



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 5th July, 2020

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 See how humbly your king come to you!

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name forever, my King and my God. [Psalm 144]

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13 If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 I am gentle and humble of heart.

Next weekend we begin Masses for 100 people. It will be the same system as before – registered on arrival and allocated a number which will be all you need for subsequent Masses, as a master register will be kept. Once 100 have arrived the doors will be closed with our apologies, however it is what the law requires. Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am, 9am and 5.30pm will all resume as from 11th/12th July. We are all looking forward to reconnecting with you all. The 9am will continue to be live streamed.

Living the Christian life can be hard. At times it involves fasting, giving money to the poor, spending time in prayer instead of vegetating in front of the TV, going to Mass instead of sleeping in, reading the Scriptures, confessing one's sins, apologising to others, forgiving serious hurts, being generous with our time, being compassionate to people who may not seem to deserve it, upholding a strict morality, and the list goes on... In short, being a Christian entails going against the grain and, at times, putting one's neck out socially before a culture that is often hostile to this faith. Jesus always maintained that it would be difficult. In fact, he explicitly said that in order to have life, we must take the narrow gate and the hard road that very few people take (Matt 7:13-14). He also stipulates that a follower of his must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him (Matt 16:24).

Every Catholic, I'm sure, is aware of the hardships of living the Christian life. So, what are we to make of this Sunday's Gospel? *"Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."* These words can feel troubling when we find ourselves up to our necks in disappointment, affliction, hardship and weariness because of our faith. Yet if we do feel a certain pinch or tension regarding this passage and its seeming contradiction with reality, then I think we've taken a *good* first step towards realising what Christianity really is.

Notice what else Jesus says in today's Gospel: *"No one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."* The full biblical sense of "to know", carries a deep sense of intimacy and union. So here Jesus speaks of the profound unity and intimacy that exists between him and God the Father, and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Only after uttering these words as part of his prayer to the Father, does Jesus then look to those around him and say *"come to me all you who labour and are overburdened..."* In other words, when Jesus looks around at his disciples, he invites them to enter into the *intimacy* and *union* that exists between him and the Father. It is there and there alone that we will find rest for our souls. It is there, in that communion, that the yoke we shoulder (the cross) becomes good to bear and the burden of living the Christian life becomes light. It is there alone that our souls can find rest, eternally restless as they are until they rest in him.

My brothers and sisters, living the Christian life is hard. It entails many challenges and practices that are sometimes inconvenient. But ultimately, being a Catholic is about entering into a relationship of intimacy and union with the risen Christ himself. It is *through* him and *with* him and *in* him alone that all manner of hardships and sufferings find their proper meaning, become fruitful, and can even feel sweet to bear.

Blessings for the week, Fr Tom

*Recently we welcomed Niamh Olivia Smith into the Catholic Community.
May the Holy Spirit invigorate her life with many blessings.*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Mary Mauloni, Michael Hogan, Desley Byrne, Linda Margaret Lobwein, Julie Ann Chardon, Morgan O'Brien, and those who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and beyond. *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:** Fr Simon O'Dea [1975], Fr Ralph Underwood [1988], Fr John Clancy [2015].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Maria Brown, Fr. Jamie Collins, Mary Twidale, Kim Ireland, Fr. Don Murray, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jean Denison, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Berry, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], 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 all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and anyone suffering the effects of Covid-19.

Unit for Rent One bedroom unit for an elderly person at St Patrick's Community Village is available for rent. To register an expression of interest, please contact Celia Waters at the Parish Office on 07 46371500.

St Vincent De Paul are seeking donations of warm clothing, blankets and furniture to help those in need during winter. Donations can be left at Madonna House on the corner of Long and Ruthven Streets.

PLANNED GIVING: Anyone concerned about their giving, there are options you may wish to consider. Please contact Celia at the Parish Office to discuss these options or you may simply like to do a bank transfer into St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064 786, Acc. No. 51289 0100, Ref PG (envelope number). We understand the difficult financial burden that everyone is encountering at this time, so do not feel obliged or pressured to give at this time. Thank you.

Please Note: Currently 20 people only at all Masses until 11th July, then we will move to 100 people attending.

Sunday 5 July	NO MASS 9am - Live stream available	11am Baptism of Charlotte Wagner [TD] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 6 July	7am & 5.30pm Mass 9am Mass STM	
Tuesday 7 July	7am & 5.30pm Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wed 8 July	7am & 5.30pm Mass 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 9 July	7am & 5.30pm Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	10am Mass at Numylo
Friday 10 July	7am & 5.30pm Mass 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 11 July	7am Mass 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Marnie Challenor [FM] 7.15pm Bingo
Sunday 12 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	11am Baptism of Flynn Patterson [FM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
The link for live streamed Masses is: www.twb.catholic.org.au/live-stream-masses/		

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S LIVE STREAMING:

Opening Hymn: **Everyone Moved by the Spirit**

Refrain: Ev'ry one moved by the Spirit
is a son and daughter of God.
Led by the fire of His love
we will live in the light of the Lord.
We will live in the light of the Lord.

1. Come, O Spirit of Jesus.
Come in the power of His name.
Renew the depths of our hearts.
2. Come, O Spirit of Jesus.
Send forth the power of Your love.
Renew the face of the earth.

Psalm (Sung):

I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

Alleluia Verse:

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Reflection: **Like a Shepherd**

Refrain: Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

1. Say to the cities of Judah:
prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice:
Jerusalem, here is your God.
2. Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders.
I will give you rest.

Recessional Hymn: **Glory and Praise to our God.**

Refrain: Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.

1. We the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done
in ev'ry heart that sings.
2. In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save.

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we
adore you, we glorify you, we give
you thanks for your great glory, Lord
God, heavenly King, O God almighty
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us; you take
away the sins of the world, receive
our prayer; you are seated at the
right hand of the Father, have mercy
on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father. AMEN.



**"Come unto me, all ye that labour
and are heavy laden, and I will give
you rest"**

Matthew 11:28 (KJV)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus
Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he
descended into hell; on the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty; from
there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and life everlasting.

AMEN.