



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## Second Sunday of Easter 16 April 2023

**First reading:** Acts 2:42-47 The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9 He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Gospel Acclamation:** ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31 After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

### Listening Between the Lines

*Would life be better if we could all speak the same language?* Recently I completed a novel called "Babel" by R.F. Kuang. Whilst it was a fantasy story involving an alternative version of Oxford University, it asked this question. The main story line was in search of the "Adamic" language. In other words the original language before the fall of the tower of Babel. The language of Adam and Eve. Remembering the story of the tower of Babel, God destroyed the tower that they had built to reach up to the heavens because they could all speak the same language nothing was impossible to them, and "that is why it is called Babel because the Lord confused the language of the whole world...and scattered them over the face of the whole world."

As the book comes to a climax, there is a realisation of how language works -

*"For how could there ever be an Adamic language? The thought now made him laugh. There was no innate, perfectly comprehensible language; there was no candidate, not English, not French, that could bully and absorb enough to become one. Language was just difference. A thousand different ways of seeing, of moving through the world. No; a thousand worlds within one. And translation – a necessary endeavour, however futile, to move between them.....That's just what translation is, I think. That's all speaking is. Listening to the other and trying to see past your own biases to glimpse what they're trying to say. Showing yourself to the world, and hoping someone else understands."*

Over the last 10 days we have heard many words. Ancient words that have been translated into many different versions of the bible. There are many translations that give us a slightly different view when it comes to finding meaning. This is before we take the time to put aside our own context. We need to consider the context beyond the text. In other words putting aside our own biases or preferences or experiences. To simply sit with the text and see what it reveals to us. Quiet prayer is often a pathway to help us to do this. As is meditation. I invite you this week to use the following in your prayer. Sit comfortably, in silence, or with quiet music, eyes closed or looking at nature. Then take a moment (5-10 minutes) to reflect simply on some of the words/phrases you have heard over these days. You may wish to find the text in the scriptures and read the full passage prior to beginning the quiet time.

**MONDAY** "He is not here and we do not know where they have laid him"

**TUESDAY** "What I have written, I have written"

**WEDNESDAY** "Why did you doubt, Thomas?"

**THURSDAY** "As I have done for you, you must do the same"

**FRIDAY** "He is risen indeed"

**SATURDAY** "Before the cock crows you will have betrayed me three times"

**SUNDAY** "All time belongs to God, the Alpha and the Omega"



**God Bless your week, Fr. Michael**

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Brian "Friday" Dwyer (Roma), Daphne Hughes. 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:** Paul Hannant, Msgr Leslie Schuhkraft [1992], Fr John Michael [1968], Fr Lex Herzig [2004].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Nelle Brennan, Bernadette Farrell, Greg Coddington, Gayle Christoffel, Stanley Poon, 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.

**EASTER THANK YOU!** Many thanks to all those who have assisted in any way to help our Easter celebrations to go well! We are all appreciative of your generous giving of time and talents. God Bless your Easter journey.

**CATHOLIC LEADER** – there are a few remaining, please take a copy even if you are unable to pay for it today. We would rather it be in your home than sitting in the Cathedral unread.

**The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are hosting a **Mother's Day Cent Sale** at The Cathedral Centre, Saturday 6 May, doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Entry \$10 which includes afternoon tea and two sheets of tickets. Extra tickets \$1 for a sheet of 100. All proceeds to The Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 46321818.

**Holy Land Collection** held on Good Friday raised \$1921 to be sent to our missions to assist in their many endeavours to keep the presence of Christ alive. Thank you to all who were able to contribute.

Join **Catholic Mission** online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May by praying the rosary. Mon – Fri Time: 2pm Brisbane / Sydney time 12 pm Perth time. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayers> Meeting ID: **885 9061 9139** Password: **855274**

**Thank you** to the gardening committee for the upkeep of the newly established Rose garden and the Mary garden. If anyone would like to suggest anything the current members are – David and Christine Harpham, Michael McCosker, John Bermingham, Catherine Blackmore, Michael and Giulietta Garvis, Peter Kennedy, Angela Travers, and Fr. Michael. If there is anything that you feel is worth noting, please let the team know.

**March for life** 2023 Brisbane. April 22 at 2pm Speakers Corner, outside Parliament House (George St). More info found [www.cherishlife.org.au](http://www.cherishlife.org.au)

<b>Sunday 16 April</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
<b>Monday 17 April</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday 18 April</b>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday 19 April</b>	7am Mass SPC	9.00am Mass to celebrate the Resurrection SSPS 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 20 April</b>	7am Mass SPC	SPC Adoration 7.30am – 8.30am
<b>Friday 21 April</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 22 April</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	SPC 6.30am Rosary Reconciliation 8am – 9am 10am Baptism of Georgia Boston and Benjamin Boden
<b>Sunday 23 April</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism of Clark Jesse Hill 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$1295 Loose \$3627 Donation Point \$900 Money Counters this weekend: Sam and Fina Ginardi with Wendy Heelan  
Money Counters next weekend: Jim Harris with Kevin and Judy Lindores.  
**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.