



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 June 2024

First reading: Ezekiel 17:22-17 I have made the small tree great.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Whether we are living in the body of exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower, all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26 -34 The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

2024 Confirmation class who celebrate their 1st Eucharist this weekend



Who is this handsome young lad?

This is Fr. Michael on the day of his Confirmation by Bishop Kelly in 1981 at All Saints, Roma.

I include my Confirmation photo only because I am amazed I still have it after 43 years! More amazing is that I still have the booklets from both my Confirmation and First Communion. Interestingly at my First Communion I got all my relatives to sign the back, obviously we had a little party to celebrate! The funny signature is from my dog, signed "Goldie O'Brien". However all of this highlights what important days these were in my faith journey. My memory is a little vague after all these years, but I remember in the years to come how included I felt each time I came to Mass. To be able to fully participate each time gave me a great sense of a shared journey of faith that we are all on. It gave me a new assurance of God's presence through prayer and the strength to walk with confidence, especially later when my Grandmother died. I could pray for Mum and her sisters and brothers and Grandma in heaven. It opened to me an experience of God being near to guide my pathway. I have been blessed with a Godmother, Rita Brennan who still prays for me at the age of 95, who has been with me at every significant moment of my life, especially in my faith journey. What a mountain of blessings! My prayer today is that these young ones will experience something of this in their life with Christ. Yet they cannot do it alone. Like my life, with the help of my family and my Godmother, we are called to encourage and nurture the spiritual life of these young ones, as much as we nurture their health and wellbeing. Faith is an important component and contributor of growth and goes a long way to developing an understanding of our relationship with the world around us, and with God's help to find the wisdom to make it a better place.

May God guide and strengthen the lives of these young ones, who today, receive "food for the journey" Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Tom Cuddihy, James 'Jim' Babineau, Howard Inskip

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Michael Gill, George Saide, Fr John Sinnott [1989]

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community** – Richard Stritzel, Bill Thygesen, Rae Blinco, Frank Marino, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Rita Irwin, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

Latest addition of **Horizons** now available on the tables around the Cathedral.

St Vincent de Paul Society Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive is now on. Please bring donations of clean or new blankets to Mass or drop them off to the parish office. Winter appeal envelopes are also available on the tables which can be returned to the collection box, or placed on the collection plate during Mass.

Please collect your **Planned Giving Envelopes** from the table located at the Neil St entrance.

Thank you all who give this way and every way to assist the work at St Patrick's Cathedral!

Please note 7am Mass will NOT be celebrated at the Cathedral on Friday 28 June, however 9.30am at St Thomas More's will be on that day, please make a note on your calendar today!

Maronite Mass: Fr Fadi Salami will be celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite at St Anthony's Church, 3 Memory Street at 11.00am on Sunday 16th June. All parishioners are invited to attend.

☺☺☺ After the win by Queensland at the State of Origin my brother sent me a text that said, "The time in New South Wales is 9:22, but in Queensland we prefer to call it 38 to 10!" GO QUEENSLAND!! ☺☺☺ Fr. M

The priests of the Diocese received this email from Bishop Ken recently -

*"You may be interested to know that the Holy Father has just announced the appointment of **Fr Joseph Caddy as Bishop of Cairns.** Fr Joe is Vicar General of the Melbourne Archdiocese. I have known Fr Joe since when we were studying in Rome in the mid 90's. After the completion of his study at the Gregorian University, he returned to Melbourne to run their Centrecare for a number of years before becoming VG. He will be a very welcome appointment for the people of Cairns, for the Province and the National Church. Please join me in praying for Bishop-elect Caddy as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination. Best wishes, Bishop Ken"*

Toowoomba Missionary Sisters of Service and their local Highways & Byways members, invite you to join us in celebrating two anniversaries – our congregational foundation's 80th, along with the 60th anniversary of our arrival in this diocese. This special event is on **Sunday, 14th July** at St. Anthony's parish with Mass at 2pm followed by afternoon tea. For catering purposes please **RSVP** by 5th July – text Sr. Pat on 0422 462 678

Sunday 16 June [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] 11th Sunday in Ord. Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	1 st Communion at St Patrick's (9am) followed by morning tea 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 17 June	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room <i>[Father Michael on annual leave until 8th July]</i>
Tuesday 18 June	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	NO CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesday 19 June	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 20 June	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's
Friday 21 June Saint Aloysius Gonzaga	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 22 June Saint John Fisher & Saint Thomas More	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	9.30am Baptism of Hugh James Donnan & Evelyn Lee Gibson 11am Baptism of Thomas David James Blake 6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC
Sunday 23 June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2435 Planned Giving \$746 Donation Point \$1050 Money Counters this weekend: Sam and Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan
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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.