



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 20 November 2022

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 They anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 12-20 He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43 Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

I was privileged again this year to preside at the Year 12 Graduation Mass at St Ursula's College. Each year they choose parents to provide a reflection for the Mass. This was presented by Tim and Jane Burgess. I thought it was worth sharing.

You might like to give a copy to your child or grandchild, especially if they are graduating this year.

When we started out as parents, part of us felt like we should have all of the answers for our children, as though somehow miraculously once we entered parenthood we would gain all knowledge to solve all and any problems our children posed. We need no more evidence that we indeed did not have all the answers, than trying to solve the complexities of Year 8 Math problems! Never-the-less we continued to try.

There are times as parents we feel we have not succeeded at all, that either our best work is still not enough or that our children would have been their own person whether we were there or not. We learn that wisdom only comes from our own experiences and that no two pathways are exactly the same.

But one of God's greatest gifts is the ability to be grateful. For when we are grateful, it maintains our perspective, it re-centres our wisdom and allows us to think more clearly. They say it takes a village to raise a child. St Ursula's has been an important part of our village. St Ursula's College has provided our daughters with a solid grounding. A code of ethics that not only re-enforces our own family values but has strengthened our daughters. It empowered them to make decisions and to back themselves – even when – especially when – the answers are not at all clear. That failure, is not defeat. It taught them to "Do Something" for the "doing" itself provided "great things". Life is indeed a journey. It is not a race. St Ursula's has taught you to learn, how to understand, how to define what is important and let go of what is not. It has not given you wisdom but with the help of God it has taught you how to seek wisdom. Don't spend your lives getting somewhere and miss out on the wonderful moments of the travel.

You do not have to be old to be wise. You do not have to have all the knowledge to have the understanding. A special bond between friends does not need social media or a filter or a hashtag to know what each other is feeling. Sometimes just knowing the right time to reach out or reach up or sometimes to just sit quietly and not say anything at all. Just to listen. To be there for a friend. To be there for yourself in a quiet moment taking time to reflect. This is where wisdom is truly found.

Not having all the answers is OK and you certainly don't need to have it all worked out yet. Of all the billions of people in this world not one of us has all the answers. But seeking the answers, trying even when you fail is why we are all here. Falling down is natural, but the getting back up is when the value of the journey really begins. St Ursula's has provided all of you young women, with the rock – it is your foundation. Your parents have tried to be your bricks and mortar, but your faith will always be your guiding star. So that no matter where you go, be it in your careers, your relationships, your travels around the world, or your personal journey of discovery – look to your faith. Remember you have the love of your parents, the love of God the strength of St Ursula, and guidance of St Angela Merici – look to it – lean into it and call out its name in whatever language you choose and your faith will always be your guiding star – and you will always find your way back home.

As we come here tonight to celebrate your Year 12 Graduation Mass know that as parents we are very proud of each of you, of what you have achieved and what you have become – compassionate, intelligent strong women of serviam.

We keep all those students of 2022 in our prayers. God Bless, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. We hold in our hearts all those who have died in the Ukraine conflict.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Angela Klimkowicz, O'Brien Family, Mahon Family, Washington Family, A/Deacon Leo Hayes [1967], Fr Francis Leonard [2006] and Fr Peter Murphy [2012].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Lisle Stephenson, Chris Blackford, Stanley Poon, Ken McIntosh, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Fr Raymond Sweeney, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, 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 – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

ANNUAL ADVENT ANOINTING MASS will be held in the Cathedral Centre on **Thursday 24 November at 11am**, followed by Christmas Lunch. Please RSVP to the parish office admin@stpats.org.au or 46371500.

VOLUNTEERS DINNER All those who have volunteered (and partners) at St Patrick's are invited to come to a simple Christmas dinner and entertainment, so we can say thank you. Even if you only volunteered once, you are very welcome. We will celebrate at the Cathedral Centre on **Monday, 12th December** commencing at 6pm. Please advise our parish office (4637 1500 or admin@stpats.org.au) if you are able to attend. God Bless.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 – Please email the office, or call in to collect the program and registration form of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS now available from Parish Office. Cost \$10.00.

ADVENT REFLECTION MATERIAL – INCARNATE is now available from the entrance table. Please feel free to take one and make a donation to cover the cost, if you are able. Blessings on your Advent journey.

SPRED INFORMATION EVENING: Wednesday November 30, 5:30 – 6.30pm, SPRED Centre, 34 Hume Street Toowoomba Ph. 4632 8427. SPRED is having a friend to walk beside you in the everyday happenings of life, which is exactly where God is to be found. Could you be a friend to someone in SPRED? Come along to an information evening to find out more.

Christmas Hamper Appeal. St Patrick's conference of St Vincent de Paul will be giving Christmas hampers to assist needy people in our area. We are seeking the generous support of parishioners to donate non-perishable items such as canned hams, Christmas cakes and puddings, drinks etc to fill the hampers. There will be collection boxes at the front of the church from Saturday 26 November until Sunday 11 December.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding a Christmas Cent Sale at The Cathedral Centre on Saturday December 3. Entrance of \$5 includes a free sheet of tickets and afternoon tea. Doors open 1.00 pm, afternoon tea 1.30pm and calling of tickets 2.00pm. There are great prizes in the multidraw including a ham, homemade Christmas cake, fruit tray and more. Raffles, including a total of \$1000 in cash prizes are to be won. In addition a \$100 number board prize is on offer. All funds go to The Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 4632 1818.

Sunday 20 November [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	11am Baptism of Savannah Elizabeth Bennett 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group
Tuesday 22 November Saint Cecilia	9am SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir practice in the Cathedral
Wednesday 23 November	7am Mass SPC	5.30pm Grounds Committee Meeting 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 24 November Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's 11am Anointing Mass – Cathedral Centre
Friday 25 November	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	10am Friendship Group - Parish Office Boardroom 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 26 November	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation 10am Baptism of Remi Reya Hassett 11am Baptism of Patrick Graham Isaac
Sunday 27 November First Sunday of Advent	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	11am Baptism of Noah Jack Hooper 12pm Baptism of Charlie Elwell 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving: \$806 Loose: \$1743, PayPoint: \$660. Wendy Heelan, Sam & Fina Ginardi.

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.