

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## Pentecost Sunday 19 May 2024

**First reading:** Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading:** Galatians 5:16-25 The fruit of the Spirit.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Alleluia! Gospel:** John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

### What is your dream about our church?

This is the first question that is being ask to all the priests of the Toowoomba Diocese with Bishop Ken Howell during the Clergy Gathering Wednesday and Thursday of this week. We're very delighted with the help of Sr Monica Cavanagh, Congregational Leader of the Josephite Sisters who lead us to a synodal path with openness to the promptings of the Paraclete in exploring the theme of synodality. It was very enriching in listening to each other that is being open to where the seeds of Hope and courage. This query echoes the momentous events of Pentecost, "**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak**" (Acts 2:1-11)

At one stage, one memorable moment during our gathering was when all the priests where ask by Sr. Monica to form a queue from age to age starting from the junior to the senior led by the spirit we were able to see the picture of the priests in our diocese and what the future looks like. Just as *Psalm 103* implores, "**Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth,**" we are called to embrace renewal and transformation.

The second reading talks about the *Letter of Paul to the Galatians 5:16-25*, ***If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.*** *Synodality is a process of listening, dialogue, discernment, decision and Action. The gathering is listening to the heartbeat of our Diocese not just in the Toowoomba City but most especially in the Rural, Remote and woop woop of the south west Queensland. Sooner in God's time hopefully it will be resonated to the deanery, parishes and different organisations especially in the peripheries where the people of God are of high priority in keeping the river of God alive.*

Our reflections were further enriched by the *Gospel of John*, ***which speaks of the spirit of truth who will lead us to the complete truth and as the Father sent me, so I'm sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.*** This communal discernment and dialogue resonate with the humble beginnings of priests, religious orders and every men and women who helped shape our diocese's foundation which is continued to our advocates, collaborators and empowered people of God.

As we embark on this journey together, let us make our dreams for the Church a reality, one step at a time, making it relatable and relevant to the communities of Toowoomba Diocese by the guidance of the Holy Spirit were everyone is invited not just the priests but all of us inclusively and collaboratively journeying together where everyone is heard and nobody is left behind. Amen!

**FHEAR BRIAN REDONDO**

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Adelle Teys, Reginald Ashford.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Peter Lalor, Kenneth Schultz, Alma Betts.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community** – Rae Blinco, Frank Marino, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Rita Irwin, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Gabrielle Saide, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

**ANOINTING MASS** will be held at St Thomas More's on Friday 24 May at 9.30am, followed by morning tea. This invitation is extended to both St Patrick's Cathedral and St Thomas More's to celebrate jointly.

**NATIONWIDE ROSARY.** Saturday 25th May at St. Patricks Cathedral at 2:00pm. Let us unite with the nation to Honour Our Lady Help of Christians.


**Winter Shelter** – This year St Thomas More's has been allocated three evenings to host the homeless on June 24, July 22 and August 19. Jacinta, Parish Coordinator invites you to volunteer during this time to assist in feeding and providing a safe supervised space for people to rest for the night. If you are interested in giving your time please contact Jacinta at [parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au) for more information.

**St Vincent de Paul Society Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive** is now on. Please bring donations of clean or new blankets to Mass or drop them off to the parish office. Winter appeal envelopes are also available on the table in the eastern transept, which can be returned to the poor box.

**PRESBYTERAL GATHERING:** All the priest in the Toowoomba Diocese (pictured, in order of age) gathered this week for a meeting with Bishop Ken. The meeting was facilitated by Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj (18th from the left), following the synodal discussion-based process modelled at the recent Fifth Plenary Council (2020-2022). Discussion settled on concerns for the pastoral care of Toowoomba Diocese – 'Toowoomba City', 'the West', pastoral planning, and administration of parishes; there was a consensus to extend this conversation to a larger gathering, opening the conversation with more of the faithful.



At the conclusion of the Meeting, Bishop Ken announced that **Nathan will be receiving a temporary relief appointment as administrator of the parish of Stanthorpe, effective 1 June 2024** for a term of 6-12 months. Nathan will conclude his time at the Cathedral and St Thomas More's Parishes (for the time being). Next weekend (25-26 May), he will be at each of the weekend Masses at St Pat's to bid not *adieu* but *au revoir*.

<b>Sunday 19 May</b> [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism of Fletcher Albert Neels and Hudson Andrew Bradley  4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
<b>Monday 20 May</b> <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room	
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice	
<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>	7am Mass SPC	 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 9.30am Mass at Yukana	
<b>Friday 24 May</b> <b>Our Lady, Help of Christians</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 9.30am STM <b>Anointing Mass</b> – All Welcome 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
<b>Saturday 25 May</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism of Felicity McCullagh 12pm Baptism of Eloise Callaghan	
<b>Sunday 26 May</b> <b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism of Henrietta, Edward and Joanna Stokes 12pm Baptism of Scarlett Washington 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$1787 Planned Giving \$1075 Donation Point \$1080 Money Counters this weekend: Jim Harris with Kevin and Judy Lindores.

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