

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.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 June 2023

First reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13 He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15 God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33 Do not fear those who can kill the body.

"MAY GOD, WHO HAS BEGUN THIS GOOD WORK IN YOU, BRING IT TO COMPLETION"

There is one priest and one priesthood. A year ago, on 25 June, Bishop Robert ordained Fr Brian Redondo and me as presbyters of this priesthood.

For our pre-ordination retreat, Bishop Greg of Lismore explained how it is the love of God and the way God sees us which changes (us) at ordination. The same thing is true for each of the sacraments. He created the world out of love, made each of us in the same love, loves us in all things; and He loves us into priesthood. This image and explanation really struck me, and I have reflected on it a lot this past year.

Celebrating Eucharist has become a significant part of my life. Somewhere in the region of four hundred Masses in the last year, I am yet a novice. It is an honour and honestly a strange experience to preside at the Eucharist; certainly it is an experience of self-emptying. The love of God is manifest and made present. One prayer which captures this and never gets old for me is the prayer said by the presider just before receiving Communion:

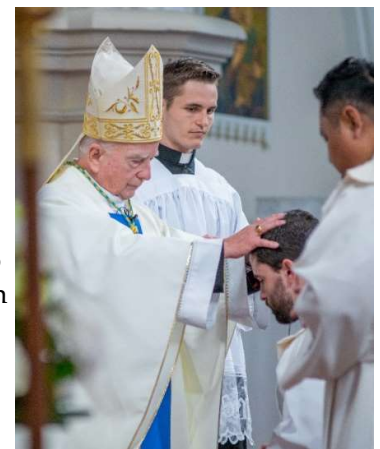


*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your death gave life to the world;
free me by this your most holy Body and Blood
from all my sins and from every evil;
keep me always faithful to your commandments,
and never let me be parted from you.*

God's mercy has been a prevailing theme of the year. This is not confined to celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), though I have spent scores of hours in the confessional. It has also included the works of Mercy, Eucharist, and accompaniment of people in all walks of life throughout the parish. Significantly, it has also featured in coming to understand my own brokenness and need for God's mercy.

Christ the Good Shepherd (*Pastor Bonus*), whose image featured on my ordination card [pictured], has been my guide. He has led me through all kinds of valleys and over mountains. Again and again, He has led me to the cross.

My thanks go out to Emeritus Bishop Robert, Fr Michael, and the staff of the parishes who have helped me start to settle into the presbyterate. Many thanks also to my friends, family, and brother priests who supported me to the day of my ordination and throughout the last year. And finally, thank you to each and every parishioner and visitor - all those who I have encountered through ministry at St Thomas More's and St Pat's Cathedral Parish. Thank *you* for being the face of God; *thank you for loving me into priesthood.* -- NPW



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Pat Murray, Tom Lunney, Martin Flannery, Donna Stevens, John Hanna (Brisbane). May perpetual light shine upon them.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Christine Stephens, Ryan Washington, Mansour (Vince) Coorey, William Madden, James Edmund mahon, Frank Dale, Fr Jeffrey Scully [2015], Fr Thomas McCormack [1968].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Kathleen O'Rourke, Christopher Blackford, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Bernadette Farrell, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Pat Murray, Bev Smith, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Greta Berge Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Kathy Allan, Hannah Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

PLEASE NOTE – there will be NO 5.30pm Mass at SPC on 10th July. 9.00am will be available at STM that day. Tuesday (11th July) 9am Mass – Please only attend if you are not attending the installation.

Congratulations are in order!

....to Miss Madonna Sleba on her appointment to **Director: Education Services**. Madonna was the Principal at St Saviour's Primary School previous to this appointment.

....to Miss Sharon Collins who will take up the position of **Principal** of Sienna College, Sippy Downs beginning 2024.

....to Miss Angela Collins who has been APRE at St. Ursula's and will begin next term as **Principal** of St. Mary's College, Goondiwindi.

....and **especially** to Fr. Nathan Webb as he celebrates his first year in priestly ordained ministry on Sunday!



THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT M MCGUCKIN

Apostolic Administrator
Bishop Emeritus of Toowoomba
Invites

Parishioners of St Patrick's Cathedral
to the Installation of

MOST REVEREND KEN HOWELL
as Seventh Bishop of Toowoomba

TUESDAY 11 JULY 2023 at 11.00am

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
123 Neil Street, Toowoomba



Sunday 25 June [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre [Father Michael on leave until 9 th July]
Monday 26 June	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	9.30am Rosary Making in Cathedral Board Room New members welcome.
Tuesday 27 June	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice for Bishop's Installation
Wednesday 28 June Saint Irenaeus	7am Mass SPC	6pm Meeting of SVdP in parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 29 June Saints Peter & Paul	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 30 June	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 1 July	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary 8am – 9am Reconciliation
Sunday 2 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Melody Cheryl Brennan 12pm Baptism of Eden and Myrella Luther 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$793 Loose \$2478 Donation Point \$880
Money Counters this weekend: Wendy Heelan with Sam and Fina Ginardi.
Money Counters next weekend: Jim Harris with Kevin and Judy Lindores.

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