



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26 JUNE 2022

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:1, 13-18 My brothers, you were called to freedom.

Second Reading:

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62 Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

Gloria Dei est vivens homo; vita hominis visio Dei.

Saint Irenaeus is often attributed with the phrase "The glory of God is man fully alive." He did say something to that effect, but there is more to it. In his book *Adversus Haereses* he says "the glory of God is the living person; and human life is the vision of God." Another translation that I like runs "...human life consists in beholding God."

I think the latter captures something of the spirit that emerged from the Benedictine tradition to "see God in all things" – not in some pantheistic way where everything is god, but more like one where we see God shining through, like the artist in their artwork.

If human life consists in beholding God, where do we see the divine? Some of the more tangible ways are the love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, etc. of which Paul speaks in terms of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22). But these fruits are not the Spirit and they are not God in and of themselves. Anyone can be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, good, faithful, etc.; even unbelievers and non-believers do as much (c.f. Matt 5:47).

I have a feeling that true divinity shines through when we glimpse the love of God that is beyond all telling: a self-giving love that wills the good of the other; joy that is more than just happiness; peace that is not just the absence of strife; patience that waits for God; goodness that reflects not our human frailty by God's goodness; and faithfulness that is beyond our deepest doubts. These are not so easy to grasp, though we see flickers of them here and there.

This weekend marks my ordination to the presbyterate, and this verse from S. Irenaeus' writing has been instrumental in my discernment. Can I come to see God in my work as a priest? The answer might seem simple, but it goes to all the facets: can I see God in the prayer of the Church and custody of the sacraments? Can I come to see God through the Word that I proclaim? Can I behold God in the way I live and love as a celibate man? I see God in the respect and obedience I offer to the bishop? Through the grace of God, can my manner of life be more and more Christ-like, bringing me to the vision of God and leading others to the same?

I pray that in this ordination the heavenly Father will see the fellowship of His Church here on earth and hear in our prayers the voice of His Son, Jesus Christ, the one and eternal priest.

In peace and with blessings,

Nathan

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Thora England, Delma Atkins. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. We hold in our hearts all those who have died in the Ukraine conflict.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Desley Byrne, George Saide, Vince Coorey "Mansoor", Fr Thomas McCormack [1968]

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Fr Raymond Sweeney, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, 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 Pamulaklaklin.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

PARKING: PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

St Vincent's Care Services (Lourdes Home), 227 Spring Street, Toowoomba, is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Communion ministry Tuesday mornings (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)
- Rosary Groups Tues & Wed (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)
- Assist residents to play Bingo on a Thursday morning (contact Rod or Chloe, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)
- 1-on-1 Social visits Monday to Friday (contact Rod or Chloe, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)
- Help needed in the Coffee Shop (contact Rod, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)

If anyone has a couple of hours to spare, it would be greatly appreciated. In addition, our male residents would appreciate some gender specific reading magazines, e.g. sports, motoring, racing, etc.

Prayers - The Toowoomba Diocesan community is warmly invited to attend a Plenary Prayer celebration to pray for guidance and wisdom from the Holy Spirit for the 2nd Plenary Council Assembly. **Date:** Thurs 30th June 2022

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish **Time:** 5.30pm

Peter's Pence Collection Your contribution to the Peter's Pence Collection helps fund not only the activities of the Roman Curia that assist Pope Francis in the exercise of his ministry but also solidarity projects that aid those most in need, like Medicina Solidale. To contribute and learn more about the ways in which Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's ministry of mercy, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection at the Neil St entrance. (please note to reduce wastage of envelopes, your number may have changed).

Sunday 26 June [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	12pm Baptism of Liam O'Kane Fr. Michael on holidays until 9th July.
Monday 27 June Saint Irenaeus	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Board Room
Tuesday 28 June	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30 – 7pm Choir practice
Wednesday 29 June Saints Peter and Paul	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 30 June	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's
Friday 1 July	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	10am Baptism of Henry Thompson
Saturday 2 July	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation
Sunday 3 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving: \$781 Loose: \$1604 PayPoint: \$510. Helen Hoddle, Mick Cuskelly and Joanne Meacle.

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. Thank you.