



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 15 January 2023

**First reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6. I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Here I am, Lord: I come to do your will.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3. The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! **The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become children of God. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34 This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

### Mala's Cat

As I mentioned last year, one of my goals is to read 26 books during the year. I managed to complete 26 in 2022, with the last few pages read on New Year's Eve! For those interested they were – "Love Stories" by Trent Dalton, "Never" by Ken Follett, "Devotion" by Hannah Kent, "Shuggie Bain" by Douglas Stuart, "Tender is the Bite" by Spencer Quinn, "Something to Hide" by Elizabeth George, "The Magician" by Colm Toibin, "Mala's Cat" by Mala Kacenberg, "Myrren's Gift BK1" by Fiona McIntosh, "Space Between The Stars" by India Naidoo, "Blood and Money BK2" by Fiona McIntosh, "The Leviathan" by Rosie Andrews, "Ordinary Monsters" by J.M. Miro, "With a Mind To Kill" by Anthony Horowitz, "Rivers of London" by Ben Aaronovitch, "Bridge of Souls BK3" by Fiona McIntosh, "The Wild Silence" by Raynor Winn, "Violeta" by Isabel Allende, "1989" by Val McDermid, "Psalms for the End of the World" by Cole Hadden, "Fairy Tale" by Stephen King, "She and Her Cat", by Maqkoto Shinkai and Naruki Naga Kawa, "A Heart full of Headstones" by Ian Rankin, "Gulliver's Wife" by Lauren Chater, "It's a Wonderful Woof" by Spencer Quinn, "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

I have already shared my thoughts about some of these books in previous newsletters. Not all books are riveting, but there is usually something to take away. Amongst the many I did enjoy in 2022, "Mala's Cat" is a powerful and poignant true story. It begins with, "I was only twelve-and-a-half years old when the shadow of the Third Reich fell across Europe..." It goes on to relay the story of Mala, an observant Jew, as she eludes and evades the Nazi's during her time growing up in Tarnagrod, a Polish village on the edge of a deep pine forest. But the true story isn't one of deep loneliness - for her cat, Malach followed her everywhere and even helped save her life. One day deep in the forest "I suddenly realized that Malach had disappeared. I become concerned and started searching for her. Finally, I saw her, cowering under a tree trunk. "Why are you hiding under that tree?" I asked, going in after her. I grabbed her tail and abruptly froze as I heard the sound of someone coming in my direction. ... I peeked out and saw two mounted SS men riding in my direction." The deep sadness is in losing her entire family. Throughout the book she puts her faith in God, and sees God's presence in many things, but especially her cat, Malach, which means "Angel".

The story does have a beautiful and happy ending, but I'll leave that for you to discover! At the very end of the book Mala leaves us with the prayer, taught to her by her mother, that she prayed often on her perilous journey -

Master of the Universe, please help me,  
Please help me, I pray to no one but to You,  
Help comes from no one but from You,  
Master of the Universe, please help me.

This simple prayer reminds me of the simple faith John the Baptist had in the coming of Christ. A reliance that all will work out by trusting in a God who will never abandon us, for he gave us EMMANUEL – God is with us.



Mala and her husband, Meir (1948)

*May you always know God's presence on your journey, Fr. Michael*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** David Halligan, Joseph Kevin Pini. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. We hold in our hearts all those who have died in tragic circumstances over this holiday period.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Anthony John Koop, Paul James Sullivan, George Morrissy and Basil Morrissy.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Mark Murphy, Brian Ridge, Greg Coddington, Gloria Hayes, Gayle Christoffel, Lisle Stephenson, Stanley Poon, Ken McIntosh, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, 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 Pamulaklaklin.

**RECONCILIATION** – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023** – Please email the office, or call in to collect the program and registration form of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500.

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION.** In Australia, the reception of Holy Communion takes the following form: the communicant bows as the person in front of them receives the Eucharist, the communicant presents for Holy Communion which the minister places in their hand; the communicant then steps immediately to the side and reverently receives the Eucharist before returning to their seat. NB: Those receiving communion on the tongue are asked to join the end of the communion in line with public health measures.

**Adoration** recommences on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January – 7.30am – 8.30am.

**Christian Initiation:** *Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic tradition or considering St Pat's as your faith home? Have you been sitting in church next to your Catholic spouse for years and want to explore the faith? The process of Christian Initiation and exploration at St Pat's will be kicking off January 2023, usually completed at Easter. If you're interested in joining the journey please leave your details with the office and we will be in touch - [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500.*

**CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** In February we would like you to consider completing a volunteer form. There are many ministry areas that are in need of more helpers. Such ministries as readers, communion ministers, welcoming, money counters, cleaning, altar serving, sound and visual coordinators. Please consider which area you would feel confident in assisting. We would love to have as many on board as possible to make it easier for everyone. More information will be available from the beginning of February. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with one of the priests or Gabrielle. Thank you for taking the time to consider offering your gifts for our community.

**Friendship group** has recommenced every Friday in the Parish boardroom. New attendees most welcome. Starts at 9am and finishes when the conversation runs out.

<b>Sunday 15 January</b> [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of George Albert Winter
<b>Monday 16 January</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tuesday 17 January</b> <b>Saint Anthony</b>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice in the Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 18 January</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 19 January</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>Adoration SPC 7.30am – 8.30am</b>
<b>Friday 20 January</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group – Parish Boardroom 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 21 January</b> <b>St Agnes</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's <b>8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation</b>
<b>Sunday 22 January</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	11am Baptism of Mila Quinn Tuesley and Darcie Blaire Tuesley 12pm Baptism of Stella O'Grady 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your generous donations.

**08/01** – Planned Giving \$847 Loose \$1822 Donation Point \$750

**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.