



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 2 August 2020**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-3 – Hasten and eat.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs. [Psalm 144]

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:35, 37-39 – No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. ALLELUIA!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21 – They all ate and were satisfied.

### **Seminarians Visit – David Nightingale and Minje Kim**



Last week we had the company of two young 4<sup>th</sup> year students from Holy Spirit Seminary. They asked that their thanks be passed on for your hospitality and welcome. They enjoyed being present in the parish and visiting several schools. Below is a couple of reflections they wrote relating to last week's readings – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price. **To support the Holy Spirit Seminary in training future Priests, you will find some envelopes on the table.**

Some decisions in life are easy. They might be easy because the consequences aren't very significant, or because the right choice is obvious over the wrong one. Other decisions are much harder. This may be because the right choice does not stand out so obviously against the wrong. For this reason, Solomon asked God for wisdom to be able to discern between good and evil (1 Kings 3:9). Even harder decisions are between two good choices. Vocational discernment involves such decisions. Am I called to married life, single life, religious life or priesthood? All of these options are good, so which one is God calling me to? In all our major life decisions, we might wish for the "wisdom of Solomon" to make our discernment clearer. However, as baptised and confirmed Catholics, we should remember that we have indeed received the gift of wisdom as one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Good decision making is something the Holy Spirit wants to help us with. In the second reading, we read that God "works with those who love him,... and turns everything to their good" (Romans 8:28). God wants to guide us in our decisions, difficult or easy. It's up to us to invite the Holy Spirit to help us. **(David Nightingale)**

The Kingdom of heaven is again the main theme of the Gospel following last Sunday. Even though we heard some analogies of the kingdom of God for three weeks, we are still puzzled in understanding it. The main reason for this is that the Kingdom of God is not a visible, physical space in our lives. Among the words of today's reading, we may need to grab the two phrases; "Hidden" and "looking for" in the Gospel. There is a theological phrase of the Kingdom of God in the Church's teaching; "Already but not yet." It tells us that this Kingdom already exists around us, but not yet in its fullness. Yes, the Kingdom is already around us but is "hidden." Hence, it is up to us whether or not we have a mind or desire to "look for" it.

Our lives are filled with numerous moments of discovering the invisible God's dwelling place. But we feel the presence of God's Kingdom in the connection to the church community. In being in the Church, we perceive our presence in the Kingdom of our Lord. In the past six days, I visited a few schools. I found that many students were interested in who God was, and what we looked for from our faith in a changing world. Throughout the school visits, my thinking of the Kingdom of God is that our enthusiasm to looking for the love of God is the very first step towards the Kingdom of God. It is our responsibility to make this step over and over again, and afterwards, we will discover that we are already inside the Kingdom of God. **(Minje Kim)**

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Fr Tom Keegan, Mary Sheehan, Rita Berry 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:** Pat Seymour, Kevin O'Brien, Fr Peter Schultz [2019], Fr Mark Cosgrove [1947].

✠ **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 those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

Recently Father Tom, during his holidays, spent some time at a Monastery in Sydney. Whilst he has no symptoms of COVID-19, he will spend the next two weeks in isolation. He will not be available for any sacramental requests until 13<sup>th</sup> August. Please direct all queries/questions to Father Michael on 4637 1500 or [michael@stpats.org.au](mailto:michael@stpats.org.au) We keep Fr Tom and all those in isolation in our prayers at this time.

**DON'T FORGET:** Please feel welcome to park in the TCSO carpark on the western side of the Cathedral, and make your way using the path beside the bell tower.

**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.

**Sewing Machines Needed:** A girls' boarding school in Timor Leste, run by the Sisters of Mercy, is in need of sewing machines in working order so the girls can be trained in sewing. If you have one you don't need, please contact Brendan Ryan on 0429 332 842.

**"SMILE WITH THE CLERGY"** is a book edited by Fr. Kerry Costigan and contains jokes and stories associated with God, the Church and the Clergy. If you would like a copy, at the purchase price of \$20, copies are available from the front office. Proceeds go to the Priests' Retirement Fund.

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** This coming financial year's envelopes are now available near the confessionals. Thank you for your generosity at this time.

**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, Account Number 51289 0100, reference envelope number. We understand the difficult financial burden that everyone is encountering at this time, so please do not feel obliged or pressured to give. Thank you.

<b>Sunday 02 Aug</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	11am Baptism of Florence Cowling [FM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 03 Aug</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass SPC (New Time)</b> 9am Mass STM	<b>ADORATION 4.30pm - 5.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 04 Aug</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
<b>Wed 05 Aug</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>ADORATION 7.30am - 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thurs 06 Aug</b>	7am Mass SPC	10am Mass at Numylo 6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
<b>Friday 07 Aug</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	<b>ADORATION 7.30am - 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 08 Aug</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Grace Matthews [FM]
<b>Sunday 09 Aug</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	11am Baptism of Stirling Cumner [FM] 12noon Baptism of Nuhla Duncan [FM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
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