



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 22 May, 2022

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2 It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

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

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14 He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you all I have said to you.

The Space Between the Stars

Every now and again when I was growing up Mum would lift down from the bathroom cupboard the biscuit tin that contained all the old photos accumulated over the years. There had to be the right amount of curiosity and conversation about the past for this to happen. An event that cannot be manufactured or made happen unless Mum wanted to remember the past. With a certain reverence she would show the photos of Uncles and Aunties, cousins and friends. There would be a commentary on their place within our story and often comments on their characteristics and appropriateness! This was our story – the fabric of life – that tracks generations alive and long passed – joys and difficulties – successes and failures. The readings over these couple of weeks have been like “snapshots” of Gods’ presence and companionship amid revelation of the meaning of the resurrection, directing us toward the full picture of our life with the Holy Spirit.

Indira Naidoo has written a rather beautiful book to honour her sister. Indira is one of three sisters – the others are known as Dreamcatcher and Stargirl. There is one year between each of them – they are inseparable. During their lives they moved to many different places and Indira reflects that because of this they didn’t form many long term friends, so this made their bond even stronger. Then one night Stargirl walked out into the back yard and ended her life. No one knew that was her intention, no one saw it coming – they were left feeling powerless and devastated. In this book, Indira explains how she discovered some healing through nature beginning with the night sky, hence the title of her book.

Throughout her career as a journalist and radio presenter, Indira has come across many experts and seeks their insight so as to deepen her own understandings. When she reflects on the stars she acknowledges that the original sources of energy for some stars to produce the light, would have ceased to exist long before the light reaches us. Indira says,

“.....peering up at these sparkling wonders I can see the good that can come from endings. Just like Stargirl, their radiance can burn brightly long after they are gone. The glow from their embers can light the way for others and guide travelers on their treacherous crossings. As long as you can see the stars, you can never truly be lost.”

Wow! What an amazing image of our loved ones that have gone before us. They still guide us and help us to navigate the world in which we continue to walk. They still shine through us, and to a certain degree our lives become the “space between the stars” to allow this to occur.

Today's gospel points us in a particular direction too. The disciples are devastated with the loss of Jesus. They are amazed at the revelation of the resurrection and the appearances of the risen Christ, but now it is time to let go. Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Christ – the final act of letting go. But the “star” is not extinguished, for Jesus will send the Advocate - the Holy Spirit, who will become the way in which our lives will be guided and navigated.

God's Blessings upon your week, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Mark Young, Lillian McLennan, Betty Hohn, Sameria Haddad and Daphne Jackson. 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:** Patrick Amalemba, Fred and Faye Betros and Msgr Edward Concannon [1987].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** 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, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, 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, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

LIFE @ STPAT'S – Previously we emailed out the form with questions for people to reflect and return regarding parish life. If you have supplied your email, but did not received the form, please don't hesitate to send your email to life@stpats.org.au and the information will be forwarded. Unfortunately some email addresses were difficult to read off the sheet provided. Thanks.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to those young ones who were confirmed last Friday night by Bishop Robert. Thank you, and your parents for the commitment to deepen and continue your faith journey. The gift of First Eucharist will be celebrated on 11th and 12th June. God's blessings as you embrace God's love.

PARKING: PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

HILL STREET VACANCY: Please be advised that the current vacancy has been filled at Hill Street. Thank you for enquiring from people their interest. Feel free to keep the units in mind and continue to promote them to people you feel would be interested. If you wish to place names on a waiting list, contact Celia at St Patrick's on 4637 1500.

Saturday 28 May, 2.00pm. Le Toot Ensemble – 12 Trumpets in Concert, St Patrick's Cathedral. Flyers at the entrance. \$10 payable on entry.

MASS IN THE MARONITE RITE: Fr Fadi Salame will be celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on Sunday 22nd May at 11.00am. In St Anthony's Church 3 Memory Street Harristown.

ST CARTHAGE'S, LISMORE: Last week St Saviour's Primary School had a free dress day, with a gold coin donation to go to help St Carthages in Lismore which was flooded recently. The school raised \$700 and we as a parish have matched that amount to be able to send a greater amount. This money has come from your giving in the parish, so thank you for your kindness.

ORDINATION: Bishop McGuckin invites you to join in the celebration of the Ordination to Priesthood for the Reverend Deacons, Brian Redondo and Nathan Webb, on 25 June at 10am here at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Sunday 22 May [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	11am Baptism Kayla Laurie 12pm Baptism Grace Hayes 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 23 May	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Board Room
Tuesday 24 May <i>Our Lady, Help of Christians</i>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30 – 7pm Choir practice
Wednesday 25 May	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 26 May <i>Saint Philip Neri</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's
Friday 27 May	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	
Saturday 28 May	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation
Sunday 29 May <i>The Ascension of Christ</i>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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

Planned Giving: \$1311 Loose: \$1339 PayPoint: \$600. Sandra and Peter Daly with 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. Thank you.