



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



T: 4637 1500 F: 4637 1511  
Email: [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au)  
[www.stpats.org.au](http://www.stpats.org.au)  
Office hours: 9am-4pm Mon-Thu 9am-3pm on Friday

Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral and Administrator: Fr. Michael O'Brien  
Associate Pastors: Fr. Tom Duncan and Fr. Nandana Saparamadu

St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1555)  
St Saviour's College - Sharon Collins (4637 1600)  
We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 12 July 2020

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:10-11 - The rain makes the earth fruitful.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. [Psalm 64]  
**Second Reading:** Romans 8:18-23 - All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.  
**Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. ALLELUIA!**  
**Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-23 - A sower went out to sow.

### Scattering Seeds – LAVISHLY!

“The farmer went out to plant some seed...” and – if you listen carefully to the description Jesus gives in the Gospel parable we’ll hear this weekend – he or she is not very careful! The seed is tossed around wildly, helter skelter, all over the place. It falls on exposed soil – an obvious invitation to the birds! It falls on rocky soil, resistant by nature, unable to easily take it in! It falls on soil already full of thorns and weeds, which don’t make room for the new seed! And some seed, almost by accident, finds rich soil! But even then the harvest is mixed – an uneven result to say the least! We shake our heads not only at the inefficiency of the sower’s efforts, but at the whole issue of extravagance and waste which this parable symbolises. Life is like that, isn’t it? So much effort, so little results; so much spent energy, so little return. In everyday life, countless things are wasted, people are wasted, lives are wasted, good deeds are wasted, honorable intentions are wasted. That’s life! But Jesus is not just describing what happens in the course of life, He’s describing the way the “Kingdom” comes about – the very way that God uses to work miracles.

Several years ago a baby boy was born in a Milwaukee hospital. The baby was blind, mentally retarded and had cerebral palsy. He was little more than a vegetable who didn’t respond to sound or touch. His parents had abandoned him. The hospital didn’t know what to do with the baby. Then someone remembered May Lempke, a fifty-two year old nurse who lived nearby. She had raised five children of her own. She would know how to care for such a baby. They asked May to take the infant, saying: “He’ll probably die young”. May responded: “If I take the baby, he won’t die young; and I’ll be happy to take him.” May called the baby Leslie. It was not easy to care for him. Every day she massaged the baby’s entire body. She prayed over him; she cried over him; she placed his hands in her tears. One day someone said to her: “Why don’t you put that child in an institution? You’re wasting your life.” As Leslie grew, so did May’s problems. She had to keep him tied in a chair to keep him from falling over.

The years passed: five, ten, fifteen. It wasn’t until Leslie was sixteen years old that May was able to teach him to stand alone. All this time he didn’t respond to her. But all this time May, wasteful so to speak, continued to love him and to pray over him. She even told him stories of Jesus, thought he didn’t seem to hear her. Then one day May noticed Leslie’s finger plucking a taut string on a package. She wondered what this meant. Was it possible Leslie was sensitive to music? May began to surround Leslie with music. She played every type of music imaginable, hoping that one type might appeal to him. Eventually May and her husband bought an old second-hand piano. They put it in Leslie’s bedroom. May took Leslie’s fingers in hers and showed him how to push the keys down, but he didn’t seem to understand. Then one winter night, May awoke to the sound of someone playing Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto No. 1. She shook her husband, woke him up, and asked him if he had left the radio on. He said he didn’t think so, but they decided they’d better check. What they discovered was beyond their wildest dreams. Leslie was sitting at the piano. He was smiling and playing it by ear. It was too remarkable to be true. Leslie had never gotten out of bed alone before. He’d never seated himself at the piano before. He’d never struck a piano key on his own. Now he was playing beautifully. May dropped to her knees and said: “Thank you, dear God. You didn’t forget Leslie”. Soon Leslie began to live at the piano. He played classical, country western, ragtime, gospel and even rock. It was absolutely incredible. All the music May had played for him was stored in his brain and was now flowing out through his hands into the piano. **So keep scattering the seeds, seeds of love, of forgiveness, of hope, of encouragement!**

God will provide the miracles.



*Hal Ranger*

*Recently we welcomed Charlotte Bella Grace Wagner, daughter of Frika and Christopher, into the Catholic Community.*



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Constance Sander, Michael Hatherell 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:** Patrick Tully, Fr Patrick Campbell [1997], Fr Neville Grundy [[1979].

✠ **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 4637 1500.

**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.

**The Blue Room:** This weekend our Cathedral re-opens as a place of community and private prayer. Not completely, but within clear safety guidelines. Alongside that very welcome good news, the "Blue Room", situated on the southern side of the Parish Centre, opposite the entrance to the toilets, will also open as a place of hospitality and friendship. Mondays through to Fridays, from 10am to 3pm, the welcome mat is out providing opportunities for reconnecting with people over a cup of tea or coffee, browsing through books and magazines, sharing stories and experiences of Life. **Opening Monday, 13 July 2020.**

**This 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.**

**We are all looking forward to reconnecting with you all. The 9am will continue to be live streamed.**

**HAS YOUR AREA BEEN WIPED CLEAN AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS? THANK YOU**

<b>Sunday 12 July</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	11am Baptism of Flynn Patterson [FM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 13 July</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass SPC (New)</b> 9am Mass STM	School resumes <b>ADORATION 4.30pm - 5.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 July</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
<b>Wed 15 July</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>ADORATION 7.30am - 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thurs 16 July</b>	7am Mass SPC	
<b>Friday 17 July</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	<b>ADORATION 7.30am - 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 18 July</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Florence Gainey [FM]
<b>Sunday 19 July</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

The link for live streamed Masses is: [www.twb.catholic.org.au/live-stream-masses/](http://www.twb.catholic.org.au/live-stream-masses/)

# **St Patrick's Cathedral Mass Times**

Monday: 5.30pm,

Tuesday - Saturday: 7am

*(Adoration: Mon 4.30 – 5.30pm, followed by Mass. Wed and Fri  
7.30 -8.30am)*

Saturday: 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm

Live streaming will continue for the 9am Mass:  
*stpats.org.au*

**NB: ONLY AVAILABLE ENTRANCE TO  
CATHEDRAL IS VIA NEIL ST.**

*Mass also available at*

## **St Thomas More's**

*(cnr South and Ramsay Sts, Centenary Heights)*

Mon and Fri: 9am

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Saturday: 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am

## Some important information to remember

- **Please remember the importance of wiping the area in which you are seated. This includes the kneeler and top of the pew in front;**
- **We are a community that cares for one another, so please ensure wiping down has been done before you leave;**
- **Reminder that communion is to be received on the hands only;**
- **This week Masses return to normal, with one addition: Monday – 5.30pm; Tuesday to Saturday – 7.00am.**
- **Reconciliation will still be only available by phoning and making an appointment, which we are happy to assist with;**
- **Due to the need of contact tracing and wiping down of areas, the Cathedral will not be open during the day, with the following exceptions for Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm on Monday, 7.30am – 8.30am on Wednesday and Friday.**
- **Bulletins are available to be taken at the end of Mass, as they have to be binned if left on the pews.**