

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 September 2023

First reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9 Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Mabuhay! (Long live!)

The vibrant Carnival of Flowers in Toowoomba is in full bloom & and we are thrilled to introduce something new to happen at St. Patrick Cathedral. On October 1, 2023, Sunday at noon, we invite you to join us for the **first-ever Filipino Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral**, Thanks to the Dean of the Cathedral, **Fr Michael O'Brien** for his full support of this gathering. This multicultural gathering will celebrate the remarkable story of **St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint**.

St. Lorenzo Ruiz was born to a Chinese father and a Filipina mother, he lived a devout life in Manila, until false accusations in 1636 forced him to seek refuge with Dominican friars. This decision led him to Japan, where Christians faced severe persecution. Despite enduring unimaginable suffering, Lorenzo refused to renounce his faith. On September 29, 1637, he met his martyrdom in Nagasaki.

Lorenzo Ruiz's martyrdom is about his love for Jesus Christ. Despite torture, he refused to renounce Christianity and declared, **"I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for God; Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer."** This commitment to his faith ultimately led to his beatification and canonization by Pope John Paul II. His beatification in 1981, during Pope John Paul II's visit to the Philippines, marked the first such ceremony held outside the Vatican. Six years later, he was officially declared **the first Filipino saint**. The same Pope, John Paul II beatified **Mary of the Cross Mackillop on 19 January 1995 at Randwick Racecourse, Sydney**.

Lorenzo Ruiz's faith serves as an inspiration not only to Filipinos but to Catholics worldwide, including Australians. Just as Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop is revered in Australia Lorenzo Ruiz holds a special place in the hearts of Filios, **showing that faith transcends borders**.

The story of St. Lorenzo Ruiz bridges Australia and the Philippines through faith. The Toowoomba Diocese started to welcome Filipino missionary priests, creating a connection that enriches our parish and Diocese. It was, Fr. James Byrne who first went to the Philippines to recruit Filipino missionaries and continued by Bishop Emeritus Robert McGuckin.

The Filipinos worldwide celebrate the Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, honouring him as the patron saint of overseas Filipino workers and migrants. **May his example inspire us to live our Catholic faith and embrace the diversity of cultures that enrich our parish.**

We extend a warm invitation to you all to join us on October 1, Sunday, 2023, at noon for the first-ever Filipino Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral Toowoomba. **Don't Worry the mass will be in English (with a Filipino Accent)**. After the mass prepare yourselves to enjoy Filipino Tucker while listening to the Song and Dances for a short program at the parish centre and of course you can bring your own plate. Ta!

Fr. Fhear Brian Redondo

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Gail Simpson, and for those who have died in Morocco and Libiya.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Bernie Reilly, Raymond Kerr (Sydney), Fr Michael Skehan [2016].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Josephine Tuite, Mary Vandersee, Freddy Nield, 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.

Understanding the Voice: you are welcome to respectful and open conversation on the Voice on any of the Wednesday evenings between now and the Referendum on Saturday 14 October. These Voice conversations will be held in St Pat's Parish Conference Room between 6pm and 8pm on each Wednesday evening, beginning on Wednesday 06 September. Fr Peter Dorfield and Mr Phil Armit will host each occasion.

SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE- "William Shakespeare – Complete Works" Tuesday 26th September. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$25.00 includes wine, supper and 5x raffle tickets. Tickets available SPRED office, Cnr Hume & Jellico St, 9am – 3.30pm Mon – Thurs Ph: 4632 8427 spred@twb.catholic.org.au

Carnival of Flowers display in St Patrick's Cathedral is open until Monday 18 September 9am–5pm. Gold coin donation is appreciated. Come along and see how **"We are the Seeds of Hope"**.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Carnival of Flowers display; the Committee (Sue Bauer, Jessica Tierney, Tracey Flint, Fr. Michael, Melissa Stevens). Diocese of Toowoomba Catholic Schools, St Pat's Choir, St Pat's Liturgy Group, St Pat's Young Adults Group, Diocesan Archives, Rosies, SPRED, St Saviour's Primary School, St Joseph's College, The Organic Florist, Indigenous Group, Jodie Zeller, Romona Postle, Kerri & Alan Denning, Karen LaRosa, Jacinta McGovern, Jodie Ramage, Tegan Boden, Kathy Sternes, Tom Hodgson, John Smith, staff of St Patrick's Cathedral.




ST PAT'S BINGO - A ROYAL WEEKEND OF BINGO, KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND. Friday 29 September – normal eyes down 7.15pm. Saturday 30 September – \$20 000 Bingo Royale. **Sunday 1 October – no Bingo.** Monday 2 October – special Monday Bingo, eyes downs 4.30pm.

\$1650 has been raised for the **Priest Retirement Foundation:** The retired priests of the diocese thank you for your generous donations.

Final weekend for PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS. You will find the forms for nomination on the information table. Please give some time and discernment regarding who you would like to represent you on the Parish Council to continue to strengthen the mission in the life of St Patrick's Parish Community.



By using this QR code, or calling St Patrick's office you can secure your ticket for an afternoon of entertainment and fun in enjoyable social company! We invite you come along to the Cathedral Centre and have a fun Derby Day on Saturday, 4th November, from 2.00pm. Cost only \$25. Come along for the whole time, or partly on your way to 6pm Mass.
Be a winner, come to the race day!!!!

Sunday 17 September [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS DISPLAY IN THE CATHEDRAL 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
Monday 18 September	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS DISPLAY IN THE CATHEDRAL 9.30am Rosary bead making in Conference Room	
Tuesday 19 September	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir practice	
Wednesday 20 September Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and companions	7am Mass SPC	6pm Understanding the Voice – St Pat's Conference Room 6pm SVdP Meeting in St Pat's Staff Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
Thursday 21 September Saint Matthew	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC	
Friday 22 September	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
Saturday 23 September St Pius of Pietrelcina	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation	
Sunday 24 September	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Maribel Jorja Hong 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
<p>Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$1823 Planned Giving \$841 Donation Point \$860 Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros and Mick Cuskelly Money Counters next weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase</p> <p>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.</p>			