle East, the parable could be translated into a Jewish person or a Muslim/Palestinian person bashed up on the side of the road. The one who tends the injured person is the one who is considered their enemy. If they do so, it is because they recognise the human dignity of that bashed person and only want the best for them.

War may seem to be a show of strength, but it isn't. The rejection of truth upon which war depends may seem to make sense but it doesn't. The prime truth, a recognition of which is essential for peace, is the God-given dignity of the human being, which is violated whenever we have war. Connected to this is the further truth that every other human being is not my enemy but my sister, my brother, even my friend; and this truth too is rejected whenever there is war. The Social Justice statement makes it clear that we are God's People who speak that truth upon which peace depends.

We are here to pray for peace, because our hearts are breaking whenever we see the destruction of towns, homes, and above all people and their families in distant countries. It must stop and people should be able to live in peace and harmony. However, we must also bring home to ourselves the quest for peace. There are plenty of places in our own lives where peace is lacking. We put our trust again in the One who brings peace to breaking hearts and plants the seeds of peace deep in our hearts. In our quest for peace, each one of us must return to this simple yet profound question: **And who is my neighbour?** Let us also turn towards the Mother of Peace to intercede for us. That she who has brought forth the Prince of Peace into our world, may be a constant source of wisdom in a broken world.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Dean Castle, Carmel Toigo.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Lawrence Hillier, Joseph O'Neill.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** John Evers, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibran Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

**LATEST CATHOIC LEADER NOW AVAILABLE FROM INFORMATION TABLES.**

**Seeking an opportunity to deepen your spiritual journey?** We invite you to consider attending the **PRAY AND PAINT** experience being offered in November and December. The essence is to open your creative pathway in expressing the essential and personal understanding of a biblical scene through art. The morning would begin with a reflective process with a biblical scene that speaks to you. You are required to bring a picture of that scene or encounter with you. From the deep listening of the message that is present in that scene, for you, leads to the second part of this experience. After some time of guided reflection and deepening of the spirit you will be invited to paint the understanding of what is presented. An example may be that you have chosen the Prodigal Son story. You are led to an understanding of forgiveness in the story as you reflect. The picture you paint may be simply the road on which the father and son were reunited, as you see that as the most important aspect, and the journey we all take. There will be artists to help with the sketching and painting of your image. You do not have to be a painter to be part of this experience. To make it easier to be guided by the artists the attendance will be limited to 25 people/session. There will be more details to come. Please give this some thought and ways of enrolling will be given in coming weeks.

**Our annual Anointing Mass with lunch** will be held in the Cathedral Centre at 11.00am on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Please pass this invitation onto anyone who you feel would like to attend. For catering purposes please let the office know on 4637 1500 or [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) before Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Altar Server Training:** Come with a parent/caregiver to the first session Sunday 13 October 2-4pm, and the second session on Saturday 19 October 1 – 3pm in the Cathedral. An opportunity for children to meet other kids willing to learn altar Serving and serve in St. Patrick's Cathedral.



*Bishop Ken Howell and the Toowoomba Council of Priests, invites you to the celebration of the Jubilees of Fr. Kerry Costigan (60 yrs), Frs Jim Cronin and John Maher (50 yrs) and Frs Jamie Collins and Michael O'Brien (25 yrs) to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 16 October, commencing at 11.00am.*

**Parking Alternatives** – Please remember there are 3 parking opportunities over the weekend – Firstly our carpark at the rear of the Cathedral, secondly parking in the Toowoomba Catholic Schools carpark with access to the Cathedral via the path near the bell tower, and thirdly the designated carpark opposite the tennis courts on the corner of Lawrence and Neil, with a short walk to St Patrick's. **At all times please be aware of safety and the keeping clear driveways, entrances and exits for everyone. There are plenty of parks in all these areas, so there is no need for any double parking or parking on footpaths.**

**HOLY SOULS MONTH**, as you are aware is during the month of November and it provides an opportunity for us to remember our loved ones who have passed from this world to the next. As we did last year we invite you to bring a photo to place on our memory banner. Please feel free to bring any photo into the parish office to make a copy of and then take a quiet moment to place them onto the banner, from the beginning of November. *May they rest in peace.*

<b>Sunday 13 October</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	12pm Baptism Tala Lucia Arafol 2pm- 4pm Altar Service practice 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 14 October</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM <b>Fr Michael Mahon</b>	9.30am Rosary Beads making in Parish Conference Room
<b>Tuesday 15 October</b> <b>Saint Teresa of Jesus</b>	9am Mass SPC	5.30pm – 6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE
<b>Wednesday 16 October</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>11.00am Mass for the Jubilarians</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 17 October</b> <b>Saint Ignatius of Antioch</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's
<b>Friday 18 October</b> <b>Saint Luke</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conf. Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 19 October</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 10.30am Baptism Amateila Tonga 1pm-3pm Altar Service practice
<b>Sunday 20 October</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b> <b>Fr Roger Burke</b>	10am Morning Tea – Grounds Committee 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2626 Planned Giving \$1117 Donation Point \$1510

Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros, Mick Cuskelly

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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.