



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th September 2023

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24 For me to live is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! Open our hears, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Last weekend at Mass I spoke of a recent concert that I had the fortune to attend. It was a performance by the Grigoryan Brothers who are reasonably well known for their classical guitar music. Their recent tour, "This is Us" focusses on Australian culture. They were invited to select items from the National Museum in Canberra and compose music which captured the spirit of the item chosen. One of the items they chose was the anchor from Matthew Flinders ship, *Investigator*. As Flinders was preparing to return to England they found anchor along the Western Australian Coastline. After 4 days a storm blew up and battered the ship, then it suddenly changed direction and so Flinders had to cut both anchors so they could escape the rocks. The amazing thing is they made it back to England without an anchor, so the piece of music is titled, "*A Fortunate Wind*". When explaining this story, the brothers also added that Matthew Flinders was an accomplished Flutist and, according to his diary many of his crew selections were made according to which instrument the prospective seaman could play.



When you think about this it makes perfect sense. When you are in the middle of the ocean and that is all you can see around you on all sides and there is suddenly no wind to fill the sails the ship becomes a small place to be. Music would relieve this pressure and allow for some singing and keep the crew and passengers from losing hope. We, of course think of this as caring for mental health today. It was indeed a clever way of keeping mental health in check and positive.

When we reflect on the last couple of weeks of Jesus teachings in the gospels we can understand it a little in providing for us a framework for our mental health too. Jesus spoke of forgiveness in terms of bringing peace to relationships and communities, repairing what has been disrupted or broken, reconnecting with those we are estranged from. It calls us to reflect on letting go of the past and moving forward into a more positive future.

If you think about it, Jesus reflects to us a lot of good mental health strategies. He walked great distances allowing the endorphins to invigorate his being, surrounded by people who engaged and supported him. Let alone the immersion into nature and fresh air! And today's gospel invites us to ponder the beauty of being content in our lives. These men waiting for work to raise an income had many worries on their mind. Concerns about their families and their future. What joy they must have felt when they were asked by the owner of the vineyard to come to do some work for him. What greater joy they must have felt when they received a wage in their hand for the days work to relieve some of the stresses of their struggle. Yet some were not content.

In the context of our mental health, let us be willing to acknowledge how generous our God is to us. The many ways we are grateful for the people in our lives, the opportunities we have, the kindness we can offer to others on our daily journey.

Let us find contentment for the "*Fortunate Wind*" which is God's spirit blowing all around us because God choose to be generous!

Remember God is simply tapping you on the shoulder to say, "Hey, I'm still here watching over you!"

God Bless, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Lucy Amalemba, Laurie Hill, Carmel Thompson.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary and Ted Gill, Corcoran and Donovan families.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Mary Vandersee, Freddy Nield, Bev Smith, Ray Frelek, Christopher Blackford, Bob O’Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner. *Just be aware we have taken off anybody who has been on for an extended period of time, if you would like them added back on please contact the office.*

Understanding the Voice: you are welcome to respectful and open conversation on the Voice on any of the Wednesday evenings between now and the Referendum on Saturday 14 October. These Voice conversations will be held in St Pat’s Parish Conference Room between 6pm and 8pm on each Wednesday evening, beginning on Wednesday 06 September. Fr Peter Dorfield and Mr Phil Armit will host each occasion.

SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE– “William Shakespeare – Complete Works” Tuesday 26th September. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$25.00 includes wine, supper and 5x raffle tickets. Tickets available SPRED office, Cnr Hume & Jellico St, 9am – 3.30pm Mon – Thurs Ph: 4632 8427 spred@twb.catholic.org.au

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Carnival of Flowers display; the Committee (Sue Bauer, Jessica Tierney, Tracey Flint, Fr. Michael, Melissa Stevens). Diocese of Toowoomba Catholic Schools, St Pat’s Choir, St Pat’s Liturgy Group, St Pat’s Young Adults Group, Diocesan Archives, Rosies, SPRED, St Saviour’s Primary School, St Joseph’s College, The Organic Florist, Indigenous Group, Jodie Zeller, Romona Postle, Kerri & Alan Denning, Karen LaRosa, Jacinta McGovern, Jodie Ramage, Tegan Boden, Kathy Sternes, Tom Hodgson, John Smith, staff of St Patrick’s Cathedral.

ST PAT’S BINGO - A ROYAL WEEKEND OF BINGO, KING’S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND. Friday 29 September – normal eyes down 7.15pm. Saturday 30 September – \$20 000 Bingo Royale. **Sunday 1 October – no Bingo.** Monday 2 October – special Monday Bingo, eyes downs 4.30pm.

Friday Friendship Group – Please come along and enjoy a hot cup of tea and conversation with ladies. Every Friday in the Parish Board Room located in the office.



You are invited to join with the Police of our region as they remember those who have given their lives in pursuit of freedom and justice.
St Patrick’s Cathedral, 10.00am, Friday 29th September.



By using this QR code, or calling St Patrick’s office you can secure your ticket for an afternoon of entertainment and fun in enjoyable social company! We invite you come along to the Cathedral Centre and have a fun Derby Day on Saturday, 4th November, from 2.00pm. Cost only \$25. Come along for the whole time, or partly on your way to 6pm Mass.
Be a winner, come to the race day!!!!

Sunday 24 September [SPC – St Patrick’s] [STM – St Thomas More’s]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Maribel Jorja Hong 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 25 September	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	9.30am Rosary bead making in Conference Room
Tuesday 26 September	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir practice
Wednesday 27 September Saint Vincent de Paul	7am Mass SPC	6pm Understanding the Voice – St Pat’s Conference Room 6pm SVdP Meeting in St Pat’s Staff Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 28 September	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC
Friday 29 September Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	10am Police Remembrance Service SPC 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 30 September Saint Jerome	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation 10am Baptism of Angus Brian McInnerney
Sunday 1 October	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	12pm St Lorenzo Feast Day celebrations SPC 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$1823 Planned Giving \$841 Donation Point \$860 Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros and Mick Cuskelly
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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, reference envelope number or name in donating. Thank you.