



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1700)

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 18 December 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 The virgin will conceive.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7 Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24 Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of end-of-year school functions. For many young people their school days are now over, but their education continues. In listening to the speeches of many school leavers, I have been heartily impressed by the maturity of those young women and men. Our community will surely be the better with their participation.

As the year draws to a close, we look both backwards and forwards. Globally it has been a very mixed year. We can see how fortunate we are when we consider many of the problems around the world, for example: the war and conflict in the Ukraine, famine in parts of Africa, earthquakes, repetitive and continuing floods in many parts of Australia.

In our preparations for Christmas, also reach out and offer some support to those less fortunate than ourselves. A Christmas gift, some financial support to people in need can be a meaningful and worthwhile act of charity that goes a long way. Donations to Caritas www.caritas.org.au, Vinnies www.vinnies.org.au, or some other charity of your choice can help bring the peace and joy of a home to some of these people in this season of hope.

In all our rush and bustle, try to leave some time for relaxation and reflection. Perhaps we could turn off all our gadgets even for a short time and truly listen to each other.

May we travel safely on our roads and be patient with other drivers. Let us all show respect to others who may hold different beliefs or make different choices in life. Let us value the dignity and life of each person.

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you and your loved ones now and throughout the coming year. I wish you a very happy Christmas!

Yours sincerely,

Most Reverend Robert M McGuckin

Bishop of Toowoomba

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Brian Box and Leonadro Balingit (Phillipines). May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. We hold in our hearts all those who have died in the Ukraine conflict.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Kev O'Neill and Fr James Wiemers [1984].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Greg Coddington, Gloria Hayes, Gayle Christoffel, Lisle Stephenson, Stanley Poon, Ken McIntosh, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavallachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 – Please email the office, or call in to collect the program and registration form of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Eve – 6pm, 8.30pm and Midnight. Day – 7am, 9am, NO 5.30PM.



We keep in our prayers this weekend especially Constable Rachel McCrow and Constable Matthew Arnold their families and all those affected by the tragic shooting last week. Our hearts and thoughts go to all those who work in occupations that put them at immediate risk. Please do not be afraid to show your support to any member of the police as they go through this sad and difficult time as a force.

Rosters – Please find blank rosters for volunteers for the Christmas Masses on the table at the Neil St entrance.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND: APPEAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE

The money raised last weekend for those on Ukraine totaled \$4187. The Bishops of Australia thank you for your support.

Exciting News for St. Saviours Primary School! Today I received the following funding news regarding St Saviours for next year – “Today I have been formally informed by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission that St Saviour’s Primary has been awarded \$3.3 million from the Australian Government Capital Grants Program. This is fantastic news and follows the successful application and presentation by Ms Madonna Sleba earlier this year. This funding will be used to build four new classrooms (including a new learning support room), refurbishing the library and the construction of a disability lift. It is anticipated that the process to engage a suitable company to begin construction will commence early in next year. Looking forward to 2023, Mr. Sam Hannant, Acting Principal.”

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION. In Australia, the reception of Holy Communion takes the following form: the communicant bows as the person in front of them receives the Eucharist, the communicant presents for Holy Communion which the minister places in their hand; the communicant then steps immediately to the side and reverently receives the Eucharist before returning to their seat. NB: Those receiving communion on the tongue are asked to join the end of the communion in line with public health measures.

Sunday 18 December [SPC – St. Patrick’s] [STM – St. Thomas More’s]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	11am Baptism of Ryan and Eden Grace Jackson 12pm Baptism of Everleigh Grace O’Brien 1pm Baptism of Mabel Mammoottill 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 19 December	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 20 December	9am SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir practice in the Cathedral
Wednesday 21 December	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 22 December	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick’s
Friday 23 December	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 24 December	7am Mass SPC 6pm Christmas Mass SPC 8.30pm Christmas Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat’s 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation
Sunday 25 December	7am, 9am Christmas Mass 9am Live Streaming	

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick’s.

Planned Giving: \$771 Loose: \$1444, PayPoint: \$600. Sandra and Peter Daly with Jan-Nell and Errol Chase.

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. Thank you.