

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 February 2026

First reading: Sirach 15:15-20 He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

**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 5:17-37 Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Preparing Our Hearts for Lent: Project Compassion 2026

We are now in the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us: ***"I tell you, unless your righteousness goes deeper than that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven."*** (Matt 5:20)

With these words, Jesus invites us to examine our faith honestly. **How much have we grown in honesty, integrity, and faithfulness to the spirit of the Gospel that He taught and lived?** We come to church. We pray. We listen to God's Word. But once we leave the church and return to our daily lives—our families, workplaces, and communities—the real test begins. Every day, throughout the week:

- ❖ *Do we live as witnesses of Christ?*
- ❖ *Are we the salt and light to others through compassion, goodness, and justice?*
- ❖ *Or do we risk becoming like the scribes and Pharisees—focused on outward practices, but unchanged within?*

Each of us has the responsibility to reflect on and examine our own life.

In just a few days, on Ash Wednesday, we will begin the holy season of Lent. Lent invites us on a journey of conversion—a movement from the outside to the inside, from routine to real change, from habit to holiness. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are not only asked to do more good things, but to become better people—people whose lives truly show the love and mercy of Christ.

Each year, as we enter the season of Lent, **the Church, through Caritas Australia, invites us to live this call in a practical way through Project Compassion.** This year's theme, **"Unite Against Poverty,"** reminds us that poverty is everyone's concern. It is not only someone else's problem. We are called to stand together with those who are poor and in urgent need in many countries around the world. This year, we give special attention to communities in **Tanzania, Bangladesh, and Fiji, as well as to the urgent humanitarian needs in Gaza.**

Through Project Compassion, our conversion, change of heart, and sharing become concrete and visible. Lent is not just about religious practices or outward forms. It is not only about giving something up for ourselves. We give up and sacrifice certain things so that we can share with others and bring hope to those in need. Let us move forward in a real and practical way, living the spirit of Lent—not only inside the church, but in our everyday lives.

Let us thank God for this special time of conversion and for all the blessings we have received. **May our sharing, care for the poor, and acts of love be true signs of our faith, lived each day in action.**

*God bless you always.
Fr. Francis Kritsada*

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

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:**

Marjorie Collison, Jacqueline Hoddle, Henry Tucker, Jake Roff, Sally Hillan, Judy Anderson,

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Jane Kennedy, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Mark Betts, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Rajender Vellore, Evandro Andrade, Antonietta Del Riccio, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Francis, Therese Odri, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Dorothy Marsh, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

Masses for Ash Wednesday, 18th February: St Patrick's 7am & 5.30pm - St Thomas More's 9.30am & 5.30pm.

Lenten Resources now available from the main information table. Please feel free to take a reflection book to assist you on your Lenten journey. If you are able to make a donation toward the cost of the book it would be appreciated. Please place the donation in the donation box provided near the children's activity table.

Stations of the Cross reflection books will also available (soon) for use while in the Cathedral. Please use them and return to the box for others to use. There are some suited to children and large print for those who need them.

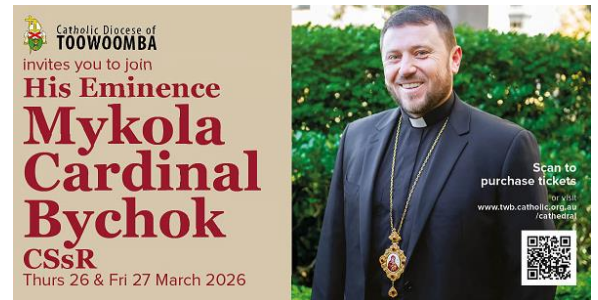
St Mary's Parish Warwick – Pilgrimage of the Saints of Italy June 8th – 21st 2026. Please contact parish 4664 1033 regarding further information.

"This is My Body, Given for You" is the theme chosen for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney in 2028. We are called to begin preparing for this event. This year you are invited to prepare through a CALL TO PRAYER. Throughout 2026 there will be many opportunities to keep the Eucharistic Congress in your prayers so that it truly becomes a "A Time For Eucharistic Renewal" in the life of the Australian church. Every parish in Australia is called to have an Holy Hour on Sunday, 1st March – we will spend this time between 4.15pm and 5.15pm before 5.30pm Mass. Please put this time in your diaries so we can come together in prayer. For more information you are invited to visit the Congress website –

www.eucharist28.org

World Day of Prayer 5th March 6.30pm St Bart's, 103 Stenner St. Guest speaker Ashley Saunders. **Catholic Leader** in now available on the table.

Fr Francis came to the Parish last year for 12 months to improve his English so he could return to Thailand to run an orphanage, sadly that time is rapidly coming to an end. You are invited to come to a morning tea following the 9am Mass on 1st March to farewell Fr. Francis.



Sunday 15 February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am [Priest ann. in green]	Project Compassion Launch – Bishop Ken followed by morning tea in Conference Room. 11am Baptism Abigail Sienna Hood 12pm Baptism Feyre Violetta Marie Cotter 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 16 February	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre
Tuesday 17 February	9am Mass SPC	6pm Reconciliation Parent Information Session
Wednesday 18 February ASH WEDNESDAY	7am & 5.30pm Mass SPC 9.30am & 5.30pm Mass STM Rev Msgr John Bergin	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 19 February	7am Mass SPC Fr Michael Hayes	7.30 – 8.30pm Adoration SPC 9.30am Mass at Yukana 6.00 – 7.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 20 February	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM Fr Michael Cronin Fr Henry McFarlane	9am Friendship Group in the Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 21 February	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC Fr Brian O'Dwyer	6.30am Rosary at St Patrick's 8–9am Reconciliation SPC 10.30am Baptism Olivia Grace Klein 11.30am Baptism Lily Kate King 2.30pm Wedding of Boyd Wales and Nickayla Lyons
Sunday 22 February 1st Sunday in Lent	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism Archer Henry Bauerle 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$3142 Planned Giving \$811 Donation Point \$1660

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

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