



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27 November 2022

**First Reading:** Isaiah 2: 1-5 The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Romans 13: 11-14 The time has come, our salvation is near.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 24: 37-44 Stay awake, you must be ready.

Feeling grateful and not letting others to know about it is as good as not feeling at all. Dear Rev Bishop Robert and his office staff, Priests, Parishioners and office staff of St. Patrick's Cathedral, I express my heartfelt gratitude to you for the warm welcome, love, acceptance, appreciation and support I received from you for the past five months. The first person I met on my arrival to Brisbane was Rev Bishop Robert who awaited my arrival patiently and picked me up and dropped me at St. Patrick's presbytery. Anyone could have done it but our Bishop chose to do it, thank you Bishop for inviting me to your diocese, assisting me to complete documentation required and accompanying me in my priestly ministry. I am indebted to you. The Priests, Parishioners and office staff of St. Patrick's cathedral, St. Thomas more, St. Mary Mackillop, St. Teresa not only have a big heart but express the same by accommodating me and making me feel not to miss my family. I remain grateful for all your love and support shown through your appreciation of what I have to offer in term of my ministry and correction when it was needed. Each and every one of you have contributed to what I am today. As I move forward to St. George, I look at the future with hope and my past with gratitude, knowing well the good Lord is with me and will continue to bless me and through me many others. May His name be praised always and I ever remain grateful.

*Fr Anthony Samy Msfs*

Recently we sold the family house in Roma. For myself, and my siblings it was sad to let go of the place we have all spent many of our years growing up – for me almost all my young life, as we moved there when I was 4. We knew every nook and cranny of the house and yard as we played and studied and partied over those years. So it causes some sadness to say goodbye to that part of our history. But at the end of the day it is only a building – what made it a home was our parent's love, our shared family experience and the place of growth, wisdom and being safe from the world when needed.

Today's gospel inviting us to **STAY AWAKE!** incites in me more than getting ready for the end times, when the Lord will come. Like Noah it is about listening to the reality of life, listening to the depth and true meaning of what is happening in our lives. We are often fed social media and information in general that appears to be the complete story but often isn't. We are not invited into the depth of what is really happening. Some call this a "dumbing down" of our lives. We don't look deeper. We fail to look for the true meaning and understand what is really happening and why.

As a family when Mum and Dad passed away our need to gather at the house in Roma also dissipated. Without Mum and Dad the home returned to being just a house. When we reflected on this as a family we realised that the gift of a home doesn't require a physical place. We gather using Whatsapp online to share news and views etc. Each year we gather somewhere for the weekend – no mean feat with 8 of us, plus spouses. This becomes *our* home – *our* place to share love, support, concern, joy and some tears.

When Mum and Dad passed away we could have sold the house and finalised things and gone about our lives catching up with each other in an *ad hoc* way. But we **STAYED AWAKE!** to what was important and decided to build a different "home".

So as you begin your Advent journey I invite you to reflect on what is the deeper meanings in your life that you need to **STAY AWAKE!** to, and take notice of. Then you will be **AWAKE!** in time, to celebrate a Christmas where you can see the true **Emmanuel** – a God who is always with us.

*God's blessings on your Advent journey..... Fr. Michael*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** John Foley, Eddie Matta. 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:** Fr John Dowd [1978] and Fr James Wiemers [1989].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Gloria Hayes, Gayle Christoffel, Lisle Stephenson, Stanley Poon, Ken McIntosh, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavallachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, 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, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

**RECONCILIATION** – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

**VOLUNTEERS DINNER** All those who have volunteered (and partners) at St Patrick's are invited to come to a simple Christmas dinner and entertainment, so we can say thank you. Even if you only volunteered once, you are very welcome. We will celebrate at the Cathedral Centre on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December** commencing at 6pm. Please advise our parish office (4637 1500 or [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au)) if you are able to attend. God Bless.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023** – Please email the office, or call in to collect the program and registration form of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500.

**2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** now available from Parish Office. Cost \$10.00.

**COMMUNIAL RECONCILIATION** will be offered Wednesday 7 December - 9am at St Patrick's Cathedral and 5.30pm at St Thomas More's.

**SPRED INFORMATION EVENING:** Wednesday November 30, 5:30 – 6.30pm, SPRED Centre, 34 Hume Street Toowoomba Ph. 4632 8427. SPRED is having a friend to walk beside you in the everyday happenings of life, which is exactly where God is to be found. Could you be a friend to someone in SPRED? Come along to an information evening to find out more.

**Rosters** – Please find blank rosters for volunteers for the Christmas Masses on the table at the Neil St entrance.

**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 26 November until Sunday 11 December.

**The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are holding a Christmas Cent Sale at The Cathedral Centre on Saturday December 3. Entrance of \$5 includes a free sheet of tickets and afternoon tea. Doors open 1.00 pm, afternoon tea 1.30pm and calling of tickets 2.00pm. There are great prizes in the multidraw including a ham, homemade Christmas cake, fruit tray and more. Raffles, including a total of \$1000 in cash prizes are to be won. In addition a \$100 number board prize is on offer. All funds go to The Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 4632 1818.

**Mass in the Maronite Rite** will be celebrated by Fr Fadi Salami on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am at St Anthony's Church in Memory Street. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this Mass.

<b>Sunday 27 November</b> [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	11am Baptism of Noah Jack Hooper 12pm Baptism of Charlie Michael Elwell 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 28 November</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group
<b>Tuesday 29 November</b>	9am SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir practice in the Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 30 November</b> <i>Saint Andrew</i>	7am Mass SPC	6pm Meeting of St Vincent de Paul – Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 1 December</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's
<b>Friday 2 December</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	10am Friendship Group - Parish Office Boardroom 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 3 December</b> <i>Saint Francis Xavier</i>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's <b>8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation</b> 10am Baptism Izaiah Bonell 11am Baptism Theodore & Sienna Sutcliffe
<b>Sunday 4 December</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	11am Remi August Damian Nenhinnitt 12pm Brooklyn Grace Dennis 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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

Planned Giving: \$1303 Loose: \$1485, PayPoint: \$490. Jim Harris, Kevin and Judy Lindores.

**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.