

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

**First reading:** Isaiah 56:1 I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Second Reading:** Romans 11: 13-15 The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

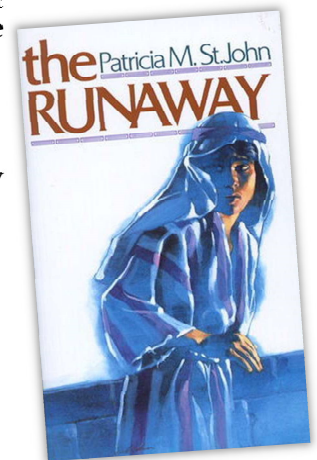
**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia!** Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 15: 21-28 Woman, you have great faith.

### NOTABLE AND INVISIBLE CHARACTERS

Much can be and often is said of first impressions. I am reminded of this every time I come across the gospel account (featuring today) of the Canaanite woman with the demon-possessed daughter. Despite years of being exposed to scholarship around its significance and hearing many a homily delving into the moral of allegorical senses of the text, a first impression sticks with me.

During my elementary years, one of the books our parents added to our library was *The Runaway* by Patricia St. John (1985). It is a piece of roughly-historical fiction. The text follows a first-century Phoenician boy by the name of Philo. In the story, he fills roles of the boy with the loaves and fish (see John 6:8-11) and has fishing adventures which tie into some familiar parables. But most importantly, he is cast as the brother of the girl tormented by a demon that features in today's gospel account (Mt 15:21-28); his mother is the Canaanite woman who is so well-known for 'talking back' to/at Jesus.



This text opened for me a world of biblical imagination; but it also opened to me the world of the people around Jesus. For all the courses in history and antique archaeology that I have been put through, nothing has helped near as much as this book. Because of it, I am constantly on the lookout for the little 'cameo' or even invisible characters in the scriptures, and considering what their experience of events must have been.

Today we hear of foreigners on the mountain of the Lord, the jealousy of the early Church in their dealings with the gentiles, and then the exchange with the Canaanite woman. I wonder: who is in the background of these stories? And what was their experience of it all as they came to know the living God?

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Fr Pat Mooney (Rockhampton), Michael Sullivan, James Cooney (Ireland), Ronnie Betros.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** James & Johanna Shine, Mary & William Elson-Green, Edna & Allen Thomson, Helen Betros Jabour, Theresa Betros Fitzpatrick, Fr Charles McDonald [1970].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Mary Vandersee, Freddy Nield, Kathleen O'Rourke, Bev Smith, Christopher Blackford, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Greta Berge, Christine [Faus] Barron, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Kate Gibbs, Tina Hobson, Braxton Rayner, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Kathy Allan, Andrew Supple, Hannah Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Mary-Ann Hine, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

**MINISTRIES AT MASS:** There is a need for **Readers** to proclaim the scriptures and for **Communion Ministers** to assist with distribution of Holy Communion during weekend Masses. To enquire, please contact the parish office on 4637 1500. Training, both initial and ongoing, will be given for these ministries.

**Prelude to Peace Concert.** This Sunday 20 August, 2.30pm. Please see flyer on table at the Neil St entrance for more details.

**BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY** Saturday 2nd September, bus departs Neil St outside of the Cathedral at 7:30am. Cost \$40. For bookings contact Theresa 0434528904

**St Saviours College** are celebrating 150 years of Mercy Education. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September with three events through out the day. Starting with Mass at 10am here at St Patrick's Cathedral, 11.30am there is a luncheon at the Cathedral Centre and 5pm they are off to the races at Clifford Park. To secure your tickets to these events please head to [www.ssc150years.com](http://www.ssc150years.com)

**Mass in the Maronite Rite** with Fr Fadi Salami will be celebrated on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am at St Anthony's Church in Memory Street. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this Mass.

If you are interested in learning more about the scriptures or want to dig deeper into the world of biblical scholarship, Fr Nathan invites you to consider the second module of Brisbane's *Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation*. We are excited to be hosting a regional hub at the cathedral



centre for discounted price. Each Monday night from 21 August, we will be transported into the world of textual scholarship and Church teaching on the scriptures.

