



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

**First reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Here I am Lord; I come to do your will

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. ALLELUIA!**

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34 This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

## Ordinary Time: Growing in Faith and Hope”



We have just concluded the **Jubilee Year of Hope**. On **January 6, 2026**, the Feast of the Epiphany, Pope Leo XIV officially closed the Jubilee Year by closing the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Although the Holy Door has been closed, **the Holy Father reminded all Christians that the gate of God's mercy remains always open. Our spiritual pilgrimage of hope continues. We are called to carry the spirit of the Jubilee into our daily lives.**

Let us give thanks for this Jubilee Year that has blessed and strengthened us. Although the Jubilee Year has ended, our pilgrimage of faith and hope continues always, as the Holy Father has reminded us. **In a world and in our lives that face many difficulties, hope in Christ and the path of the Gospel become even greater and more meaningful for us.**

We have entered the season of Ordinary Time in the liturgical year. **Ordinary Time is a season of growth, like a green tree that grows little by little. In the same way, our Christian life grows step by step each day.** The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time lead us through the life of Christ. This is a time for conversion, growth, and for living more deeply in Christ.

Let us grow gradually in faith during this Ordinary Time. I would like to suggest some simple ways to grow in our everyday lives:

- 1) Focus on God** – Give time to prayer each day and set aside time to read and meditate on Sacred Scripture. Let us deepen our relationship with God above all else.
- 2) Appreciate the blessings in life** – Find joy and gratitude in everyday gifts such as nature, family life, and simple moments, recognizing them as God's grace.
- 3) Serve others** – Show love through small acts of kindness, generosity, and service. Step out of your comfort zone and give your time to the Church and to others.

*May we live this Ordinary Time—which is not ordinary at all—so that we may grow in faith, hope, and love. May God bless you every day of your life, in the simplicity of daily living. Always remember that He is with us and watches over us always.*

*Fr. Francis Xavier Kritsada Sukkaphat*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Pat Brosnan.

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

Augusto Zapata Zapata, Jacinta Amalemba, Gladys Norris, Michelle Gulavic, Joseph & Margaret Keenan, Fr Tom O'Brien MSC.

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

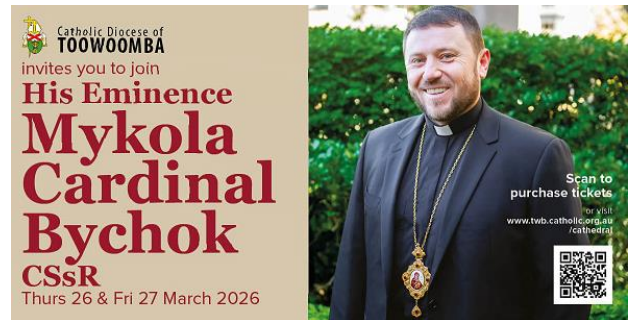
**Unit for Rent** One bedroom unit for rent, single person only, reasonable fortnightly rent. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office. For more information please phone the parish office 46371500.

**Enrolment into the 2026 Sacramental Program** is currently underway. If you wish your child to participate please contact the parish office on [stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au) to receive an enrolment form and dates for the ceremonies, or simply call into the office.

**Abrahamic Faiths Gathering** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 5.45pm Garden City Mosque, 217 West St Harristown.  
**"What is still considered Sacred"** – Guest speakers followed by a light dinner. For more information contact - Eric Donges 0427 639 843 [opaeric@gmail.com](mailto:opaeric@gmail.com)

**Invitation to an Historic Moment – Cardinal Bychok Visits Toowoomba**

This March, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba warmly invites parishioners to join in welcoming **His Eminence Mykola Cardinal Bychok CSSR**, our Australian Cardinal, on his **first-ever visit** to our Diocese. Celebrate this special occasion at a **breakfast or dinner**, with proceeds supporting the **restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral's leadlight windows**. **Tickets now available** – book at: [www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral](http://www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral) or use the QR code on the posters in Cathedral.



**Play for Purpose** Every \$10 ticket helps restore St Patrick's Cathedral's stained-glass windows—and gives you the chance to win a \$300K First Prize Pack, including two luxury cars and \$140K in gold bullion! Get your ticket by going to [www.playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese](http://www.playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese)

<b>Sunday 18 January</b> <b>2<sup>nd</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 Emmaline, Quinn & Elora Thies 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 19 January</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday 20 January</b>	9am Mass SPC	
<b>Wednesday 21 January</b> <b>St Agnes</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 22 January</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30 – 8.30pm Adoration SPC 9.30am Mass at Yukana
<b>Friday 23 January</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM <b>Fr William Behm</b>	9am Friendship Group in the Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 24 January</b> <b>St Frances De Sales</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St Patrick's 8–9am Reconciliation SPC 10.30am Baptism Abiri Charles Leicht 1.30pm Wedding Sean Towle & Dina Khoury
<b>Sunday 25 January</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism Olivia Paige Caine 12pm Baptism Lainey Grace Schafer 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$3463 Planned Giving \$972 Donation Point \$1320

**Money Counters this weekend:** Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase

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