



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

19 March 2023

**First reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

## Change the Ending – Stop Domestic Violence

This is the strong message from the Red Rose Foundation. We were privileged to hear that message and surrounding issues of Domestic Violence recently when Betty Taylor, founder of the Red Rose Foundation was guest speaker at the St Saviour's College breakfast. Significantly this occurred at the celebration of International Women's Day. Betty is also a past student of the college. After the breakfast Betty kindly commissioned our St Pat's Red Bench which helps raise awareness of the plight of those families saddened by Domestic Violence.

The simple concept is the brainchild of the organisation's founder and managing director, Betty Taylor, who is delighted to see another bench pop up in her home town of Toowoomba. The bench is the first in a Catholic Church in Australia and bears the simple message. ***Change the Ending: Stop Domestic Violence.***

*"So often we see injury and death from domestic violence that is predictable and preventable. Our foundation works in a range of ways to directly support women and to advocate for law reform but at the grassroots level, we want to educate the community to speak up and have conversations about how we can all play a role in calling out behaviour that doesn't honour every individual's human dignity. The red benches are an awareness tool for such conversations," Ms Taylor said.*

Anyone who is experiencing domestic or family violence and needs support can contact DV Connect on 1800 737 732 or to learn more about the work of the Red Rose Foundation [www.redrosefoundation.com.au](http://www.redrosefoundation.com.au)

Many thanks to Andrea Braithwaite, Betty's niece for her great assistance with this project.

*Let us hold each other in prayer. Father Michael.*



Some facts about *Domestic Violence and Australian women:*

- 1 in 3 women have experience physical violence, since the age of 15 years;
- 1 in 5 women have experienced sexual violence;
- 1 in 4 women have experienced emotional abuse;
- Women are 5 times more likely than men to experience violence from an intimate partner;
- Of those women who experience violence, more than half have children in their care.



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** John Meehan, 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:** Sol & Patricia Betros, and Fr Ronald Walton [1970]

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Nelle Brennan, Bernadette Farrell, Greg Coddington, Gloria Hayes, Gayle Christoffel, Stanley Poon, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

**LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS:** There will be the opportunity to be part of a Lenten Reflection Group each Tuesday during Lent following 9.00am Mass. If you would like to be part of this group, simply remain after Mass and join with Gabrielle who is coordinating the sessions.

**Holy Week Roster:** You will find the sheets for volunteering to assist with the services over Holy Week on the table near the Neil Street door. Thank you for putting your name down in whichever area you are able to be of help. Thanks.

**Many thanks** to all the members of St Patrick's Cathedral parish who supported our fundraising efforts for the victims of the Türkiye/Syria earthquake. By your wonderful purchases of our goods and your generous donations, we were able to collect \$2020. We appreciate your hospitality and generosity. *St Thomas More's Sewing Group.*

**Unit for Rent:** One bedroom unit for rent, which would suit an actively independent person. Rent is \$330 per fortnight. 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.

#### SOME DATES TO NOTE:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> Rite of Reconciliation** – St Thomas More's on 22/03 at 9.00am and St. Patrick's Cathedral on 22/03 at 5.30pm.
- **Ecumenical Blessings of Palms** at St Patrick's Cathedral, on 02/04 at 8.15am followed by 9am Mass
- **Chrism Mass** on Monday, 03/04 at 5.30pm at St Patrick's.

#### Easter Service Times:

- 6<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Thursday – 6pm.
- 7<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday – Stations 10.00am (followed by confessions) – Solemn Passion 3.00pm.
- 8<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Vigil – 7.00pm.
- 9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday – 7.00am, 9.00am and 5.30pm.

<b>Sunday 19 March</b> [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	<b>Mass with students and families from St Saviour's Primary</b> 11am Baptism of Eli Noel Whitehouse 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 20 March</b> <b>Saint Joseph</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday 21 March</b>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday 22 March</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation – SPC 5.30pm and STM 9.00am
<b>Thursday 23 March</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>Adoration SPC 7.30am – 8.30am</b>
<b>Friday 24 March</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 6pm Celebration of First Reconciliation
<b>Saturday 25 March</b> <b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's <b>8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation</b> 9.30am - Celebration of First Reconciliation 11.30am Baptism of Genevieve Rose Seccombe & Zelig Marie Shearer
<b>Sunday 26 March</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	12pm Baptism of William James Mann, Frankie Willow Mann & Sunny Hazel Hosking 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$971 Loose \$1931 Donation Point \$530  
Money Counters this weekend: Jim Harris with Kevin and Judy Lindores.

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**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.