



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 November 2025

**First reading:** Malachi 3:19-20 The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. ALLELUIA!**

**Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19 Your endurance will win you your life.

A Missionary Sister of St. Peter does not always lead a quiet life. Editing a magazine is challenging when things do not go according to plan and meeting press deadlines is sometimes impossible, as has happened this year with our 2026 Claver Almanac, the calendar edition of our mission publication *Echo from Africa and other Continents*.



However, it is always a joy-filled life because even when things seemingly 'go wrong' something happens to make us smile and thank God for the gift of our vocation, for the great gift of being able to serve the missionary church, of being able to help those who can not receive help from anywhere else, whether it be for renovating a church, buying vehicles, providing food and medicine for orphans, or even just musical instruments for church choirs. Time and time again missionaries thank us for helping them and say that other agencies have either refused their request or not even replied. Even Pope Leo XIV remembers receiving help through us while he was a missionary in Peru.

We do not take the credit for this, since we can only help missionaries because of the generosity of our benefactors whom we know make many sacrifices in order to help. Sr. Anna Tommasi, who works in Malawi, wrote: "The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver are like precious channels through which flows the charity and solidarity of so many brothers and sisters scattered throughout the world; charity for the most needy, spiritually, morally and physically. We continue to walk and work together generously, bringing everyone the joy of the Gospel!"

I particularly like this image of being channels. A channel is of little use in itself – it is only the things which it connects that make it useful, "precious". In our case, it is the people we connect: you and missionaries.

Fr. Francis Filipiec, MIC, a 30-year veteran of the African missions wrote: "I discovered the charism of the Sisters of St Peter Claver was to be simple and family-like, a charism of presence next to missionaries, which is very important because it makes us feel that despite leaving behind our families and homeland, we are not alone, that there is someone who understands us, trusts us, prays for us, and stays near us in our work of evangelization...I am deeply grateful for the Sisters' trust in us as well as their Associates' collaboration with us missionaries. The Sisters share with us their charism of faithfulness and love for the poor, while the Associates strengthen us with joy and enthusiasm."

Thank you for your past support of our work, for sharing your "joy and enthusiasm", by attending our mission functions and making them a success. Next Saturday – 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Centre – we are holding a Mission Cent Sale. Please come, enjoy the fun and help missionaries at the same time!

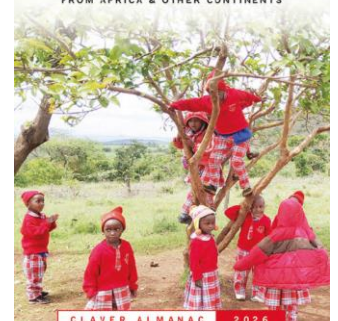
One or two weeks later, we sisters – with a few helpers – will be at all week-end Masses to offer every family our 2026 Almanac. Please, take a copy and please, consider subscribing to the *Echo*. Containing news of missionaries all over the world, it gives you the opportunity of getting to know their work a little better and thus sharing a little more intimately in their lives.

Also, always remember just how important and precious you are – to us and missionaries – because a channel is just an empty space unless it connects two precious entities!

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the Mission Cent Sale next Saturday and giving you a copy of the 2026 Almanac when it is 'off the press'.

*Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver.*

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FROM AFRICA & OTHER CONTINENTS



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Margaret Barlow & Mavis Mitchell.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Angela Klimkowicz & Richard Jones.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Sue O'Brien, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar (age 2), Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Patrick Ryan, Rajender Vellore, Evandro Andrade, Antonietta Del Riccio, Gerard George, Amelene Creggy, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Cocozza, Jibran Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Dorothy Marsh, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

**Advent Anointing Mass** will be held in the *Cathedral Centre* on *Thursday 27 November at 11am, followed by lunch*. For catering purposes please RSVP by 25/11/25 [stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au) or 46371500.

**St Pat's Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all volunteers of the parish with a BBQ** Tuesday 2 December from 6pm in the Cathedral grounds. RSVP by 28/11/25 [stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au) or 4637 1500.

**Ministry Volunteer Sheets** are available on the Neil St table. Please give some thought to how you may contribute to the life of your parish.

**SEEKING PASTORAL ASSOCIATE – MUSIC** to oversee the music program and choir for St Patrick's Cathedral. This position requires a person with excellent communication skills, proven musical abilities, willing to organise and coordinate the musical and choral requirements for the Cathedral Parish, in a part time capacity requiring 25 hours per week, including some weekend work. If you are interested, or have any questions please contact St Patrick's office via [stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au) or to obtain a full role description. Please forward written application to the same email. Closing date for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2025.

**ST PAT'S WILL BE LIT IN RED** this coming Wednesday to invite you to take a moment to Remember, Pray and Support Christians throughout the world who are persecuted because of their faith. 1 in 7 Christians live in countries where this occurs. Please go to [www.rednovember.org](http://www.rednovember.org) to participate which includes a rosary for different affected continents.

**6<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL CHAPTER MEETING OF THE PACEM ORDER** will be held this coming week - 16<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> November. We have two priests in the Diocese who belong to this order – Fr Hermi (Sacred Heart Parish) and Fr Warren (Clifton/Cambooya). Please keep them in your prayers this week as their order gathers to discern and reflect on the future for the PACEM'S.

**Cent Sale** The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, St Patrick's Cathedral Centre, 123 Neil St, Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. All proceeds go to the Missions. For more details please call the Sisters on 07 46321818.

**Swooping Crow – Please be aware of the swooping crow in the carpark behind the Cathedral.**

**Second Rite of Reconciliation** will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm and St Thomas Mores on the same day at 9am.

**Christmas Appeal** St Vincent De Paul, St Pat's Conference Christmas appeal has commenced and will continue to run until **December 14**. Once again, we are relying on your generosity to assist us with the needs of our companions during this Holy time. Due to the varying dietary needs of each family, we are requesting supermarket gift cards if possible, we ask that you place them in an envelope clearly marked SVDP Christmas placing them on the collection plate. We thank you once again for your generosity.

<b>Sunday 16 November</b> <b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b> [Priest ann. in green]	11am Baptism Ella Ruby Gersekowski 12pm Baptism Ella-Mae Faith & Oliver Lucas McCleverty 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 17 November</b> <b>St Elizabeth of Hungary</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM <b>Rev Frances Leonard</b>	9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday 18 November</b>	9am Mass SPC <b>Rev Fr Peter Murphy</b>	
<b>Wednesday 19 November</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>7am RED NOVEMBER – Mass for all persecuted Christians</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 20 November</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 9.30am Mass at Yukana
<b>Friday 21 November</b> <b>The Presentation of the Blessed Mary</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM <b>Rev Fr John Dowd</b>	9am Friendship Group in the Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 22 November</b> <b>St Cecilia</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St Patrick's 8–9am Reconciliation SPC <b>3-4pm Chamber Orchestra in St Patrick's</b>
<b>Sunday 23 November</b> <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b> <b>Rev Fr William McCormack</b>	11am Baptism Chloe Maree Hinrichsen 12pm Baptism Brydie May Weeks 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2675 Planned Giving \$836 Donation Point \$1670

Money Counters this weekend: Pat Power, Leo & Maureen McMahon

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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.