

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 August 2024

First reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

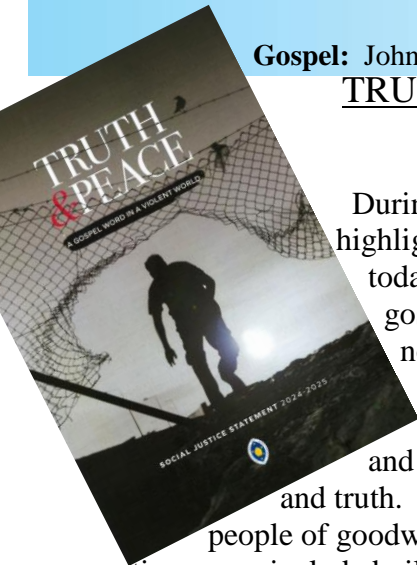
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are the spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 6:60-69 Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

TRUTH AND PEACE - A Gospel Word in a Violent World

Social Justice Statement 2024-2025



During the week the Bishops of Australia launched their Social Justice Statement to highlight the areas most in need of our attention, prayer and cries for justice in the world today. The statement this year focus' on the urgent need for peace in the world, from a gospel perspective. It notes that in 2022 there were 55 state-based conflicts with 82 non state-based conflicts effecting approximately two billion people in the world.

“Catholics are called to be active peacemakers by embracing a culture of encounter and dialogue, inspired by Jesus Christ, who is presented as the ultimate source of peace and truth. The document underscores the responsibility of Catholics to collaborate with all people of goodwill to build genuine peace based on truth and trust. Practical suggestions for promoting peace include building relationships with those affected by violence, supporting local peace initiatives, and engaging in interfaith and ecumenical dialogue. Community involvement and collective action are stressed as crucial in the pursuit of peace. Theologically, the document positions Jesus as the embodiment of God's truth and peace, emphasizing that the fullness of peace is a divine gift requiring human cooperation. Believers are encouraged to trust in the power of the crucified and risen Christ, viewing peace as both a divine gift and a human task. It suggests that peace can be achieved through the proactive efforts of individuals and communities, guided by the principles of the Gospel. "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" is a comprehensive call to action for Catholics and all people of goodwill to engage in peacebuilding through truth-telling, dialogue, and practical initiatives. It frames peace as a realistic and attainable goal, grounded in the teachings of the Gospel and the example of Jesus Christ. By addressing both global and local conflicts, the statement encourages a collective effort towards a peaceful world, rooted in the values espoused by the Catholic faith.”

As you journey through your week, I invite you to pray this prayer, adapted from Pope Francis' - “Fratelli Tutti”

*O God, Trinity of Love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love.
Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community.
Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognizing him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten in our world, and risen in each sister and brother who makes a new start.
Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty reflected in all the people's of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. AMEN.*

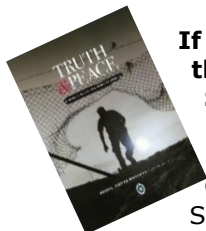
✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** William 'Bill' Madden, Ron Hannon.

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

Peter Byrnes, Doug Forbes, Donovan Families, Corcoran Families.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Vicky Cocozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

Carnival of Flowers Volunteers Needed: If you are able to spare an hour or two to welcome visitors to the Cathedral as they enjoy the flower displays, please email your name and phone number and preferred times to admin@stpats.org.au. The Cathedral will be open to the public Friday 13th – Monday 16th between the hours of 9am – 5pm daily.



If you would like a copy of the Social Justice Statement there are a limited number of copies on the information table, or please call into the office and one will be made available. The Statement and the launch can be found on the following link:-

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>

Greenery Needed for Carnival of Flowers displays: If you are able to help supply greenery please call Sue Bauer 0427 932 165 as we have specific requirements for this.

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Upcoming Morning Teas – Everyone is invited to stay to enjoy a cuppa – whether you are only passing through or from another parish, you are very welcome to stay and partake in our hospitality. There will be a morning tea following the 9am Mass after the celebration of our Diocesan Feast Day – Mary of the Southern Cross on 1st September and another hosted by the Choir on the 15th September.

Bus Trip Marian Valley - Date: Saturday 7th September **Depart:** 7.30am Neil St **Cost:** \$50.

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I am slowly coming to terms with the movement away from daily and regular involvement in ministry among people within the parish communities of the Cathedral and St Thomas More's. Thank you all once again for the thanksgiving celebrations in July and for the many gifts you generously gave me. I'm embarrassed and appreciative at the same time. Be assured I'll share what you have given me with others whose needs are much greater. Daily I will continue to hold up to God all of you – please pray for me! Let's stay in touch – thank God for mobile phones! **Hal Ranger**

Sunday 25 August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism Mia Del Rosario 12pm Baptism Eli Roberts 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 26 August	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room Fr Brian away on holidays until 13 th September
Tuesday 27 August Saint Monica	9am Mass SPC Msgr Patrick Doyle	NO CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesday 28 August Saint Augustine	7am Mass SPC Fr Bryan Nolan	5pm Grounds Committee Meeting in Presbytery 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 29 August The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	7am Mass SPC Msgr Stanley Skehan	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's
Friday 30 August	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conf. Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 31 August	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC
Sunday 1 September MARY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS FEAST DAY (Feast day of the Diocese)	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am Fr Mervyn Ziesing	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre



Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2494 Planned Giving \$921 Donation Point \$710 Money Counters this weekend: Sam and Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan

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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.