



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 9 August 2020

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 – Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. [Psalm 84]

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 – I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33 – Command me to come to you over the water.

During this time of COVID 19 we have had to make many sacrifices, many decisions about the way we live our lives and the places we go. For many it has been a difficult time of being away from loved ones and friends. Our hearts go out to those families that are separated from loved ones in nursing homes, who are most vulnerable during this time of isolation. One of the comments that I have had levelled at me regarding the restrictions and protocols during this time is, "Well I don't worry too much about all this because God will protect me!" My reply is simply, "Yes, God does protect us, through our common sense and the gifted people, such as doctors who have more knowledge than we do" God's protection is not some impenetrable, miraculous bubble that we walk around in – it is contained in the wisdom of the world in which we live. It is through prayer and reflection where we receive the wisdom to make healthy and life giving choices on our journey.

When I think on this, I am reminded of today's gospel, where Peter sees Jesus walking on the water and is *bold* enough to ask to do the same. His boldness wavers however and he begins to sink, but immediately Jesus stretches out his hand and holds him up – "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." When we are bold enough to look upon the world through eyes of faith, and that faith can be strong, sometimes however we become worried about what is happening in our lives, community and world. The hand that Jesus extends to us, is the hand that those around us offer. Those we trust and love are quite literally the hand of Jesus asking us to spend a little time listening to their wisdom and assistance in our lives. This gospel also reminds me of the wonderful logo of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. It is the hand of Christ that blesses the goodness of the



The hand of Christ
blesses the cup



The hand of love
offers the cup



The hand of suffering
receives the cup

other person who offers not just assistance but love and compassion. So that we become both the person who offers and the person who receives at different times in our lives. This may be the time that we are receiving the guidance of others to

give us strength to make the sacrifices that are necessary to see us through this time of crisis.

Today's gospel also reminds us Jesus does not say, "Do not come to me across the water, you won't be able to do it" rather he says, "Come, take courage, do not be afraid."

Let us enter the world this week acknowledging the hand of Christ that is extended to us, as we extend the hand of Christ to others.

God Bless, Fr Michael



Congratulations to Florence Rose Cowling, who was welcomed into the Catholic Community last weekend.

May the Holy Spirit fill Florence with the gift everlasting joy!

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Pat Murtagh, Colin Rauchle, Mick Ahern, Drusila Solomon Canete 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:** John Saparamadu, Jozef Dawidowicz, Fr John Ryan [2001], Fr Patrick Kelly [1986].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Mary Twidale, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, 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.

RECEIVING THE CREED – This weekend Charlotte and Millicent Power and Charlotte Croker receive and proclaim the Creed as they continue their journey towards baptism and full initiation into the Catholic faith. Please keep them in your prayers over these coming weeks. Also on the 14th and 21st of August our local children will receive the sacrament of Communion on their path to initiation. May all these journeys bring each candidate closer to knowing a loving, forgiving and compassionate God.

The **PIPE ORGAN RESTORATION** continues to go well and after speaking to Simon, the Organ specialist, he hopes to have the restored pipe organ operational again around the 25th August. It will be lovely to hear the beautiful sounds of the pipes filling the Cathedral once more. Vicky, our organist is getting very excited!!

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.

Dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass has been granted during this difficult and worrying time. A dispensation for the Holy Day of Obligation for the Assumption has also been granted. You are strongly encouraged though to spend some time in prayer, either privately or as a family at these times.

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

Sunday 09 Aug	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 10 Aug	5.30pm Mass SPC (New Time) 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 11 Aug	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wed 12 Aug	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thurs 13 Aug	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 14 Aug	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 6pm Celebration of First Eucharist 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 15 Aug	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Oliver Mackenzie [HR] 2.30pm Rosary for the Feast of the Assumption
Sunday 16 Aug	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	11am Baptism of Isla Rogers [FM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1479; Loose \$643; PayPoint \$270 : Kevin and Judy Lindores and Jim Harris		

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.