

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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The Ascension of the Lord

21 May 2023

First reading: Acts 1:1-11 Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 16:23-28 My Father loves you because you have loved me and believed in me.

LIFT MY EYES TO THE MOUNTS

Where do you turn for help? And who turns to you for help?

Many, I suppose, are familiar with the seminal musical film *The Sound of Music* (dir. Robert Wise, 1965), based on the memoirs of Maria Augusta von Trapp (Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott, 1949). A story of family, life, love, war, and the thrill of escape; it is full of anecdotes, quotable lines, and beautiful stories.

One of the most popular songs features a Sister-Act-like (if a little more solemn) chorus of nuns who sing "Climb Every Mountain." With rather humorous irony, the sister are scripted misquoting Psalm 121:1-2. The Psalm reads:

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.*

Looking at the original text, it is clear that the mountains are not the source of help. Despite the catchy singing of the mother superior, simply turning to the mountains is not a lasting (or everlasting) solution to our problems.

This Sunday we meditate on the ascension of the Lord into heaven. There is a clear move from the disciples staring up into the sky (Acts 1:10) to the 'great commission' (Matt 28:19-20).

Are we simply staring to the sanctuary with eyes that see no further? Are we gazing at the mountainous altar blankly? Perhaps the greeting of the two men in white or the commission of Jesus can be heard by us afresh today.



Book of Hours (c. 1420). 'The Ascension'. British Library Additional MS 50005 f. 141v.

All the best with your discipleship this week. Let us turn our eyes to the Lord.

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✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Roy Hohn. May perpetual light shine upon them.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary O'Shea, Fr Pat McAnany [2014], Siegbert Nord.

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

The Nationwide Rosary will be held May 27th at 2pm in the Cathedral.

Catholic Leader May Edition NOW AVAILABLE. Please take a copy regardless of having money to pay for it. It's better in your home being read, then left in the Cathedral unread. Thanks.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service will be at St Alban's Anglican Church on Wednesday 24th May at 6pm.

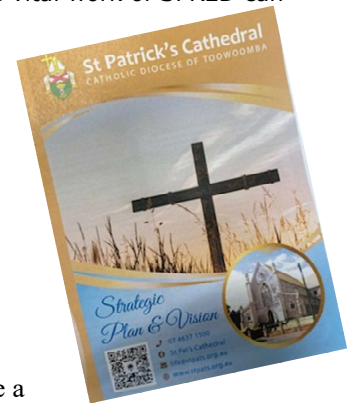
The Annual SPRED Appeal, 'Ministry in Action', is currently underway. For 35 years the mission on SPRED in the Diocese of Toowoomba has been to be a bridge for our Friends living with intellectual disability. A bridge that takes them from being isolated and hidden, to being participating members of our parish communities. The bridge that is SPRED is built of parishioners like yourselves, who are willing to share faith and friendship with another person. While we continue to need more building materials for our SPRED bridges, we also require funds to ensure the vital work of SPRED can continue. For details on how you can donate, please take one of the flyers located in the entrance or call the Cathedral office on 4637 1500.

Life@stpats

Last year you may remember that we asked you to complete a questionnaire in regards to our parish. The questions posed included "What makes you feel at home at St Patricks? How can we better serve your needs, and How can we bring the good news to others as a community?"

We called this endeavour "Life@stpats". The answers to these questions were grouped under three headings – or PILLARS – **Believing, Belonging, Becoming.**

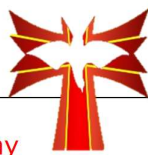
After collating the responses from you, we, the Parish Council spent time reflecting on the deeper meaning, needs and hopes that were contained within. Our overall goal was to produce a Strategic Plan and Vision for St Patrick's Cathedral Community.



We look forward to the launch on Pentecost Sunday and discussing with you the Strategic Plan and Vision for St Patrick's Cathedral Parish. We hope you will see reflected in the plan the vision you have for our community. We pray that you will generously help this dream to become a lived reality.

Thank you for your passion which forms this vision.

Sunday 21 May [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Cooper James Thurgood 12pm Baptism Hugo Thomas Haydock 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 22 May	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	(reverting from previous time of 9.30am)
Tuesday 23 May	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	11.30am-2pm Parish office closed 5.30pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 24 May <i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 25 May	7am Mass SPC	SPC Adoration 7.30am – 8.30am
Friday 26 May <i>Saint Philip Neri</i>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM (Due to school traffic)	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 27 May	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	SPC 6.30am Rosary Reconciliation 8am – 9am 10am Baptism of Alastair Philip and Darcy James Reeves
Sunday 28 May Pentecost Sunday	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Beatrice Eleanor Cowling 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre



Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$949 Loose \$1901 Donation Point \$520
Money Counters this weekend: Sam and Fina Ginardi with Wendy Heelan.

Money Counters next weekend: Kevin & Judy Lindores with Jim Harris

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.