

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## 26 November 2023

**First reading:** Ezekial 34:11-12 You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

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

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be in all.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia!** Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46 He will take his seat on this throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

### CHRIST THE KING: A NOT-SO-HUMBLE END TO THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Clocks and stopwatches typically start and/or end at the top of their rotation. Just like the annual calendar, reaching the end or beginning of a lap is the most momentous of occasions.

Talking about the liturgical year with the RCIA group earlier in the year, something dawned on me: our sense of the liturgical year is very different to the (Gregorian or luna) calendar year or even the financial year. These secular measures of time revolve around and culminate in the celebration of the new year.

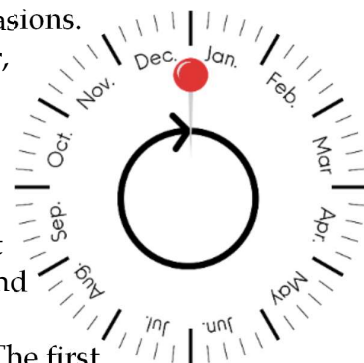
The Liturgical year revolves around Easter. So, the end of the year is not the pinnacle but the furthest point on the wind-down or living-out of Easter; and the beginning is the very start of preparations.

If we were to flip back to the clock analogy, Easter is a bit like midday. The first Sunday of Advent is less like the great ball drop of Times Square; it is a lot more like the quiet early hours of the morning before dawn. And - though this last Sunday in the liturgical year commemorates Christ the King - this is really the trailing off of the year; kind of like the moments before dropping off to sleep or the silent seconds before midnight.

When the liturgical year was first being formed, it was always counted as time before Easter and time after Easter. These counted weeks became known as ordinary time (from the ordinal numbers used to count them). Then, a dedicated time of penance and preparation (Lent) was set aside for the whole Church to journey with catechumens and those preparing for baptism at Easter.

Even Advent is a funny time of year. As the celebration of Christmas grew in significance, a kind of false or imitation Lent was placed in the four weeks preparing for Christmas. All the rest of our seasons and feasts are subject, nevertheless, to this great arc or cycle leading up to and flowing from Easter.

So, how is your Easter life going? Are you still celebrating the resurrection, or are you feeling more ready to celebrate the coming of Christ? As we journey through Christmas keep in mind the liturgical year and the preparations we undertake to celebrate our year with Christ.



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Amy 'Wyn' Gibson, Ty Hood, Andrea Butler.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Richard Jones, Bernice Jennings, Francis Jennings

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Louise O'Connor, Joan Robinson, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Bev Smith, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

**Some dates for your calendar.....please RSVP to the parish office where needed**

**6.00pm, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Volunteers Thank you Dinner in the Neil Street gardens. Please bring a chair to sit on. For safety and ease of movement there will be **NO** parking in that area on the night. Please make use of the car parking behind the Cathedral or the TCSO carpark. Thank you.

**9.00am (SPC) and 5.30pm (STM), Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation

**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2023**

**Saint Patrick's Cathedral**

**VIGIL** – 6.00pm (Family Mass); 8.30pm and Midnight  
**MORNING** – 7.00am and 9.00am

**St Thomas More's**

**VIGIL** – 5.00pm; 7.00pm  
**MORNING** – 8.30am

As we come to the end of the **Month of Holy Souls**, we invite you to take your picture if you wish from the banner. We will be using the same banner next year so if you leave your picture we will place it upon the banner next year as we commemorate those who have entered God's eternal kingdom.

**Christmas Hamper Appeal:** St Patrick's conference of St Vincent de Paul will be giving Christmas hampers to assist needy people in our area. We are seeking the generous support of parishioners to donate non-perishable items such as canned hams, Christmas cakes and puddings, drinks etc to fill the hampers. There will be collection boxes at the front of the church from Saturday 11th November until Sunday 10th December.

Copies of **The Swag** are available in the entrance, please take a copy and donations are gratefully appreciated.

Congratulations and thank you to the group who took part in the Toowoomba hub of Brisbane's *Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation* scripture series. The ten-week series wrapped up last week. This coming year, some adult faith opportunities will line up with our RCIA program. **If you or someone you know is interested in walking this journey of exploring faith or helping others to do so, please email <life@stpats.org.au>**. The process will likely begin in Advent and culminate at Easter.



<b>Sunday 26 November</b> [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism of Millie Mabel Baills 12pm Baptism of Brian Al Masri 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 27 November</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday 28 November</b>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice in the Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 29 November</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SPC Parish Council meeting in Presbytery 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 30 November</b> <a href="#">Saint Andrew</a>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC
<b>Friday 1 December</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9.30am Friday Friendship Group in Parish Centre 6.30pm/8.30pm FeverUp Concert in St Pat's Cathedral 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 2 December</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	8am – 9am Reconciliation 10am Myles Lester Lamb 11am Elijah Anastas Gesler 6.30am Rosary at SPC
<b>Sunday 3 December</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism of Lachlan Robert Flynn 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$2183 Planned Giving \$1119 Donation Point \$880 Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros and Mick Cuskelly.  
Money Counters next weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly with Jan-Nell and Errol Chase.

**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.