



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 19 July 2020

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 – In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving. [Psalm 85]

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27 – The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Acclamation: **ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. ALLELUIA!**

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43 – Let them grow together until the harvest.

The Miracle of the Weeds that became Wheat

There is great wisdom in today's gospel...as you would expect! It has been my experience in life that what we sometimes think at first are the weeds, sometimes turn out to be closer to the wheat than we initially thought. In other words given time and circumstances some people surprise us in our relationships with them. Their response of kindness to certain events move our hearts and they no longer look like the weeds in the field. So maybe there is a great wisdom in not pulling up the weeds immediately! A number of years ago I was a priest involved with a school that had a "Behaviour Policy" that had levels, so level 1 being the top and level 7 resulting in suspension. Most students found themselves on level 1 -3, with some students wavering on 3 and 4. Awards were presented on assembly for those students achieving a high behavior level. The practice is understandable encouraging good behaviour. At a staff meeting a motion was put forward to determine that only those on level three or higher could run for any senior leadership position. Good way to pull out the weeds! As you can imagine I was not happy with this idea. It made me think that what if a student feels unaccepted at school, put down at home, lacking friends, and then this is reinforced by being told they cannot run for a leadership position. My thinking was, "What if leadership was the making of the student?" We would never find out if they were actually wheat hidden amongst the weeds. Thankfully the idea was put to rest. Makes you think though, what might happen if we are quick to pull up the weeds because at a certain time we are sure that's what they are. We would say it's impossible to change weeds into wheat, but wasn't Jesus into miracles – maybe we should be too! Let the wind of the Holy Spirit blow and bring change. I finish with another little story from the Jesuit Anthony De Mello. "A man who took great pride in his lawn found himself with a large crop of dandelions. He tried every method he knew to destroy them. Still they plagued him. Finally he wrote to the Department of Agriculture. He enumerated all the things he had tried and closed his letter with "What shall I do now?" In due course the reply came: "*We suggest you learn to love them*".....So learning to love them was no easy task. I began by talking to them each day. Cordial. Friendly. They maintained a sullen silence. They were smarting after the war I had waged against them – they were suspicious of my motives.

But the day came when they smiled.

And relaxed.

And we started to be friends.

***My lawn, of course was ruined.
But how attractive my garden became!***

How is your garden looking?

God's Blessings, Fr. Michael



God's Blessings on Fr. Tom Duncan, who celebrated his first year as an ordained Priest on the 18th July. Thank you Tom for the gift you are to many people, and the kindness you have shared in word and deed. I'm sure everyone will continue to hold you in prayer.



*Recently we welcomed Charlotte
May Good, into the Catholic
Community.*

*May the Holy Spirit invigorate her
life with many blessings.*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** George Smith, Jimmy O'Brien (Fr. Michael's uncle), Betty Egart 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:** Alma Betts, John Brady,

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Maria Brown, Mary Twidale, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, 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.

New Appointments in the Toowoomba Diocese: Fr. Jamie Collins – Parish Priest, St Anthony's; Fr. Peter Doohan – Parish Priest, Helidon; Fr. Warren Padilla – Parish Priest, Charleville; Fr. Gerardo Tubis – Parish Priest, Roma and Fr. Hermie Rafada – Parish Priest, Goondiwindi.

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: The Blue Room, as a place of community and private prayer, has re-opened. 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.

Welcome to Dave Nightingale and Minje Kim who join us from Holy Spirit Seminary for an immersion/mission experience this coming week. The whole student body is visiting the Diocese.

Sunday 19 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	www.twb.catholic.org.au/live-stream-masses/ 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 20 July	5.30pm Mass SPC (New) 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 21 July	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wed 22 July	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thurs 23 July	7am Mass SPC	6pm St Vincent de Paul meeting in Parish Centre
Friday 24 July	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 6pm First Reconciliation for Sacramental Program 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 25 July	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	10.30am First Reconciliation for Sacramental Program 11am Baptism of Miami Jade [PD]
Sunday 26 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	11am Baptism of Felicity Cosgrove [FM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1269; Loose \$639; PayPoint \$140 : Sandra and Peter Daly and Jan-Nell and Errol Chase		

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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

<p>NB: ONLY AVAILABLE ENTRANCE TO CATHEDRAL IS VIA NEIL ST.</p>
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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

I found this in the latest issue of Private Fye, a satirical magazine from England.

Put a smile on my face, hope it does the same for you,

*God Bless,
Father Michael*

Nursery Times

Friday, Once-upon-a-time

NEW LOCKDOWN RULES YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

AS lockdown eases across Nurseryland, there is widespread confusion over what exactly the new regulations mean for ordinary folk.

Jack and Jill write: We are in dire need of a pail of water – are we allowed to go up the hill together to fetch one, or should we go separately? And if we both fall down, and come tumbling within six feet of each other, will we be arrested?

Editor: I have no idea.

Mary Mary writes: I run a gardening centre. I want to reopen but, on the contrary, fear that I shouldn't. I want to sell silver bells and cockleshells, but am worried that my pretty maids in a row breach social distancing guidelines. Should I stay closed?

Editor: I have no idea.

A teddy bear writes: This may come as a big surprise, but I want to go on a picnic down in the woods with a number of my friends. Well, with every bear that ever there was, in fact. And today is the day. Is this legal?

Editor: I have no idea.

A cow writes: I have been planning a flight of a lifetime over the moon. Will I have to be quarantined on the moon, and on my return?

Editor: I have no idea.

The Grand old Duke of York writes: I have 10,000 men. Can I march them up to the top of the hill and then march them down again? Is this an outdoor public gathering and therefore forbidden, or is it

permitted exercise within the same household cavalry?

Editor: I have no idea.

An old woman writes: Can I put my shoe on the market? Can I invite people to come and look around the shoe, even though I have so many children there. I don't know what to do?

Editor: I have no idea.



Little Red Riding Hood writes: My grandmother has been self-isolating in a cottage in the forest for months, is it safe for me to go and see her now, or might she be being impersonated by a Big Bad Wolf waiting for me to come and check up on her health issues vis big teeth, big eyes, big ears?

Editor: I have no idea.

A gingerbread man writes: I am a keen runner and I want to run run as fast as I can. Can I drive to the local park? Am I allowed repeated exercise sessions? Can I be confident that the police won't ever catch me?

Editor: I have no idea.

Three Little Pigs write: We are three porcine construction workers, keen to get the economy going by building new houses, and are skilled in the use of various different materials. Is it prudent to build houses of straw and sticks, or should we stick to bricks?

Editor: I have no idea.

We write: Can we go gathering nuts in May, nuts in May, nuts in May?

Editor: I have no idea, no idea, no idea.