



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

23 November 2025

**First reading:** Samuel 5:1-3 They anointed David king of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 121:1-5 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:12-20 He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ALLELUIA!**

**Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43 Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

## SYNOD 2026

This weekend Bishop Ken Howell has announced a Synod within the Toowoomba Diocese to be held in October, 2026. At the completion of the Australian Plenary Council one of the decrees – *“At the Service of Communion, Participation, and Mission: Governance”* strongly recommends that every Diocese holds a Synod within 5 years of the closing session of the Plenary Council and every 10 years thereafter. It has been quite a number of years since the Diocese has gathered to reflect on its shared journey, the struggles and the hopes we hold for the future. The preparation for this Synod is committed to hearing as many voices as possible so as to deepen the discovery of the possibilities throughout our vast Diocese. The model of discussion will be “Conversations in the Spirit”, which is a major component of Pope Francis’ desire for synodality within the whole church. This approach allows for respectful dialogue and listening powerfully to each other, within an openness from the Holy Spirit to discern together. This was the model of discussion also used in the Plenary Council sessions.

Bishop Ken outlines the objectives of our Synod as – 1. Reflect on where we have come from and what we face in our communities today; 2. Hear the voices of the people of our Diocese, and through attentive listening to the Gospel, discern a shared purpose and mission; 3. Respond to the outcomes of the recent Australian Plenary Council; 4. Develop realistic pastoral plans for our future mission of the Diocese; 5 Foster a deeper passion for Christ’s mission among all people, so that we may carry and offer our faith with pride and joy.

*“Without prayer, this whole event will fail. I invite you all to join in prayer for the success of the Synod. We fervently ask the Holy Spirit to guide our discussions, inspire our hearts, and strengthen our resolve to fulfil our mission as disciples of Christ.” Bishop Ken Howell.*

## Invitation to an Historic Moment – Cardinal Bychok Visits Toowoomba

This March, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba warmly invites parishioners to join in welcoming His Eminence Mykola Cardinal Bychok CSsR, our Australian Cardinal, on his first-ever visit to our Diocese. Celebrate this special occasion at a breakfast or dinner, with proceeds supporting the restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral's leadlight windows. Tickets now available – book at: [www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral](http://www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral)

Catholic Diocese of TOOWOOMBA  
invites you to join  
**His Eminence Mykola Cardinal Bychok**  
**CSsR**  
Thurs 26 & Fri 27 March 2026

Scan to purchase tickets  
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✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Josephine Cronk & Russell Houston.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:**

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Sue O'Brien, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar (age 2), Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Patrick Ryan, Rajender Vellore, Evandro Andrade, Antonietta Del Riccio, Gerard George, Amelene Creggy, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Cocozza, Jibran 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, Dorothy Marsh, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

**Advent Anointing Mass** will be held in the *Cathedral Centre* on **Thursday 27 November at 11am**, followed by lunch. For catering purposes please RSVP by 25/11/25 [stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au) or 46371500.

**St Pat's Parish Pastoral Council** would like to thank all volunteers of the parish with a BBQ **Tuesday 2 December** from 6pm in the Cathedral grounds. RSVP by 28/11/25 [stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au) or 4637 1500.

**Ministry Volunteer Sheets** are available on the Neil St table. Please give some thought to how you may contribute to the life of your parish.

**SEEKING PASTORAL ASSOCIATE – MUSIC** to oversee the music program and choir for St Patrick's Cathedral. This position requires a person with excellent communication skills, proven musical abilities, willing to organise and coordinate the musical and choral requirements for the Cathedral Parish, in a part time capacity requiring 25 hours per week, including some weekend work. If you are interested, or have any questions please contact St Patrick's office via [stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au) or to obtain a full role description. Please forward written application to the same email. Closing date for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2025.

**Advent Reflection material** is available from the information table. Please feel free to take a copy of the one that appeals to you. If you are able to make a donation, please place your donation in to the collection box.

**CHRISTMAS Mass Roster** – If you are available over Christmas to help with any of the ministries, please consider putting your name down on the roster provided near the collection box at the Neil Street entrance. It is a busy time with many people absent, so please give this serious consideration if you are able to help. Thank you, Fr. Michael

**Second Rite of Reconciliation** will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm and St Thomas More's on the same day at 9am.

**Christmas Appeal** St Vincent De Paul, St Pat's Conference Christmas appeal has commenced and will continue to run until **December 14**. Once again, we are relying on your generosity to assist us with the needs of our companions during this Holy time. Due to the varying dietary needs of each family, we are requesting supermarket gift cards if possible, we ask that you place them in an envelope clearly marked SVDP Christmas placing them on the collection plate. We thank you once again for your generosity.

**Unit for Rent:** One bedroom unit for rent, a single person only. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office. For more information please phone the parish office 46371500.

<b>Sunday 23 November</b> <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ,</b> <b>King of the Universe</b> [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b> [Priest ann. in green] <b>Rev Fr William McCormack</b>	11am Baptism Chloe Maree Hinrichsen 12pm Baptism Brydie May Weeks 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 24 November</b> <b>St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp;</b> <b>Companions</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday 25 November</b>	9am Mass SPC	
<b>Wednesday 26 November</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 27 November</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration <b>11am Anointing Mass &amp; Lunch – Cathedral Centre</b> 6-7pm Choir Practice 6pm Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee BBQ – Presbytery Courtyard
<b>Friday 28 November</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	11.30am Friendship Group Xmas Lunch – Nourish Cafe 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 29 November</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St Patrick's 8-9am Reconciliation SPC 10.30am Baptism Harry Rodney Walther Virgen 11.30am Baptism Elise Redding 12.30pm Baptism Bates Children
<b>Sunday 30 November</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism Hudson Jay MacMinn 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2735 Planned Giving \$741 Donation Point \$1410  
Money Counters this weekend: Sam & Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan

Money Counters next weekend: Parish Office Staff

**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.