



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 27 September 2020

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 – The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord. [Psalm 24]

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 – In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32 – He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.



Interestingly, the Gospel of Mark, the first of the Gospels to be written, opens not with the birth of Jesus, but with the proclamation of that obscure and ascetic figure of St John the Baptist. “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” Immediately we’re told that St John appeared in the desert “proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins”, followed by a description of his way of life: “John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey” (Mk 1:2-6). These verses have often led eastern iconographers to depict St John with an angel’s wings under the title “Angel of the Desert”, since he is the “messenger” (i.e. angel) both by his word and by his angelic way of life of detachment and total dependence on God.

In the Gospel today Jesus cites St John and his “way of righteousness” as that which changed the minds of tax collectors and prostitutes, while the law-abiding Pharisees failed to change their minds and believe. What was it about St John the Baptist that made him such a powerful catalyst for transformation, and yet so troubling for the authorities? Obviously, St John’s convincing way of life and his personal embodiment of repentance was indispensable, but perhaps a fuller answer is to be found in our second reading today: In his soaring words to the Philippians, St Paul urges them to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...” St Paul urges us to have the same “mind” as Christ—the mind which allowed him not to cling to his equality with the Father but to instead pour out his divine life for others. This, we might say, is the mind that characterised the life of St John the Baptist. St John not only earned himself a gruesome martyrdom for the truth, but his entire existence was one that did not cling to anything for itself, rather, he poured himself out for God and for others. It’s in possessing this mind of Jesus, which can only come from intimately knowing and loving him in the first place, that ultimately changed the minds of those wayward tax collectors and prostitutes. But we can equally say that it is this mind of Christ which provoked such hostility from certain circles. Dear brothers and sisters, like St John the Baptist, we are invited to have the same mind as Jesus, which entails the ecstasy of total devotion to him. Will we allow our minds to be changed, or will we take offence?

Blessings for the week ahead- Fr Tom Duncan



During the week we welcomed Noah Catalan Alberca into the Catholic family. Many blessings to Noah and family.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Mary McDonald (Sr. Miriam's sister), Ignazio Ginardi, Dianne Bonett, Dan Reilly and those who have died from Covid-19. *May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.*

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Maureen Ryan, Fr Clarence Leahy [1996], Fr Neil O'Donoghue [1980].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Richard Jones, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Mary Twidale, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], 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 Pamulaklakin, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

Reconciliation: Due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, this sacrament will be available only by appointment. This can be here at St Patrick's or in your home. Please contact the front office on 4637 1500 or email admin@stpats.org.au for further information.

COLLECTION BOX: As you will have noticed there has not been any collections taken up during the Mass, due to Covid concerns around handling the collection plates. You will find a donation box located near the table for both cash and planned giving donations. **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE USE OF THE PAY POINT THAT IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE SAME PLACE.** Thank you for your generosity at this time.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CARDS for Fr. Thomas Keegan can be found on the welcoming table.

Planned Giving: Anyone concerned about their giving, there are options you may wish to consider. Please contact Celia at the Parish Office to discuss these options or you may simply like to do a bank transfer into St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 51289 1500, reference envelope number. We understand the difficult financial burden that everyone is encountering at this time, so please do not feel obliged or pressured to give. Thank you.

Please keep in your prayers those areas that are approaching a desperate need for life giving rain. These areas include, Lockyer Valley, Fassifern Valley, Southern Darling Downs, Western Darling Downs, Northern Darling Downs, Central Darling Downs, Eastern Darling Downs, Maranoa and District including Westmar, Meandarra, Condamine, Drillham, Inglestone, North Burnett, Central Burnett and South Burnett and the many other areas throughout our nation that are feeling the pain of lack of good rain. (requested to be placed in the bulletin by a parishioner)

Sunday 27 Sep	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	11am Baptism of Bryce Campbell [NS] 12noon Baptism of Annabelle McKean [TD] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 28 Sep	5.30pm Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 29 Sep Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	Police Remembrance Day
Wed 30 Sep St Jerome	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thurs 01 Oct St Therese of the Child Jesus	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
Friday 02 Oct Feast of Holy Angels	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 03 Oct	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Ailish Lily Pearson [NS] 2.30pm Wedding of Matthias Falzon and Jessica Summers [Bishop McGuckin]
Sunday 04 Oct	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	11am Baptism of Everleigh Nothdurft [FM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$993; Loose \$851; PayPoint \$390 : Jabour Hanna, Kate Gilloway, Craig or Amanda Hogan		

This Tuesday would normally be the Police Remembrance Day memorial service, however due to Covid19 there are restricted public services. I encourage you to take a moment to quietly acknowledge the service members of the Police afford the community every day. The risk they take to keep our communities safe and free from violence and unrest. At this time there has been extra pressure placed upon their shoulders due to border closures and other Covid related issues. Take some time and light a candle to acknowledge this day. Today is also the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. St. Michael who defeated Satan is the patron of Police Officers. May St Michael walk beside every member of the Police service to keep them safe in their daily duties.

With honour they served

On this day we remember and honour Queensland police officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

We also remember and honour staff members, retired police, and officers who have died off duty.



National Police Remembrance Day

Living God,

Today prompts painful and confronting memories and emotions for many people. For the family, friends and colleagues of those who we honour today, we pray for your comfort, presence, peace, support and healing. May we all be encouraged that our loved ones are not and will not ever, be forgotten.

Be with all those who journey through the sadness and memories that today might stir for them. May they find care and support from fellow members of the service and beyond.

May their service to the community bring them to eternal rest.

Lord, in your grace, love and mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen

The Police Ode

As the sun surely sets,
dawn will see it arise,
For service above self
demands its own prize.
You have fought the good fight,
life's race has been run,
And peace your reward
for eternity begun.
And we that are left
shall never forget,
Rest in peace friend and colleague,
for the sun has now set.
We will remember.

All: *We will remember. Hasten the dawn.*

Act of Remembrance

The Queensland Police Service acknowledges the contribution of all staff members and we are very fortunate that none have passed away whilst on duty since last years' National Police Remembrance Day.

The Queensland Police Service acknowledges the years of service, commitment and integrity of retired police officers. Their valuable contribution over many years of dedicated service has provided safety and justice for the Queensland community.

We observe a time of silence to remember and honour those who have died in this past year.

In silence we remember them
(Observe silence)



Roll of Honour

In the past twelve months since last National Police Remembrance Day there have been four officers killed in the line of duty from across Australian jurisdictions.

Joining with law enforcement men and women and communities around our nation, we honour Victoria Police Officers:

- Leading Senior Constable Lynette Taylor
- Senior Constable Kevin King
- Constable Glen Humphries
- Constable Joshua Prestney

In silence we remember them
(Observe silence)

