



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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*St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1700)*

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



## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 15 October 2023

**First reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10 the Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14** I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia!** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14 Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

### HOW COMFORTABLE ARE YOU FEELING UNCOMFORTABLE?

The Panthers rose victorious for the NRL 2023 season. This left many sad, some devastated, and yet others simply uncomfortable. Not the biggest Broncos fan myself, I had to be very careful about how I passed comment regarding the game. Feelings were high, and many supporters of the losing team seemed to need time to lick their wounds.

The referendum this weekend has many (arguably all) enrolled voters uncomfortable in one way or another. Whatever the outcome, the tensions and public controversies have not resulted in the most comfortable of feelings.

Just over a month ago, most of the priests of Queensland ordained 10 years and less gathered at Jamberoo Abbey near (Sydney) for a few days of ongoing formation. Two of the priests who were already in charge of their respective parishes had very different experiences to share: The first had been involved in a major parish restructuring and overall – strategic planning, leadership training, community assemblies, ministry team management, etc; the second had hit major backlash when he simply went to update the computer (used only for the overhead slides) from an operating system nearly twenty years out-of-date.

Change is uncomfortable. We all respond to or resist change in different ways; different places and peoples vary in their culture of change.

What kind of parish – how uncomfortable of a parish – are we prepared to be? From where will this discomfort come? ... novelty, creativity, innovation ... inertia, stagnation, repetition...

As a parish, we have recently launched a renewed vision and new strategic plan. Parish council is also recruiting new members. That sounds to me like quite some potentially exciting change. I wonder how uncomfortable these changes will make each of us. I wonder how we will respond or react to the changes.

Where might be a space you are prepared to feel uncomfortable?  
How uncomfortable are you ready to be for the sake of the Mission?  
Would you rather be uncomfortable from sitting too long or dreaming too big?  
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✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Fae Stephson, Angela Frank, David Haynes.

✚ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Cecily Gleeson, Fr Michael Mahon [1969].

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Mary Vandersee, Freddy Nield, Bev Smith, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner. *Just be aware we have taken off anybody who has been on for an extended period of time, if you would like them added back on please contact the office.*

**PLEASE NOTE – Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> October will be a full school Mass with SSPS commencing at 9.30am, not 9.**

**OCTOBER'S EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC LEADER** is now available. Please take a copy even if you have no money with you.

The **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are hosting a Rare and Beautiful Variety Sale on Saturday October 14 from 7.00am - 1.00pm at 71 Margaret St Toowoomba. Antiques, Collectables, Books, Craft, China and much more are available. There will also be a sausage sizzle and cake stall operating. All proceeds go to the missions. Contact number for Sisters is 07 46321818.

**2024 Columban calendars** are now available for purchase \$10 each from St Pat's office.

**Please note: - There will be NO choir practice on Tuesday 31 October.**

*Some dates for your calendar.....*

**11.00am, 23<sup>rd</sup> November** - Anointing Mass followed by lunch in the Cathedral Centre;

**6.00pm, 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Volunteers Thank you dinner and entertainment in the Cathedral Centre.

The regional hub for the Archdiocesan's Centre for Formation scripture series is still running. If you are interested in delving further into the world of biblical scholarship the sessions are each held on Mondays, cost is \$20 per individual.

Mature Catholic Primary Teacher relocating to Toowoomba seeks to rent Granny Flat/Private Accommodation Dec 2023/ Jan 2024. References available. Please email [dmd1919202@gmail.com](mailto:dmd1919202@gmail.com) or ph 0419774110.

Have you booked for **Rev. Tim Costello's lecture** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 1.30 at St. Theresa's? Last minute bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1082911> or text/phone **Sr. Pat 0422 462 678** or email her [hbqueensland@gmail.com](mailto:hbqueensland@gmail.com) and pay at the door. 0412 674438



By using this QR code, or calling St Patrick's office you can secure your ticket for an afternoon of entertainment and fun in enjoyable social company! We invite you come along to the Cathedral Centre and have a fun Derby Day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, from 2.00pm. Cost only \$25. Come along for the whole time, or partly on your way to 6pm Mass.  
**Be a winner, come to the race day!!!!**

<b>Sunday 15 October</b> [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism of Mona Itagaki Deveza 12pm Austen Beau Blair 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 16 October</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tuesday 17 October</b> <i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
<b>Wednesday 18 October</b> <i>Saint Luke</i>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SPC Parish Council Meeting in the Presbytery 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 19 October</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 21 October</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	10am Baptism of Zebb Robert Cook 11am Baptism of Walter Brodie O'Brien 6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation
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**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$2042 Planned Giving \$859 Donation Point \$880 Money Counters this weekend: Jim Harris with Kevin and Judy  
Money Counters next weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros and Mick Cuskelly.

**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 or name in donating. Thank you.