



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 23 FEBRUARY 2025

**First reading:** Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23: The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Second Reading:** Corinthians 15: 45-49 Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

*Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38 Be merciful as your Father is merciful.



*Introducing Fr Francis Xavier Krirtsada Sukkaphat, who is a diocesan priest of Chanthaburi, Thailand. "I was ordained to the priesthood 20 years ago. My mission is in the east region of Thailand, in Pattaya City, where I served as the deputy director of Pattaya Orphanage taking care of 120 orphans and 50 students in a charity kindergarten school for deaf and autistic children of my diocese, and also assisting at 2 parishes in my local tourist area.*

*(For more information, please visit website [www.thepattayaorphanage.org](http://www.thepattayaorphanage.org))*

*First of all, I would like to thank the Diocese of Toowoomba and particularly St. Patrick's Cathedral for welcoming me to their faith community. Based on my Diocese's plan to assign me to be responsible for the Pattaya Orphanage in the near future, there is a need for me to upgrade my English skills for daily use in communicating with foreigners for the Orphanage, in addition, the pastoral work of the local church in Pattaya City area which serves expat communities.*

*I am happy and so grateful to be here for 12 months therefore, I wish to ask for support from all of you in helping improve my English. And during my living here it would be valuable to enrich this experience while serving the parish and community in Toowoomba through my daily Eucharistic celebrations, and pastoral care and learning from the local church of Australia. I would like to join in any available activities and happy to serve everyone!"*

**God Bless, Fr Francis**

If you wish to contact Fr Francis this can be arranged through the parish office.

### **The Power of Forgiveness (Luke 6:27-38)**

The book entitled, *Forgiving Hitler: The Kathy Diosy Story* authored by Kel Richards recounts about a Hungarian Jew who endured the hardships of the Nazi regime and eventually resettled in Australia without harbouring resentment despite witnessing immense suffering. Even after witnessing so much suffering, Kathy did not live in outrage or rage. Instead, she followed the path to forgiveness. Her narrative inspire us that forgiveness is not failing to remember, but believing in God's mercy to heal the wounds of the past.

In the same way, the Leaders of the Christian communities in Queensland, *"express the deep solidarity with the Jewish community in response to the troubling rise in anti-Semitic incidents across Australia." Hate destroys human dignity, but forgiveness builds peace.*

Jesus commands us to love even those who hurt us. This is not a walk in the park, but a divine path of God's will. Loving our enemies is not just a good thinking, but a life-changing power of kindness and compassion by God's Grace. If we do not forgive, we're imprisoned in resentment and misery. But when we forgive, we become free, like Christ, who forgave from the Cross. May we learn to be merciful, just as our Father in heaven is merciful.

**Fhear Brian Redondo**

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Eileen Sondergeld.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joan Byrnes, Elizabeth (Betty) Eiser, Pat Murphy.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Sue McGavin, Clive O'Kelly, Claire Seymour, John Evers, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Cocozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Dorothy Marsh.

**For sale:** Dyson Big Ball Animal Origin Upright Vacuum – retail \$396 Sale Price \$250 – like new condition – surplus to requirements at St Pat's. Please enquire via email [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 46 371 500.

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times - 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**  
**St Patrick's 7am & 5.30pm**                      **St Thomas More's 9.30am & 6pm**

**SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST: ACYF 2025**



The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Melbourne and will be held in a central Melbourne location from 30 November – 2 December 2025.

For more information - <https://acyf.org.au/>

The Toowoomba Diocese is currently looking at options for attending the festival. If you're interested in receiving updates and travelling as part of a diocesan group, please supply some info below.

We'll contact you once plans take shape. Register your interest by scanning the QRCode.

<b>Sunday 23 February</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism Billie Betty Pennell 1pm Altar Server Practice 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 24 February</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group – Parish Conference Room
<b>Tuesday 25 February</b>	9am Mass SPC <b>Fr Michael Sheehan</b>	5.30pm SPC Finance Meeting in Staffroom
<b>Wednesday 26 February</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 27 February</b> <b>St Gregory of Narek</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 6pm – 7pm Choir Practice in the Cathedral
<b>Friday 28 February</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group – Parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 1 March</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism Quinn Le & Theodore Le Dounis
<b>Sunday 2 March</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism April Lily Todd 12pm Baptism Patrick Joseph Flory 1.30pm Altar Server Practice 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$3143 Planned Giving \$958 Donation Point \$1370 Money Counters this weekend: Kevin & Judy Lindores, Jim Harris

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**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, ref erence envelope number or name in donating. Thank you.

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**FRI 28 FEB**  
12pm - 4pm | Last Tour 3pm

**OPEN DAY**

Register Now  
[www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au)

**St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance**

Come and enjoy a great night out to celebrate the Feast Day of St Patrick!

**Saturday 15th March**  
**Cathedral Centre - Neil St**  
**Doors/Bar opens 6.30pm**  
**Meal Served at 7.15pm**  
**Dancing and sing-a-long from 7.30pm**

- Cost: \$50/person
- RSVP: Trybooking Link - <https://www.trybooking.com/CYTLF>

or  
Contact the parish office to purchase your ticket - 46 371 500  
or  
Scan the QRCode