



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23 October 2022

**First Reading:** Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor [Psalm 33]

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

**Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation has been entrusted to us. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14 The Tax Collector returned to his home justified, the Pharisee did not.

### How do you see these characters?

There is a wonderful author by the name of Geraldine Brooks, who writes stories based on as much research and little fact as she can find. She creates a believable backstory to some of the people involved in events that are historical in nature. Geraldine has written of people encountering the black plague, civil war in America, life of King David. Some of these stories are simply imaginative views of how certain characters may have lived and understood their world. Hannah Kent did the same with *Burial Rites*, telling the story of Agnes, the last woman to be executed in Iceland.

When we read today's gospel story we are invited to wonder a little further about these two characters Jesus uses to illustrate true and humble prayer – to bring them to life and to reflect on their deeper meaning to us. So maybe their stories could be –

As a young man Josephus tried his hardest to emulate his father. His father was a well-respected Pharisee who always obeyed the law, never cheated anyone, and made sure he kept only in the company of likeminded people. As Josephus grew in understanding of life he realised that he lived a privilege existence not having to mix with sinners, or take any notice of people living on the streets begging for food, for surely God has ordained it this way. People always told him how important he is. Who is he to change the natural order of things? Then one day his world came tumbling down. On his way through the streets of his village he came upon a man being robbed of his money and beaten badly and killed. Rather than help he walks quickly away, but he is observed. The next day he is pulled aside roughly and told that unless he pays a large amount they will attest to his guilt of committing the crime. They will lie to make sure. If he doesn't pay, his family will! What can he do? Why me, surely God knows how important I am in society? So he comes to God in prayer, blaming everyone else for his guilty conscience except accepting that he made the wrong choice. His demands to God are about himself, not about God's mercy and forgiveness. Will he ever face his failings humbly? Will he let his father's expectations always rule his decisions? Will he ever stop comparing himself to others? Will he ever take responsibility for his actions?

On the other hand the tax collector had no doubt what others thought of him. They knew he was devious, dishonest and cruel when needed – weren't all tax collectors like that? Justus struggled to make ends meet. He did his best to feed his family, to educate them, to be the best father he could be. His wife came from a better life, and when they married the love was wild and exciting, but now with 5 children and an old house the love was a little tarnished. She would often say to Justus, "Why are you not like the other tax collectors? They cream a little off the top, they take a bigger percentage than is really legal. We could have a better life than this!" This is often the reason for fights and arguments in their humble home. Justus knows he could cheat, but he is honest and true. He carries the family name – a respected family in Jerusalem. He would never betray his family or the values he holds dear to his heart. "I am satisfied with my lot. I need for nothing and we get by." Justus gives some money to the temple, but also he knows they are corrupt, so he gives to the beggars also. Yet he feels the temptation to cheat and make himself a wealthy man, and the sadness when he gives into that weakness. He is weighed down by doubt and negativity. He wants to be right in the eyes of God? Maybe God will be merciful to me? I simply place myself in your hands, O God!

Maybe we should reflect on the prayer from Cardinal Newman: *God has created me to do some definite service; God has committed some work to me which has not been given to another – I have a purpose! ... I shall do good! I shall be an instrument of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, even when not intending it – if I but show love. Therefore, I will trust God.*

*God's blessings on your week, Fr. Michael*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Bill Carrigan, John Rimmer. 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:** Harry Moses, Fr Edmund O'Donnell [1957].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Chris Blackford [Perth], Brian O'Sullivan, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, 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, 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, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

**RECONCILIATION** – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

**Join us to farewell Fr Nandana** with morning tea on Sunday 30 October after 9am Mass. Please bring a plate to share. Fr Nandana will begin in Crows Nest Parish on 7 November.

**ANNUAL SERVICE FOR PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION.** This prayer service refers to our Covenant that was signed and supported between the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane, Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane and the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba, which presently hangs to the right as you enter St Patrick's Cathedral. You are invited to be part of this annual service. As is the tradition, the host Diocese invites the other Diocese to preach, so this year we welcome Bishop Cameron Venerables to share his thoughts with us. So please put in your diaries **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7.00pm at St. Pat's.** Thank you.

**ANNUAL ADVENT ANOINTING MASS** will be held in the Cathedral Centre on **Thursday 24 November at 11am**, followed by Christmas Lunch. Please RSVP to the parish office [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 46371500.

**2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** now available from Parish Office. Cost \$10.00.

**GARDENING PROJECT:** As you may have noticed the garden between the Cathedral and the Presbytery/Parish Office has been cleared. The Grounds Committee would like to look into the possibility of making this into a dedicated "Mary, Queen of Peace" garden. Part of this project would be to place on display the words of the Hail Mary in different languages, highlighting the vast cultural presence we have here at St Patrick's. With this in mind we would like you to register your interest in providing us with the wording in your cultural language at a later stage. If you could register by providing your name and contact details, but not provide the translation at this stage at [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) it would be much appreciated. Alternatively you could provide your name and contact details to the office on 4637 1500. Please give this your consideration as we do believe it would make a wonderful addition to our beautiful grounds.

**Melbourne Cup Fundraising Event** St Anthony's Parish Centre, 3 Memory Street, Harristown 30 October, 2022 6.00 – 9.00pm Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Music, Trivia, Phantom Call, Raffles and Bar Book your free tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCYGN> Or contact the Social Justice Commission 07 4613 0895 or [justice@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:justice@twb.catholic.org.au) All money raised will go to support Refugees and Asylum Seekers living in the Toowoomba area.

<b>Sunday 23 October</b> [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	11am Baptism of Fletcher Hannat-Nunn 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 24 October</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group
<b>Tuesday 25 October</b>	9am SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30 – 7pm Choir practice
<b>Wednesday 26 October</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 27 October</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's</b>
<b>Friday 28 October</b> <b>Saints Simon and Jude</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	10am Friendship Group in Parish Office Boardroom 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 29 October</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's <b>8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation</b>
<b>Sunday 30 October</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	12pm Baptism of Leonidis Morrall 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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

Planned Giving: \$1421 Loose: \$1620, PayPoint: \$760. Jabour Hanna, Craig or Amanda Hogan.

**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.