

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 April 2026

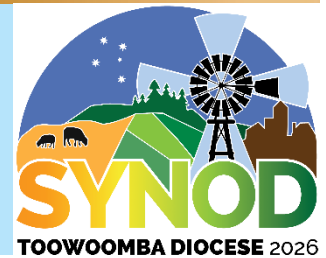
First reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25 You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:14 I am the gate of the sheepfold.



Conversations in the Spirit

Last week we took a moment to remember the life of Pope Francis, one year after his passing from this world, to the next. Over his time he left us a legacy in many ways and in all ways bringing our focus firmly to the teachings of Vatican II. Pope Francis, as is Pope Leo was a strong advocate of deepening our understanding of Synodality, which has at its core the need to listen to every voice within our church and welcoming the Holy Spirit in discerning the path ahead. This is the understanding the church is grappling with but has embraced as the only fruitful way forward.

As you are aware, Bishop Ken has convened a Diocesan Synod for October this year. We welcome the model that Pope Francis has envisioned for the church processes – “Conversations in the Spirit”. This will be the way in which we, as a church will listen to as many voices as possible, from every walk of life, every culture, every experience that has shaped our vision and hope.

The agenda for the Synod will not be set by Bishop Ken, or a committee – it will be set by you. This is why we need to hear your voice – to discover common threads, visions, hopes and dreams for our Diocese as we walk together into the future. I cannot stress how important these listening sessions are. *Please register.* Please contribute to our journey together. So, what does a listening session look and feel like? Let me share with you the wisdom of Pope Francis -

There are three rounds of conversation that happen based on a central question for reflection. As we prepare for the Synod the question for reflection will centre around *the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the direction the Spirit is leading our Diocese.* After taking time to prepare prayerfully through scripture a moment is given to reflecting on the impact the question has on you. What thoughts and possibilities arise within you. Then, showing respectfulness toward each participant, each person is invited to share, uninterrupted for up to 2 minutes of the ways in which they understand and respond to the question.

After everyone has spoken there is a short pause to allow what has been said to rest with each participant. Then they are asked to speak to what they have heard. This doesn't have to be a word for word summary of what everyone says. It may just be what sits well or causes some concern, or it may simply be a reaction about the overall content that was just shared by everyone. Then again there is a moment to allow this reflection to settle.

Finally there is a moment for everyone to speak to what is important that has emerged and maybe what are the challenges that are important to the church in the Toowoomba Diocese.

From having listened and reflected on what everyone has said there may be some common themes, ideas, visions or directions which are then noted by the facilitator. These notes are then sent into the preparation team who will consolidate and formulate the “agenda” for the Synod in October. *So this is why it is so important to hear your voice because it the only voice that can formulate what we will work on at the Synod. Please register for a listening session.*

Every blessing, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Reginald Richards.

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

Noel Hannant, Samuel Serrano, Fr Tom Keegan, Patrick & Gerald Slevin, Michael, Patrick, Christopher (Christy) & John Leo.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Lynne Anderson, David Cattel, Austin Amalemba, Janet Brady, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Claire Seymour. **This list has been reviewed after 12 months, if you would like a loved one placed on the list please contact the office.**

Unit for Rent One bedroom unit for rent, single person only, reasonable fortnightly rent. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office. For more information please phone the parish office 46371500.

Big Band on the Green - Jim Miller Big Band

Pack your picnic, settle in, and enjoy crowd-pleasing classics as we come together to **raise funds to preserve and restore St Patrick's Cathedral.**

Tickets also available from the Parish Office.



The Synod Listening Sessions are an integral part of the Synod process. These sessions enable us to gather as a diocese, share our joys and sorrows, pray together, and discern where the Holy Spirit is encouraging us to take action for our future. This is an opportunity for each person in the diocese to contribute to our Synod, with the information gathered at these sessions being directly fed back to the Bishop for his discernment and deliberation for the Synod assembly which will be held 23-24 Oct 2026.

Listening Sessions: Toowoomba: Please register via QR, Website below or our office.

QR code:



Saturday 16 May, 9.30-11.30am at Edmund Rice Cultural Centre, St Mary's College Toowoomba.

Tuesday 16 June, 6-8pm at Micah Centre, Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office, Toowoomba.

Online: Tuesday 26 May, 10-11.30am via Teams

Registration: www.trybooking.com/eventlist/toowoombasynodlisteningssessions

Sunday 26 April 4th Sunday of Easter [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am [Priest ann. in green]	World Vocations Sunday 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 27 April	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 28 April St Peter Chanel	9am Mass SPC Fr John Concannon Fr Reginald Prior	5.30pm Parish Finance Committee meeting in Office Staff Room
Wednesday 29 April St Catherine of Siena	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 5.00pm Grounds Committee meeting in the Rose Garden
Thursday 30 April	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass at Numylo Nursing Home 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 1 May	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 2 May St Athanasius	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 11am Wedding Isobel Whittle & Nathan Di Vaira
Sunday 3 May 5th Sunday of Easter	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am Fr William Murphy	9am Mass with Cardinal Charles Maung Bo 10am Morning Tea Catholic Mission - Parish Centre 11am Baptism Ted Neville Williams 12pm Baptism Charlottle Rose Slatter 1pm Baptism Oliver John Lessells 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

19/04/26 - Loose \$3300 Planned Giving \$966 Donation Point \$1920

Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros & 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.