



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 July 2023

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.

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.

Firstly welcome to our 7th Bishop, Ken Howell as he begins his valuable ministry amongst us. He was personally thankful to all those people who have worked diligently over the last couple of months to make the day go so smoothly with uplifting liturgy.

As my friend Eileen Stephens will know there is a particular TV "Soapie" on most afternoons rotating around a fashion house. There was a recent episode where Ridge Forrester was asking his father Eric, "What was it that has made his fashion house so outstanding?" His reply, "*The reason I am so successful is because I surround myself with really good people!*" Whilst the TV show is "BLAH", the quote is very true.

This last couple of months preparing for an event involving some 26 Bishops, 100 Priests, 5 Deacons and 800 of the faithful, shows abundantly what a wonderful team we have here at St. Patrick's. Add to that a certain Dean who had 2 weeks holidays immediately prior. Although a substantial amount of the preparation was done prior to me leaving for a break, there was a long "to do" list remaining over that time. Nothing was missed. So I take this opportunity to thank most sincerely the admin staff at St Patrick's, who have given so generously of their time – Melissa, Celia and Jessica. Their eye for detail is amazing. To our other staff for their commitment to hospitality and attention to people's needs on the day, Anthony and his team, John N, Col, John S, Colleen and Michelle.

Gabrielle, who ensures everything that is needed in the sacristy is where it should be, thanks. Thanks to Vicky, Tom and Peter along with all the singers and instrumentalists for delivering a memorable musical and choral occasion. We had some wonderful feedback expressing the enjoyment of watching the livestream, "*feeling like we were a special guest at the Cathedral*". So many thanks to Kathy, Vince and the team that produces the audio/visuals for the day. There was also many positive comments regarding the young ushers and welcomers – so thank you St Saviour's Primary School and College for your positive energy on the day. We, of course worked with the Bishop's office throughout and thanks go to Christine (Bishop's Secretary), Ingrid, Jennie, Julie and their team.

A very big thank you goes to Fr. Nathan for his role in preparing the liturgy alongside Bishop Ken. Coordinating a liturgy of that size and intricacy is not easily fulfilled, but Fr. Nathan held his cool and brought it to completion with a wonderful sense of occasion.

So thank you to everyone involved in the Installation, from start to finish!

I leave the final word to Elizabeth Harrington. Elizabeth penned an email which is reproduced on the following page. No stranger to liturgical practice, Elizabeth is well known for her studies in this area and her guidance and wisdom is often sought. She was the author of a regular column in the Catholic Leader for years, titled, "Liturgy Lines", so her comments come from a strong background and understanding. Thank you Elizabeth.

Have a great week as we walk together into a new chapter within the history of our Diocese.

God Bless, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Bev Boundy (requiem Mass Monday 11am SPC), Gabrielle Elliott, Giuse Vu Thanh Minh. May perpetual light shine upon them.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joseph & Mary Kelly, Joan Carr, John Morgan, Kev Dorge, Anne Elizabeth Fox [2010], Fr Neville Grundy [1979], Fr Joseph Portley [1971].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Freddy Nield, Kathleen O'Rourke, Bev Smith, Christopher Blackford, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Greta Berge, Christine [Faus] Barron, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Kate Gibbs, Tina Hobson, Braxton Rayner, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Kathy Allan, Andrew Supple, Hannah Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Mary-Ann Hine, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul is holding our annual winter appeal. Donation envelopes are on the table at the Neil Street entrance and may be left in the poor box. Funds raised will be used to purchase warm clothing. Thank you for your continued support.

MINISTRIES AT MASS: There is a need for **Readers** to proclaim the scriptures and for **Communion Ministers** to assist with distribution of Holy Communion during weekend Masses. To enquire, please contact the parish office on 4637 1500. Training, both initial and ongoing, will be given for these ministries.

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We congratulate and welcome those who have been received into the Church and completed their sacraments of initiation this weekend: Aaron Massey, Ashleigh Venz, Dianne Cullinan, and Tanya Draper. May the Lord who has begun this good work in them bring it to completion.

"My husband and I have just arrived back in Brisbane after attending the installation of Bishop Ken Howell at St Patrick's Cathedral. We both agreed that it was one of the most enjoyable, uplifting and engaging days we have experienced in a long time. We would like to express our deepest appreciation to every single person who was involved in the organisation and celebration of the occasion. We felt welcome from the moment we walked into the cathedral. The students at the door were so efficient, friendly and helpful. The people who organised and oversaw the liturgy ensured that it was prayerful and ran smoothly. A special thanks to those who led the singing and to the organist who, unlike some cathedral organists, understands that their role is to accompany the liturgical action and the singing of the assembly, not to dominate and overpower. And we are so grateful to those who organised the catering and serving at the gathering after the installation. The ambience and food were superb and it provided a wonderful space for people to relax, discuss the celebration they had just attended, and to catch up with friends, fellow parishioners and clergy that they know. Obviously very many people put in a lot of work to make the occasion so special. To every one of you we say "Well done, good and faithful servants!" You done good – take a bow!! Blessings & best wishes, Elizabeth"



Sunday 16 July [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 17 July	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	9.30am Rosary Making in Cathedral Board Room
Tuesday 18 July	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm choir practice Fr. Michael away at Council of Priest meeting (18/7 – 20/7)
Wednesday 19 July	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 6pm SVdP meeting in Conference Room
Thursday 20 July	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC
Friday 21 July	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 22 July Saint Mary Magdalene	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation 10am Baptism of Stella May Hertzog 11am Baptism of James Reginald Burke 12pm Baptism of Abigail Eliza Hoefler
Sunday 23 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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