

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 October 2023

First reading: Isaiah 45:1-6 I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5 We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

Dual Citizenship

G'day to all in Christ,

The Gospel, according to **Matthew 22:15-21** speaks of the wisdom of Jesus when he said, "**Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.**" This straightforward but profound teaching resonates in **the life of Chiara Lubich, the founder of the Focolare Movement.**

Chiara Lubich, an exceptional Italian woman of faith, goes through the road map of the two worlds of "Caesar" and God and emphasizes the importance of **dual citizenship.**

In the Gospel, Jesus encourages us to give Caesar the things that are Caesar's. This means that we must fulfill our earthly duties, just as Chiara Lubich and the members of the Focolare did. They were professionals, experts, and lay people trying to make the world a better place. Their mission is to be good citizens, obey the law and contribute to society, just like you and me in Australia.

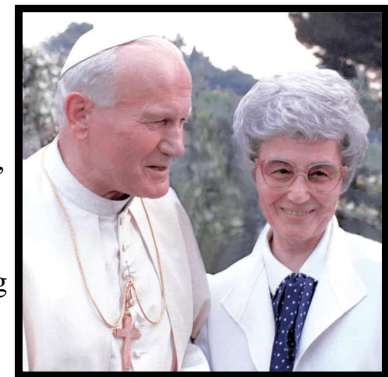
Yet the gospel also calls us to give to God what is God's. This is where Chiara Lubich's wisdom shines. Her "**Fourth Way**" teaches us that we, too, belong to God's divine plan. Our primary allegiance should be to God. This spiritual dimension of our life is equally important.

Chiara Lubich's book "**The Art of Loving**" shows us the way. It reminds us that we can't just go through the motions in life. We must permeate our daily lives with God's love to face the challenges of living our faith in a secular world.

As a priest born overseas, I face the unique experience of being part of two cultures and often two worlds. I can relate to the idea of dual citizenship. Chiara Lubich's message encourages us **to integrate our faith into all our lives.** It is about bringing our personal values and our beliefs to our roles as responsible residents or citizens here in Australia. As we consider this dual citizenship, let us ask ourselves how we can be better citizens of both realms. How can we engage with the world fulfill our responsibilities to society while deepening our relationship with God and promoting love and unity in our daily lives?

Chiara Lubich's legacy and her book "The Art of Loving" provide practical ways to guide us. With her life, she showed us that it is possible to give God and Caesar what is due. By accepting these dual citizenships, we become witnesses of God's love in a world that sometimes forgets it. Let us embrace our dual citizenship with the devotion, love and wisdom of Christ's teachings. In this way, we can be a living proof of a harmonious life in two worlds, honouring God and Caesar, in our beautiful country of Australia. Amen.

By Brian Redondo



✚ We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Helen Skrtic, Angela Frank.

✚ We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Harry Moses, Fr Roger Burke [1948].

✚ For all those who are ill in our community, especially: Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Mary Vandersee, Freddy Nield, Bev Smith, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner. Please be aware we have taken off anybody who has been on for an extended period of time, if you would like them added back on please contact the office.

PLEASE NOTE – Mass on the 24th October will be a full school Mass with SSPS commencing at 9.30am, not 9.2024 Columban calendars are now available for purchase \$10 each from St Pat's office.

Please note: - There will be NO choir practice on Tuesday 31 October.

Some dates for your calendar.....

- 5.30pm, 9th November - Ecumenical Prayer Service for World Peace at St Patrick's Cathedral;
- 11.00am, 23rd November - Anointing Mass followed by lunch in the Cathedral Centre;
- 5.30pm, 31st October – Vigil for All Saints/All Souls at St Thomas More's;
- 6.00pm, 12th December - Volunteers Thank you dinner and entertainment in the Cathedral Centre.

The regional hub for the Archdiocesan's Centre for Formation scripture series is still running. If you are interested in delving further into the world of biblical scholarship the sessions are each held on Mondays, cost is \$20 per individual.

Week 7 – 23 October: New Testament Letters	Week 8 – 30 October: Biblical foundations for Catholic Doctrines
Week 9 – 6 November: Scripture in the Liturgy (with guest lecturer Dr Clare Schwantes from Liturgy Brisbane)	Week 10 – 13 November: The Sacramentality of Scripture

Mature Catholic Primary Teacher relocating to Toowoomba seeks to rent Granny Flat/Private Accommodation Dec 2023/ Jan 2024. References available. Please email dmd1919202@gmail.com or ph 0419774110.

Please note St Patrick's Cathedral Office will be operating out of the Cathedral Centre from Wednesday 25 October until Friday 10 November, due to water damage repairs taking place. The phone number and office hours remain the same, room bookings remain the same.

RCIA: If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic faith or journeying into communion with the Church, please email <life@stpats.org.au> or reach out through our socials @stpats.toowoomba. Our RCIA team and adult formation team would be delighted to accompany such a journey of discovery.



By using this QR code, or calling St Patrick's office you can secure your ticket for an afternoon of entertainment and fun in enjoyable social company! We invite you come along to the Cathedral Centre and have a fun Derby Day on Saturday, 4th November, from 2.00pm. Cost only \$25. Come along for the whole time, or partly on your way to 6pm Mass.
Be a winner, come to the race day!!!!

Sunday 22 October [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 23 October	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	7pm Catholic Formation, Cathedral Centre
Tuesday 24 October	9.30am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	SSPS full school Mass 5.30pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 25 October	7am Mass SPC	6pm SPC Parish Council Meeting in the Presbytery 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 26 October	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC
Friday 27 October	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group, Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 28 October Sts Simon and Jude	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation
Sunday 29 October	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$2090 Planned Giving \$1145 Donation Point \$720 Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros and Mick Cuskelly.
Money Counters next weekend: 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 or name in donating. Thank you.