



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 06 September 2020

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9 – If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts. [Psalm 94]

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-10 – Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

**Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! *God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. ALLELUIA!***

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20 – If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Last Friday I farewelled a dear friend of mine, Josie Vetter at the age of 101 years. She was one of the most gentle and humble people I have ever had the privilege to meet. Throughout her life Josie saw much change – in the world and in the church. Growing up in the family home, her simple way of life saw her move house when she married – to the house next door! That is where she saw out her days until moving into a nursing home a couple of years ago. There was a great simplicity about her life that reminds us to enjoy what we have, love the people around us and live in the deep presence of a God who walks with us.

I have a favorite photo of Josie in the church. She is sitting with her sister Bidy toward the front and the photo is taken from behind. Josie, 95, Bidy, 88. It is a lovely photo of the two of them simply, quietly contemplating life, praying and thinking together. There is a great sense of unity in life and faith. It makes me think of the numerous and many people that Josie has sat beside in the church and in her home throughout the many years of her life. The many words of encouragement and support she has offered, the many conversations around the kitchen table with the wood stove blazing, the kindness offered to her from others in times of difficulties, the many stories in time of joy, the celebrations of life itself through the ups and downs. I have been honoured to be part of that journey.

When I was reflecting on this journey I was also thinking about today's readings. The greatest call from this gospel is to respect one another. It is to avoid the trap of amassing support from others before talking to the person themselves with whom there is a problem. This can be challenging at times. For some, to avoid conflict but to vent in other ways is a common path, but in the long run it doesn't solve anything. If even after talking nothing is solved then a third party may be needed to assist in dialogue and understanding. However this all begins with a desire to respect the other person and their viewpoints.

Jesus finishes this part of Matthew's gospel with the point that "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am present". Maybe this is why most meetings under the auspices of church meetings begin with a prayer – to remind us of Christ's promise to be present. Maybe as we sit with another, peacefully or with a grievance we need to remind ourselves that Christ is present because of his presence within each of us and therefore in our conversations.

To be like Josie and Bidy to just sit quietly and simply and calmly can help fashion a way of living in patience and forgiveness amongst each other.

*May you find Christ's presence on your journey with others, Father Michael*





**Last weekend we welcomed  
cousins Miller Thomas and  
Harry Lawrence Horsfall.  
May God continue to bring grace  
and peace to their lives.**

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Josie Vetter, Ted Gill, Anthony Knight and those who have died from Covid-19. *May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.*

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Anthony Gerard Hoddle, Eroni Vakace, Debra Cole, Fr Myles Patrick Smith [2011], Bishop William Brennan [1975].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Richard Jones, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Mary Twidale, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], 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, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

**Priests' Retirement Fund Weekend:** If you wish to donate to the Priests' Retirement Fund, you will find envelopes on the welcoming table. Please place them in the Collection Box whichever weekend is convenient. On behalf of the retired priests we thank you for your kindness.

**Reconciliation:** Due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, this sacrament will be available only by appointment. This can be here at St Patrick's or in your home. Please contact the front office on 4637 1500 or email [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) for further information.

**COLLECTION BOX:** As you will have noticed there has not been any collections taken up during the Mass, due to Covid concerns around handling the collection plates. You will find a donation box located near the table for both cash and planned giving donations. **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE USE OF THE PAY POINT THAT IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE SAME PLACE.** Thank you for your generosity at this time.

**Planned Giving:** *Anyone concerned about their giving, there are options you may wish to consider. Please contact Celia at the Parish Office to discuss these options or you may simply like to do a bank transfer into St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 51289 1500, reference envelope number. We understand the difficult financial burden that everyone is encountering at this time, so please do not feel obliged or pressured to give. Thank you.*

<b>Sunday 06 Sep</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 07 Sep</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass SPC (New Time)</b> 9am Mass STM	<b>ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 08 Sep</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>Wed 09 Sep</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thurs 10 Sep</b>	7am Mass SPC	10.30am Year 12 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Graduation Mass 2pm Wedding of Christian Hill and Holly Laughton [TD]
<b>Friday 11 Sep</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	<b>ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 12 Sep</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Sebastian Whitby [FM]
<b>Sunday 13 Sep</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	11am Baptism of Ruby Akers [TD] 12noon Baptism of Arlo McGuire [NS] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving \$851; Loose \$712; PayPoint \$380 : Pat Power, Leo and Maureen McMahon and Eileen Stephen