



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Third Sunday of Easter

14 April 2024

First reading: Acts 3:13-15 You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5 Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

After Easter I had the opportunity to travel to Melbourne to see the Titanic Exhibition. The Titanic has been something I have been fascinated with from a little child. I'm not sure whether it was the loss of life – the arrogance of humanity – the importance of the people aboard at the time – the courageous crew – the resulting change to shipping procedure or perhaps it was just the grandeur of such an endeavor. It was something I kept scrapbooks about and read many articles and watched the movies etc. It was well worth going to see this worldwide tour with some 200 artifacts from the ocean floor on display, and to read the stories of those who were aboard – those who survived and those who died. (112 Yrs ago this Monday!)

During my three days in Melbourne I had the opportunity to experience the city and it's people and it's food! A trait that my parents shared with all of us was the ability to engage in conversation with just about anyone and just about anywhere. Dad was always on for a chat. I channeled Dad in a couple of places in Melbourne. The man who was on his way home from his biannual visit to see his brother in Melbourne. He worked on the bridges etc on the railway and so was returning by train as he loves to travel that way. Or when I got chatting to Winnie who was returning to Hong Kong after visiting her son who was studying at the University. He seemed to be settled and achieving in his field of study, if not a bit lazy! Winnie is a professional pianist herself and is employed by a number of expensive Motels in Hong Kong to provide high quality musical entertainment, with other musicians in their restaurants and other areas depending on what atmosphere is needed.

By far the conversation that I remember well is the waitress at a Chinese restaurant – Rachel. Her actual name, I discovered later is Kung Chang. Her English teacher whom she admired suggested Rachel for her "casual" name as it picks up the "ch" in her real name. We got chatting and decided to have coffee the next day, which we did. Rachel has a one year visa for study that began in July last year. During that time she has traveled a lot around Australia, which I suspect is a big part of why she is here. As we conversed I learnt a lot about China. At the age of 38, Rachel is the product of the "one child" policy of China. Ironically now they are trying to problem solve an ageing population. Interestingly she spoke of her loneliness here in Australia and difficulty in making friends. A big part of this she puts down to the fact that growing up her relationship with her father was distant as his work regime meant he had little time to spend with family. She is very proud of an app she developed that assists fathers and their son/daughter to access opportunities at different times of the day to connect effectively.

The activities would be organised through the app as group experiences, such as bike riding, fun ball games inside, all designed to give a sense of bonding through action. It has been difficult in many ways for Rachel to adjust because of her low self-esteem and lack of confidence. If I helped her in any way to feel ok about herself *just by listening* then I thank God for being in the right spot at the right time.

When I reflected on this Sunday's gospel I was struck by the desire the disciples had to share what they had heard and seen.

All the disciples asked of people is **TO LISTEN!**

How are we going with our listening skills? Are we engaging on a deeper level? Do we "bother" to read between the lines?

God's blessings, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Shirley Palmer, Janice Gray, Maurice Moussa (Lebanon), Fr. Marty Larsen (Bne).

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** May O'Neill, Paul Hannant, Matt Dwyer.

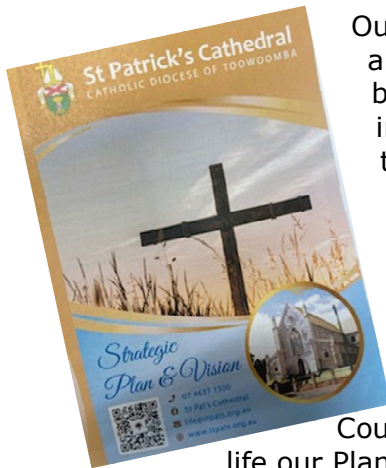
✠ **For all those who are ill in our community -** Claire Seymour, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Rita Irwin, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Gabrielle Saide, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE "The 39 Steps"

Wednesday 8 May 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$25.00 includes wine on arrival, supper at interval, 5 x raffle tickets. Tickets available at SPRED office, Cnr Hume & Jellico St 9am – 3.30pm Mon – Thurs. Ph:4632 8427 / spred@twb.catholic.org.au

Altar Servers – recently we have had the joy of reintroducing this ministry to our weekend Masses. We extend an invitation to all ages, from first Eucharist and for as long as you can walk; junior altar servers to aspiring Acolytes. Contact Fr Nathan Email nathan@stpats.org.au to express your interest in serving.

A word from the Parish Council.....



Our new Parish Council met during the week and had a robust discussion about the Strategic Pastoral Plan and Vision and in what ways can we bring to life a greater sense of BELIEVING, BELONGING AND BECOMING, in this coming year. The Council is very passionate about making real, through reflection on our parish journey the direction in which the vision is calling us, as a community. Much discussion was centered around the second of our "pillars", that of *belonging*. How can we heighten the sense of welcome and broaden the participation of people within the gathered community? Within our scope of *believing* a significant spiritual event was discussed to be held on Corpus Christi centered on the appreciation of the presence of Christ in the holy sacrament. More information will come in the following weeks. So please keep the Parish Council in your prayers as we continue to discern the best way to bring to

life our Plan and Vision as the year unfolds. Please feel free to chat to any of the members, or the priests about your vision of St Patrick's.

Membership is – Hughie Boyce (Chair), Anna Rees (Deputy Chair), Sandra O'Kelly (Secretary), Clinton Shearer (Child Safety Officer), Pamela Hanrick, Mark Betts, Rex Miguel, Angela Travers, Patrick Eldridge and Frs. Michael, Nathan and Brian.

Sunday 14 April [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] Third Sunday of Easter	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Sonny Patrick Duggan & Adalyn Lee Moore 12pm Baptism of Grace Jane & Stella Mae Richardson 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 15 April Ann. of Titanic Sinking 112 yrs	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room 9.30am Mass at Brodribb
Tuesday 16 April	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	Choir Practice 5.30pm SPC Finance Meeting
Wednesday 17 April	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 18 April	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 9.30am Mass at Yukana 5.30pm Deanery Meeting at St Theresa's Parish
Friday 19 April Toowoomba Show Holiday	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 20 April	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism of Esme Rei Murphy
Sunday 21 April Fourth Sunday of Easter	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of Raya Nova Adastra Gibbings



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