Details of the module can be found on the *Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation* website or by scanning this QR code. Early bird discount code: MOD2HUBS

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| <b>Sunday 20 August</b><br>[SPC – St Patrick's]<br>[STM – St Thomas More's]   | 7am, 9am,<br>5.30pm.<br><b>Live Stream 9am</b> | 2.30pm Concert in St Patrick's. See notice above.<br>4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre  |
| <b>Monday 21 August</b><br><i>St Pius X, pope</i>   | 9am Mass STM<br>5.30pm Mass SPC                | Fr Nathan on holidays until 22 <sup>nd</sup> September<br>9.30am Rosary bead making in Cathedral Board Room  |
| <b>Tuesday 22 August</b><br><i>Queenship of Mary</i>  | 9am Mass SPC<br>5.30pm Mass STM                | 5.30pm Choir practice  |
| <b>Wednesday 23 August</b>  | 7am Mass SPC                                   | 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre   |
| <b>Thursday 24 August</b><br><i>St Bartholomew, apostle</i>   | 7am Mass SPC                                   | 7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC   |
| <b>Friday 25 August</b>   | 7am Mass SPC<br>9.30am Mass STM                | 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre   |
| <b>Saturday 26 August</b>   | 7am Mass SPC<br>6pm Mass SPC                   | 6.30am Rosary at SPC<br>8am – 9am Reconciliation<br>11am Baptism of Leah Adeline Saunders  |
| <b>Sunday 27 August</b>   | 7am, 9am,<br>5.30pm.<br><b>Live Stream 9am</b> | Bishop Ken Howell will celebrate all Masses this weekend<br>9am SSPS Mass with St Patrick's Parish<br>11am Baptism of Ryder Leonardo Greer<br>4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |
| <p><b>Planned Giving:</b> Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$2036 Planned Giving \$953 Donation Point \$770 Money Counters this weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly with Jan-Nell and Errol Chase.<br/>Money Counters next weekend: Leo and Maureen McMahon with Pat Power.</p> <p><b>Planned Giving Options:</b> 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.</p> |  |  |



*You are invited to  
**SAVE THIS DATE!***

As you would be aware, every couple of years we join with St Saviour's Primary School to hold a fundraising event. This year we are holding a "Race Day" in the Cathedral Centre. Tickets are only \$25.00 which include nibbles and entertainment.

We hope this will be a great opportunity to have a simple day out enjoying each others company. Although the day starts at 2pm, you can come at anytime after that. Maybe a nice afternoon together before 6pm Mass? Simply come into the office to purchase your ticket, or use this QR code.

*St Saviour's Primary & St Patrick's Cathedral  
cordially invite you to...*

*Derby Day*  
...reimagined...

*4 November 2023*

TICKETS \$25 per person  
includes Canapes & a Light Supper

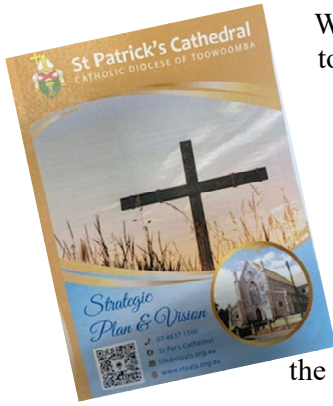
*Hosted at the St Patrick's Cathedral Function Centre  
123 Neil Street, Toowoomba*

Bar available  
Watch the races on the big screen  
Calcutta for the Main Race

*2pm to Late*



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Toowoomba



With the launch of the St Patrick's Strategic Plan and Vision it seems an opportune time to begin the process of inviting nominations for membership of the Parish Council.

At this time there are a number of members whose service has come to completion and we are extremely grateful for their contribution and work around the Strategic Plan and Vision. This will mean that 6 new members will be sought.

The process for nomination is simple. After you discern people from within our community that you believe have a contribution to make to the continuing life of our parish, you simply complete the nomination form below. You don't have to ask them as the current members will approach the nominee and answer any questions that they have.

Something to keep in mind is the role of the Parish Council, which is outlined below. Overarching all activity within the parish will be the implementation of the Strategic Plan and Vision that originated from the survey/comments this community provided. We would hope that any incoming Parish Council members would be energised and enthusiastic about seeing this vision come to life for our community at St Pat's.

### **Role of the Parish Pastoral Council**

Our Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission of living and communicating the love and values of Christ in the world around us, through prayerful and thoughtful pastoral leadership and service.

Our Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of our parish community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

Our Parish Pastoral Council seeks to:

- listen and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners;
- encourage and support the continuing good work of existing pastoral groups;
- provide opportunities for parishioners:
  - to grow in their relationship with God and with each other
  - to support and encourage them in their continuing efforts to be a Christian influence in the wider community;
- set short-term and long-term pastoral goals for our parish community within the framework of diocesan priorities;
- contribute towards making parish decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church;
- provide support for our Pastors, working collaboratively with them.

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## **NOMINATION FORM FOR ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL**

**Name of person you wish to nominate:**

**Nominated by:**

**Contact details, if you can:**

**Reasons for nominating this person:**