



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1555)  
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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 23 August 2020

**First Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23 – I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. [Psalm 137]

**Second Reading:** Romans 11:33-36 – From him, through him, and in him are all things.

**Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. ALLELUIA!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20 – You are Peter; to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

### Names That Matter

You would no doubt agree that at present the most used word in mass media and our conversations is Covid-19! What does covid-19 stand for? As you would be aware it is an acronym for **CO**rona **VI**rus **D**isease of **2019**. Then what is coronavirus? It is a type of virus that has crown-like spikes around it. That's why it has the word in it. The word "Corona" is a Latin word for crown. With this in mind let us consider today's gospel passage.

### Herod and Philip: Caesarea Philippi

This Sunday's gospel passage is from Matthew. He wrote it to Jewish Christians, setting the scenario in the background of the region on Caesarea Philippi. There had been a sanctuary dedicated to the Greek God, Pan. Herod had built a temple there, in honour of Augustus Caesar, in 19 BCE (before the common era). Later Philip the son of Herod rebuilt this city and named it Caesarea Philippi to honour the Emperor Tiberius and added his own name. He ruled until 33 CE (common era). Thus, Caesarea Philippi resounds with symbols of power and authority of the Roman Empire. By the time the Matthean gospel was written people who have been living in this region were aware of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE, mainly due to the Roman troops celebrating their victory over Jewish territory here in Caesarea Philippi.

### Commitment to a Cause

The above setting for the great confession of Peter has brought about a powerful message. Primarily the Jewish Christians had been persecuted by the Emperor Nero subsequently nine Emperors did the same until 313 CE. The main reason for the persecution was that Christians did not worship Caesar and refused to give him the titles such as Son of God, Lord, Saviour of the world.

These titles were inscribed on the coins of that time in the Roman Empire. Yet contrary to this factor all the Christians who willed to be baptized profess their faith in that

Jesus is the Son of God - *not Caesar*;

Jesus is the Christ (Kristos in Greek), the Messiah, the anointed one – *not Caesar*;

Jesus is the Lord – *not Caesar*.

Certainly it has been the main reason that Peter and his companions were marked to be crucified. Peter, the rock and the others were never weakened by the threats of Caesar. They believed firmly in Jesus Christ who gave new life to them, not death. Therefore Jesus' question "Who do you say that I am?" is not simply about Jesus' identity but rather witnessing – being with him. Witnessing the power and authority to serve people, not to abuse the power given to him. Therefore as followers of Jesus we've got the authority by baptism to love and serve. The authority is the key of spiritual power to open up a new realm of relationship in order to empower others.

*God's blessing, Fr. Nandana*



Congratulations to Isla Neive Rogers, baptised last weekend.  
May the Holy Spirit continue to shine upon her always.



Father Hal celebrating the baptism of Oliver Terrence Mackenzie.  
 May Oliver continue to know the joy of God's loving presence.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Theresa Fitzpatrick, Beryl Roberts, Patrick Byrne, Fr Joe McGeehan [Bne] 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:**

Fr Charles McDonald[1970], Monsignor Patrick Doyle[2000], Fr Bryan Nolan[1968], Monsignor Stanley Skehan [2000].

✠ **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.

**Reconciliation:** Due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, this sacrament will be available only by appointment. This can be here at St. Patrick's or in your home. Please contact the front office on 4637 1500 or email [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) for further information.

**COLLECTION BOX:** As you will have noticed there has not been any collections taken up during the Mass, due to covid concerns around handling the collection plates. You will find a donation box located near the table for both cash and planned giving donations. **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE USE OF THE PAY POINT THAT IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE SAME PLACE.** Thank you for your generosity at this time.

**We congratulate and keep in our prayers the following candidates who will receive First Communion:** Abigail Allan, Ayla Allen, Chelsea Baker, Erik Bernard, Noah Betros, Scarlett Bishop, Sophia Bumtay, Luca Chalvien, Camilla Chalvien, Patrick Chappel, Mason Collins, Juel Condon, Keesha Dass, Kyara Flanigan, Lillian Geddes, Cleo Gordon, Jonah Greenaway, Elijah Grundon, Charlotte Grundon, Nicholas Hack, Francesca Hack, Azariah Hart, Flynn Hogan, Charles Hunkin, Avalon Jackson, Angelo Jamin, Ariana Jeffrey, Nechesa Lonczar, Zac Luder, Mackenzie Lyons, Erika McCarthy, Aston McHugh, Ashley McKenzie, Elaia Ong, Evie Phillips, Callan Politch, Thomas Prust, Pacita Quiroga, Huntah Robinson, Ellie Scheikowski, Amelia Taylor, Jacob Taylor, Sianna Thomas, Taylor Wann, Erin Ward, Lucy Warner, Margaret Wolbers, Riley Wood.

**The Blue Room:** The Blue Room, as a place of community and private prayer, has re-opened. 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.

**Planned Giving:** Please contact the office on 4637 1500 regarding other options that are available when it comes to assisting with the ongoing expenses at St. Patrick's. Thank you for your kind consideration.

**Father Michael** will be on annual leave until 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

<b>Sunday 23 Aug</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	11am Baptism of Camilla Flemming [TD] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 24 Aug</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass SPC (New Time)</b> 9am Mass STM	Fr Michael on leave until <b>ADORATION 4.30pm - 5.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 Aug</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
<b>Wed 26 Aug</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>ADORATION 7.30am - 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thurs 27 Aug</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
<b>Friday 28 Aug</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	<b>ADORATION 7.30am - 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 29 Aug</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Miller Horsfall and Harry Horsfall [NS] 2.30pm Wedding of Christopher Owen and Lachana Giardulla [HR]
<b>Sunday 30 Aug</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	11am Baptism of Aubrey Althaus [Fr Jack MacGinley] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1,087; Loose \$643; PayPoint \$290 : Mick Cuskelly and Helen Huddle		