



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 January, 2026

First reading: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3 In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

CARNETS by Kevin Hart

Every now and then I come across a word which I must confess I'm a little lost to it's meaning. This word, *Carnets* has a number of meanings, firstly it is permission to cross a boundary or border. However it is also a word used in poetry, although crossing a border is not a bad image for the effect poetry can have on us. In the world of poetry it refers to a journal or notebook that contains short, evocative and thought provoking poems. *Carnets* is the title of the book written by Kevin Hart which contains 600 one line poems, or aphorisms.

For one line they contain much to reflect upon.
Let me share with you some examples:

Befriend silence before you live in fear of it.
The deaths of others measure our lives.
God has many lovers but he is always free for a date.
The birds wings are no burden.
The gods don't live in mirrors.



The reason I have this book on my mind is the "one line poem" in today's gospel – "***Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people***". It's a simple line which asks us to reflect and encourages us to wonder on it's interpretation for us today. When we think about what it means we are drawn into the analogy of how we invite people into our world of faith, sharing the good news and opening hearts to a new hope.

Let us begin with the analogy of what it means to be a person who takes the time to go fishing. My father, who loved to sit quietly by the side of the creek and rivers around Roma [photo above], always said, "*The right bait, the right place and a few Hail Marys will catch a good fish.*" The desire to share our faith with others sometimes burns in our hearts as we want to bring hope and peace through a God who watches over us. When we first attempt to share our faith with others we need to find the right time and place much like my father carefully finding a place where he believed there were fish present. When we first cast out to others there are many "baits" we may use – *God's mercy and love, Jesus' promise of eternal life, the commandments, Jesus as the good shepherd, Mary's "yes", the journey of the disciples, the joy and energy of the Holy Spirit.....* and many other insights that will engage the mind and heart of those we meet. There is another "bait" that we keep in mind – "*Preach the Gospel at all times, use words if necessary*", attributed to St Francis of Assisi.

So as people of faith we cast our net which has to be wide and inclusive – a narrow net or interpretation of faith will catch few fish. We also need to be willing to "catch and release", in other words those people of a different faith or opinion to ourselves, or who live the Catholic tradition in a different way need to be respected and understood, rather than forced or argued with if their faith expression is different to ours, otherwise we fail to respect God's gift of free will. Sometimes we need to allow God and the Holy Spirit to carry the Word forward in God's own time and way.

So let us carry forward the faith and cast our net wide through our actions and words that will draw people closer to Christ.

Happy Fishing! Father Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Patrick Ryan, Pauline Holloway, Fr. Peter Casey (Bne).

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Mary Wyatt, Michael Gill, Peter Saide, Shane Rice, Anastasia Lawless.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Mark Betts, Kathy Birmingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar (age 2), Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Rajender Vellore, Evandro Andrade, Antonietta Del Riccio, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Dorothy Marsh, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

Enrolment into the 2026 Sacramental Program is currently underway. If you wish your child to participate please contact the parish office on stpatrikscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au to receive an enrolment form and dates for the ceremonies, or simply call into the office.

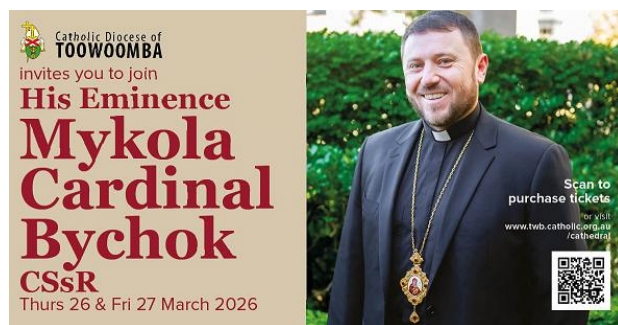
Congratulations to Fr. Brian Redondo who celebrated his Australian Citizenship in these days leading up to Australia Day. May he continue to find a place to call home in Australia.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults and older children are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. We have received a number of requests from people wanting to become Catholic. To enable this process to proceed Catechists and Sponsors are needed to walk the journey with those interested in entering the church. Parishioners who volunteer for these roles must be familiar with modern current teaching and be open to the changes in the modern church. Please give some consideration to walking with those whom the Spirit has called to enter into the Catholic church. If you wish to know more about what is required, please contact Gabrielle on gabrielleaide@outlook.com or phone St Patrick's office and Gabrielle will make contact with you. It is indeed a rewarding and soul satisfying journey to bring another into the faith!

Please be cautious when allowing your children to use the bathroom facilities at St Patrick's. Whilst we have CCTV covering the route we are also aware that we do not know who may be in the vicinity and therefore strongly suggest you escort any child to use the bathroom. *Child safety is everyone's responsibility.*

Invitation to an Historic Moment – Cardinal Bychok Visits Toowoomba

*This March, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba warmly invites parishioners to join in welcoming **His Eminence Mykola Cardinal Bychok CSSR**, our Australian Cardinal, on his **first-ever visit** to our Diocese. Celebrate this special occasion at a **breakfast** or **dinner**, with proceeds supporting the **restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral's leadlight windows**. **Tickets now available** – book at: www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral or use the QR code on the posters in Cathedral.*



Sunday 25 January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am [Priest ann. in green]	11am Baptism Olivia Paige Caine 12pm Baptism Lainey Grace Schafer 2.30pm Wedding Jonathon Eastall & Leola Ometer 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 26 January Australia Day	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Office Closed
Tuesday 27 January	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 28 January St Thomas Aquinas	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 29 January	7am Mass SPC	7.30 – 8.30pm Adoration SPC 6.00 – 7.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 30 January	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 31 January St John Bosco	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC Fr Howard Crowe	6.30am Rosary at St Patrick's 8–9am Reconciliation SPC 10.30am Baptism Jack William Dempsey
Sunday 1 February 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am Msgr Michael Potter	11am Baptism Charlotte Anne Ruhle 11am Baptism Hugh Michael & Maeve Elizabeth Murdoch 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: *Thank you for your donations.* Loose \$3476 Planned Giving \$906 Donation Point \$1650
Money Counters this weekend: Pat Power, Leo & Maureen McMahon
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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.