



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 15 May, 2022

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27 They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5 He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!**

Gospel: I give you a new commandment: love one another.

CRISIS IN SRI LANKA

Father Michael encouraged me to write about the present crisis situation in Sri Lanka. My country, Sri Lanka, has been declared bankrupt - economically and politically.

People came to the streets to protest and to demand a change of government and governance.

The present grim picture is that the country's life has been crippled and has come to a halt. Life has become extremely hard especially for the poor and the needy. Earning a living for the day is impossible. There is a huge scarcity of food, medicine, petrol, diesel and other essential items.

The mountain of loans owed to foreign countries, the collapse of local industry, zero level of foreign reserves coupled with the corrupt political governance, has brought the country to the tragic situation.

Beside this confusion, the priority is to cater immediately to the basic needs of the people. Our Ecumenical and social justice group "Jesus Today" in Sri Lanka has identified many children and elderly people who are unable to buy their food and medicine. Helping to provide them with their basic needs would be a timely Christian witness and an act of charity. For me it also speaks of the fulfillment of the great commandments of our Lord who in the Gospel of this Sunday tells us "love one another just as I have loved you."

So with the guidance and encouragement of Fr Michael, I humbly ask you dear brothers and sisters that we as a community may cooperate in making a contribution to those children and the elderly in helping to meet their need for food and medicine. If you are able, you are invited to place a donation in an plate or in the collection box, or using our direct debit using the reference *Sri Lanka*. Details are found on the next page.

Thank you and God bless you,
Fr Nandana



✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Kathryn Searston, Peter Johnson, Marcia Sarquis and Weldon Jones. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. We hold in our hearts all those who have died in the Ukraine conflict.

✚ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** members of the Martin, Collins and Logan families, Fr Garrett Murphy [1962], Fr Michael Herbert [1970] and Msgr Thomas Nolan [1950].

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Maria Brown, Sameria Haddad, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umpig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Fr Raymond Sweeney, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, 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, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

LIFE @ STPAT'S – Previously we emailed out the form with questions for people to reflect and return regarding parish life. If you have supplied your email, but did not received the form, please don't hesitate to send your email to life@stpats.org.au and the information will be forwarded. Unfortunately some email addresses were difficult to read off the sheet provided. Thanks.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

PARKING: PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

PERMANENT CHANGE OF MASS TIME – Please note the beginning of May will introduce a **9.00am Mass** in place of the 7.00am on Tuesday, as from the 3rd May. This will allow the opportunity, when available for a class from St. Saviours Primary and College to attend.

Saturday 21 May, 7.30pm. *An enchanting evening listening to handbells and choirs in the magnificent ambience of St Patrick's Cathedral. **Toowoombells** (local handbell choir), with Fairholme College choirs and pipe organist Eduarda van Klinken present a very special evening of music.* Flyers at the entrance with more information. Cost \$25 adult, \$20 concession and free for children, school aged and below.

Saturday 28 May, 2.00pm. Le Toot Ensemble – 12 Trumpets in Concert, St Patrick's Cathedral. Flyers at the entrance. \$10 payable on entry.

MASS IN THE MARONITE RITE: Fr Fadi Salame will be celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on Sunday 22nd May at 11.00am. In St Anthony's Church 3 Memory Street Harristown.

ROSIES TOOWOOMBA NEEDS YOUR HELP

If you have 4 hours a month to spare on Wednesday, Friday or Sundays and would like to help our friends on the street as an Outreach volunteer, please visit <https://rosies.org.au/charity/toowoomba/>. We are also seeking expressions of interest to assist with Hub and community duties (e.g. collecting/sorting donations, Hub/vehicle cleaning, community activities). If you are interested in assisting, please email toowoomba@rosies.org.au or call 0499 111 730.

Nationwide Rosary: Our Lady Help of Christians Patroness of Australia. To be held at St Patrick's Cathedral grounds on Saturday 21st May 2022 from 2pm-4pm. For more information please phone Theresa 0434 528 904. You are also invited to come along to the Rosary making group this Monday 16 May at 10am in the St Pat's office board room.

Sunday 15 May [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	11am Adaline Brown and Harry Barnes 12.30pm Baptism Ava Maher 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 16 May	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Board Room
Tuesday 17 May	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30 – 7pm Choir practice
Wednesday 18 May	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 19 May	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's
Friday 20 May	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	Celebration of Confirmation at St Patrick's
Saturday 21 May Saint Matthias	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation
Sunday 22 May	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving: \$772 Loose: \$1864 PayPoint: \$430. Helen Hoddle, Mick Cuskelly and Joanne Meacle.

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.