



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 20 September 2020

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

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him. [Psalm 144]

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27 – For me to live is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Open our hearts, 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 Tuesday evening clergy and guests gathered to celebrate the ministry milestones of Father Don Murray and Father Brian Sparksman. Fr. Don for 60 years and Fr. Brian for 50 years of Priesthood. This event was combined with the Chrism Mass which would normally be celebrated at Easter, but due to COVID was postponed. It was a nice combination, for at the Chrism Mass the priests reaffirm the promises they made at ordination, and focus on the continuing pastoral life of the priest and the people they serve. At the dinner following the Mass, acknowledgment was made of the generous lives both of these Jubilarians have lived. Fr. Terry Hickling spoke on behalf of Fr. Don highlighting his deep prayerfulness and all embracing pastoral life. Fr. Terry said that whilst on holidays at Tugun Fr. Don would spend a lot of time catching up with anyone who he knew from parishes where he lived, that now lived on the coast! Bishop Brian Finnigan spoke on behalf of Fr. Brian Sparksman. Bishop Brian recalled some stories of Fr. Brian's life and his struggle with polio throughout. Sadly Fr. Brian could not be present at the celebrations due to his illness and limited capacity to understand what is occurring

around him at this time. Bishop Brian highlighted the commitment Fr. Brian had to the ecumenical movement, role of canon law as Diocesan Chancellor, kindness to others and humour through life experiences. He completed his speech by saying that he hoped that Fr. Brian, somewhere in the depths of his heart, knows the gift he has been to this diocese, its priests and its people. We thank God for the generous gift of their lives and the integrity of their ministry over these many years. To read more of the lives of Frs. Don and Brian please collect a copy of the Horizons from the welcoming table. Today's gospel comes to mind when reflecting on these lives. Some people don't understand the generosity of priestly presence in journeying with others. Much like this gospel, generosity comes in many different ways and to be generous in our time, giving, love etc may make some wonder why we bother, but lets use this gift and hear those same words spoken by Christ, "Why be envious because I am generous!" *God Bless, Father Michael.*

**May the Holy Spirit find a loving home in the lives of those recently baptised -
Ruby Isla Hope Akers, Sebastian Laurence Deiparine Whitby,
Vincent Arthur Barnes and Arlo Henry McGuire.**



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** John James McDonald, Tim Mulherin, Aaron Preston and those who have died from Covid-19. *May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.*

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

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Richard Jones, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Mary Twidale, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

Due to COVID 19 there will be no display for the Carnival of Flowers in the Cathedral this year.

Reconciliation: Due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, this sacrament will be available only by appointment. This can be here at St Patrick's or in your home. Please contact the front office on 4637 1500 or email admin@stpats.org.au for further information.

COLLECTION BOX: As you will have noticed there has not been any collections taken up during the Mass, due to Covid concerns around handling the collection plates. You will find a donation box located near the table for both cash and planned giving donations. **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE USE OF THE PAY POINT THAT IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE SAME PLACE.** Thank you for your generosity at this time.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CARDS for Fr. Thomas Keegan can be found on the welcoming table.

Planned Giving: *Anyone concerned about their giving, there are options you may wish to consider. Please contact Celia at the Parish Office to discuss these options or you may simply like to do a bank transfer into St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 51289 1500, reference envelope number. We understand the difficult financial burden that everyone is encountering at this time, so please do not feel obliged or pressured to give. Thank you.*



Thank you to Simon Pierce who has been working professionally to restore the wonderful sounds of our Pipe Organ. For the first time in six months we can hear the vibrant sounds of the pipe organ at St Patrick's again. The organ has undergone a complete restoration and, as you can see, looks and sounds wonderful! Thank you to Bishop Robert who arranged for this restoration to be achieved through diocesan funds. In essence the organ is part of the Diocese for all to enjoy!



Sunday 20 Sep	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 21 Sep	5.30pm Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 22 Sep	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	11am Baptism of Noah Alberca [FM]
Wed 23 Sep	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thurs 24 Sep	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
Friday 25 Sep	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 26 Sep	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 27 Sep	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	11am Baptism of Bryce Campbell [NS] 12noon Baptism of Annabelle McKean [TD] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$997; Loose \$1095; PayPoint \$280 : Kevin and Judy Lindores and Jim Harris		