

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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**St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1700)**  
**St Saviour's College - Sharon Collins (4637 1600)**

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



## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24 July 2022

**First Reading:** Genesis 18: 20-32 Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8 Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 2:12-14 He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13 Ask, and it will be given to you.

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This week, we celebrate Catholic Education Week (CEW). CEW has been celebrated across Queensland for the past two decades. It is a valuable opportunity for all 309 Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. This year's celebration is particularly significant for the Toowoomba Diocese, given that we will be hosting the state-wide launch and awards ceremony on Tuesday 26 July which will welcome dignitaries from across the state and country for this auspicious event. (Available via livestream).

The theme of this year's CEW is '*Communities of faith, hope, and love*'. For me, one of the hallmarks of a Catholic education is the invitation for members of these communities to be personally called to faith. Increasingly, while many families of students attending Catholic schools do not identify as Catholic, there is a genuineness in the reasons as to why they enrol their children into our Catholic schools. While members of these families may not have a personal faith as such, they opt in because they 'want a bit of what we have'.

In my experience, as a teacher of Religion, Assistant Principal Religious Education and Principal across the past 25 years, I rarely have had 'kick back' in relation to questions and conversations around faith. In fact, young people enjoy and embrace the dialogue. They are open to listening about people's faith journeys and respectfully reflect on these experiences, rarely shunning or deriding what a lived faith means to an individual. In fact, I genuinely believe that the young people in our Catholic schools find great comfort being immersed in communities of faith. This outward expression of faith almost gives unashamed permission for young people in our Catholic school communities to be people of hope and love.

The authenticity of our teachers is pivotal to the success of our Catholic schools. Our teachers most certainly are faces of faith, hope and love to the young people in our communities. Pope Francis recently stated that Christian teachers are "on the front line" in "educating so as to move from a closed world to an open world; from a throwaway culture to a culture of care; from a culture of rejection to a culture of integration; from the pursuit of vested interests to the pursuit of the common good."

*"You call me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am" (John 13:13).*

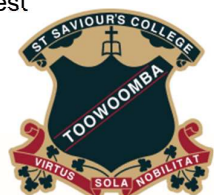
Jesus himself was an outstanding teacher, drawing on the lived experience of the people of his time to give rise to a transformative message that sought to promote common good. In the same vein, teachers of today are called to draw on the complexities of the current context of our world to make sense of and give rise to this same transformative message for our young people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This is no mean feat, yet we have so many incredibly talented and expert teachers who turn up – day in, day out – and do just that!



So, in a time where there is a teacher shortage, almost at crisis point, we pray that others take up the challenge to lend their professional lives in pursuit of the common good, through the noblest of professions – the education of our young people. There is no greater reward than to be, like Jesus, a teacher who animates of faith, hope and love to those who are yearning for it.

Happy Catholic Education Week!

Sharon Collins, Principal, St Saviours College



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** John Morgan, Elizabeth Ditton. 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:** Pat Seymour, Kevin O'Brien, Godfrey Tindall, Val Murphy, Annie Brady, Edison Aguirre, Danny Byrnes, Fr Robert Flynn [1980], Msgr John Bennett [1999], Fr Thomas Keegan [2020] and Most Rev Basil Roper DD [1964]

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** 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, Kristina Dawidowicz, 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.

**PARKING:** PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

**TUESDAY MORNING MASS:** Due to the launch of Catholic Education Week, our Cathedral Mass will be **7am** this week. Please make a note in your calendars NOW. This affects that week only, sorry for any inconvenience.

**Overseas mission opportunity** - Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. **Palms Australia**, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. **Enquire online** or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also **Register** for a Webinar on **Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

**Unit for Rent:** We have a one bedroom unit available for rent, which would suit an actively independent person. Rent is \$325 f/n. 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 to the Parish Office.

**Musical performance by St Saviour's College.**  
Please call St Saviour's College  
for more information on 4637 1600.

Tuesday sees the state launch Mass of Catholic Week here at St Pat's – Celebrated by Bishop Robert McGuckin and Archbishop Mark Coleridge if you would like to watch via livestream please go to [www.catholiceducationweek.com.au](http://www.catholiceducationweek.com.au)



<b>Sunday 24 July</b> [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	11am Baptism of Charlotte & Amelia Gluer 12pm Baptism of Saoirse Nugent 1pm Baptism of Scarlett Fitzpatrick 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 25 July</b> <b>Saint James</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Board Room
<b>Tuesday 26 July</b> <b>Saints Joachim and Anne</b>	10am Catholic Week Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30 – 7pm Choir practice
<b>Wednesday 27 July</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm Meeting SVdP 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 28 July</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's</b>
<b>Friday 29 July</b> <b>Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 30 July</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's <b>8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation</b> 11am Baptism of Poppy Bryant and Aidan Harris 12pm Georgia Eccles
<b>Sunday 31 July</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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

Planned Giving: \$1297 Loose: \$1249 PayPoint: \$420. Jim Harris, Kevin and Judy Lindores.

**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.

**Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection at the Neil St entrance to the Cathedral.**  
**(Please note to reduce wastage of envelopes, your number may have changed).**