



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 Easter

21 April 2024

First reading: Acts 4:8-12 This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2 We shall see God as he is.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18 The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We're now on the fourth Sunday of Easter and the gospel of John talks about the timeless teachings found in **John 10:11-18** where Jesus reveals himself as the caring **Good Shepherd** willing to sacrifice for his flock.

Jesus mentions that He is willing to sacrifice Himself for His flock. His dedication stands out and he genuinely looks after his flock. He also mentions his familiarity, with his followers just as they recognize him. This illustrates his desire for a connection with those who follow him aiming for a sense of unity and familial bond among, under his guidance.

The Good Shepherd resonates deeply as we celebrate the service of our beloved **Fr. Jack McGinley**, who has faithfully served for **four decades as a Parish Priest in Tara**.

Exploring the Gospel story leads us to encounter the loving sacrifice of the Shepherd, who willingly gives himself for his sheep. This selflessness exemplified by Jesus is mirrored in **Fr. Jack's tireless Pastoral care towards the people of Tara and Moonie**.

Fr. Jack's forthcoming retirement as Parish Priest of Tara signifies the end of a journey spanning close to 40 years. Throughout his ministry, **he has embodied the essence of a shepherd tending to spiritual needs and offering a helping hand to those in distress especially those affected by bushfires in Tara**.

Just as Jesus sacrificed for his followers so too has Fr. Jack devoted his life in service, to the Tara community. His tireless dedication unwavering presence and caring ministry have deeply touched the hearts of everyone he has encountered.

As we say goodbye to Father Jack as he enters a deserved retirement, we honour his diligent work and commitment. We applaud him for his pastoral support, consistent encouragement, and significant influence on numerous lives.

In the spirit of beginnings and continuity, we acknowledge that Father Jack's impact will remain in the hearts of those he has influenced and motivated. Just as a shepherd prepares his followers to carry on his mission Father Jack has. Guided the faithful by instilling values of empathy, service, and altruism.

Let us embrace the call, to love and humble service. May we emulate them by sacrificing for others and nurturing a community built on compassion, unity, and optimism. may the timeless message of Jesus as the Compassionate Good Shepherd echo in our hearts leading us closer, to His loving embrace. Amen!

FHEAR BRIAN REDONDO



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently** Jenny McTiernan.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**
Fr Leo O'Donohue [1961].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community** - 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.



Let's ask ourselves: are we open to the Holy Spirit, do I pray to him to enlighten me, to make me more sensitive to the things of God? And this is a prayer we need to pray every day, every day: Holy Spirit may my heart be open to the Word of God, may my heart be open to good, may my heart be open to the beauty of God, every day.

— Pope Francis —

SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY

THEATRE "The 39 Steps"

Wednesday 8 May 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$25.00 includes wine on arrival, supper at interval, 5 x raffle tickets. Tickets available at SPRED office, Cnr Hume & Jellico St 9am – 3.30pm Mon – Thurs. Ph:4632 8427 /

spred@twb.catholic.org.au

Altar Servers – recently we have had the joy of reintroducing this ministry to our weekend Masses. We extend an invitation to all ages, from first Eucharist and for as long as you can walk; junior altar servers to aspiring Acolytes. Contact Fr Nathan Email nathan@stpats.org.au to express your interest in serving.

The **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are holding a Mother's Day Cent Sale in The Cathedral Centre, Saturday May 11, doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Afternoon tea will be served, cost is \$10 which includes 2 free sheets of tickets. Children aged 12 and under are free. There are many excellent prizes and the multidraw includes a meat tray, fruit and vegetable trays, a flower arrangement and much more. All proceeds go to the Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 07 46321818.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION OFFICER: Applications are invited for the position of Parish Administration Officer at St Patrick's Cathedral and St Thomas More's. This is a permanent part-time position. As this role is spread over 2 locations you may like to consider applying for any of the following:

1. St Patrick's Cathedral, 123 Neil St, Toowoomba (12 hrs/2 days)
2. St Thomas More's Parish, 71A Ramsay St, South Toowoomba (12 hrs/2 days)
3. Combined 1 & 2.

Position Description is available by contacting St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Office on 4637 1500 or admin@stpats.org.au. Applications close 10/05/2024.

Sunday 21 April [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] Fourth Sunday of Easter	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 22 April	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room
Tuesday 23 April	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	NO Choir Practice this week 6pm Information Night for Confirmation and 1 st Eucharist
Wednesday 24 April	7am Mass SPC	6pm SPC Grounds Committee Meeting in Presbytery 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 25 April Anzac Day HOLIDAY	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's
Friday 26 April Saint Mark	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 27 April	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 10am Baptism of Ignatia Maree Ferguson 1pm Wedding of Sharon Oommen and Samuel Hayes
Sunday 28 April Fifth Sunday of Easter	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2335 Planned Giving \$848 Donation Point \$880 Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros and Mick Cuskelly.
Money Counters next weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly, Jan-Nell and Errol Chase

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 or name in donating. Thank you.