



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 27 August, 2023

**First reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23 I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Second Reading:** Romans 11: 33-36 From him, through him, and in him are all things.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia!** You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 16: 13-20 You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

### “Who do you say I am?”

Often when we read this gospel and hear this question being put to the disciples we assume that Jesus is testing his followers to see if they understand who he is and what his mission is. However I wonder, if we believe that Jesus is “fully human” than maybe that’s not what he is asking at all. Like many of the gospel accounts the writer may have interpreted it in hindsight.

One of the TV shows I love to watch is Rumpole of the Bailey with Leo McKern as the ponderous and good natured lawyer, Horace Rumpole. In one of the episodes Rumpole is accused of being a “character and that’s what defines him” and so it makes him ponder “who am I, really?” He says, “I am so busy being thieves, embezzlers and murders, it is true I seldom have time to be Horace Rumpole.” In other words Rumpole is saying because he is defending criminals all the time he in some ways “becomes” them so as to understand best how to approach their defence in court.

Is Jesus asking something similar in this text? The days are full of busy-ness for Jesus. Healing, curing, casting out devils, disrupting the practices of Pharisees and Lawyers, and so on. Each day is full of commitment and empathy for those in dire need. I sometimes ponder whether being a priest has an element of this too. We spend a lot of our time relating to the stories of those who have died, or school teachers/students, or parishioners, or young families etc to bring understanding and relevance to our liturgies and pastoral care. Don’t get me wrong it is something all priests love to do, but sometimes we “forget” who we are. And so like Rumpole, we need to ask ourselves that question, “who am I, really?” (I suspect parents/spouses/volunteers can relate to this as well).

So maybe this is the question Jesus asks of his disciples, not as a test, but a desire for assurance, affirmation and renewal of confidence in God’s mission. So **who** does he ask? – his closest friends and companions. We would probably feel pretty awkward asking that question, but every now and then in life people answer it for us, unasked!

So I say to you, **LISTEN** to what people have to say to you that affirms who you believe you are! They will not tell you lightly, for it is inspired from something other than just human need. Like Peter, real insight into our meaning comes not from human means, but from God. In fact, **SAVOUR IT, DIGEST IT, VALUE IT** because it is a signpost for you to reflect on **YOU!**

Jesus used other ways of discovering the answer -

- † “He went to a lonely place to pray” – Time away from the distractions of others expectations of him;
- † “Here is my Beloved, listen to him” – Listening to the Holy Spirit’s promptings of the heart;
- † “Jesus came toward them walking on the water” – Stopped trying to control life, instead allowed God’s power to work through him.

I’m sure there are many other examples of how Jesus sought the knowledge of “who he really is”. So I invite you to reflect on those ways, and allow your own seeking to overlap with the ways that Christ searched for inner truth and understanding.

God’s blessings on your week of searching.....

Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Ronald Moffatt, Teresa Hoyos de Bundschuh.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr Charles McDonald [1970], Msgr Patrick Doyle [2000], Fr Bryan Nolan [1968] and Msgr Stanley Skehan [2000].

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

**BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY** Saturday 2nd September, bus departs Neil St outside of the Cathedral at 7:30am. Cost \$40. For bookings contact Theresa 0434528904

**St Saviours College** are celebrating 150 years of Mercy Education. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September with three events through out the day. Starting with Mass at 10am here at St Patrick's Cathedral, 11.30am there is a luncheon at the Cathedral Centre and 5pm they are off to the races at Clifford Park. To secure your tickets to these events please head to [www.ssc150years.com](http://www.ssc150years.com)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** is celebrated this weekend. The Bishops have focused on creating better engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the church. There are some copies of the statement available on the table. You can read "**Listen, Learn, Love. A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**" by going to <https://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/acbc-social-justice-statement-2023-24/>

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** are still being sought. You will find the forms for nomination on the information table. Please give some time and discernment regarding who you would like to represent you on the Parish Council to continue to strengthen the mission in the life of St Patrick's Parish Community.

**Transport to 7am Mass.** A lady who lives in Rangeville and is a parishioner of St Pat's is looking for transport to 7am Mass on Sundays. If you are able to help, please phone or email the office: 46371500 or [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au)



By using this QR code, or calling St Patrick's office you can secure your ticket for an afternoon of entertainment and fun in enjoyable social company! We invite you come along to the Cathedral Centre and have a fun Derby Day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, from 2.00pm. Cost only \$25. Come along for the whole time, or partly on your way to 6pm Mass.  
**Be a winner, come to the race day!!!!**

<b>Sunday 27 August</b> [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	Bishop Ken Howell will celebrate all Masses this weekend 9am St Saviour's Primary School joins with with St Patrick's 11am Baptism of Ryder Leonardo Greer 12pm Baptism of Pippa Matilda Rose Storey 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 28 August</b> <a href="#">Saint Augustine</a>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Fr Nathan on holidays until 1 <sup>st</sup> October 9.30am Rosary bead making in Cathedral Board Room
<b>Tuesday 29 August</b> <a href="#">The Passion of St John the Baptist</a>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir practice
<b>Wednesday 30 August</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 31 August</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC
<b>Friday 1 September</b> <a href="#">Feast of Our Lady of the Southern Cross</a>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 2 September</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation 10am Mass to celebrate 150 years of Mercy Education
<b>Sunday 3 September</b> <b>Priest Retirement Fund</b> <b>Appeal Sunday</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre Appeal envelopes on the information table, available now.
<p><b>Planned Giving:</b> Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$1588 Planned Giving \$1295 Donation Point \$740 Money Counters this weekend: Leo and Maureen McMahon with Pat Power. Money Counters next weekend: Wendy Heelan with Sam and Fina Ginardi.</p> <p><b>Planned Giving Options:</b> 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.</p>		