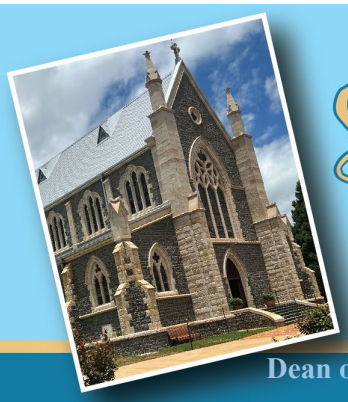

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We Acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal Peoples

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 September 2026

First reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.
Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.
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 our moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

When travelling through Ireland we went to visit the Waterford Crystal factory. A fascinating working factory where you were able to see them actually blowing, cutting and creating these beautiful pieces of crystal. Unfortunately my budget wasn't large enough to afford any piece! There was one piece that caught my eye, and that is the bowl pictured below. The reason it interested me was not only was it an amazing detailed piece but the reason for it being created. This bowl is the exam piece for anyone who wishes to be recognised as a cutter and master creator of works of crystal. After 5 years as an apprentice your final exam is to create this piece within one work period – 6 hours. Sounds easy? The piece requires 600 separate cuts using 8 different blades. Once the final piece is passed as achieving accreditation in the trade it also becomes your diploma and is engraved accordingly to be presented at any job interview in the future as a practical example of your talent.

When I read todays parable I was thinking of this bowl and wondered what a modern take on that parable might be……

There once was a King who decided that a record be kept. This record would be of the servants in the kingdom who kept their word when commanded by the King to perform a particular role. Each time they followed his commands a cut would be sliced into a bowl to indicate the trustworthiness of his servants. Then when the time came for them to complete their service with the King the bowl would be bought forward to be examined.

The time came for one of his servants to present himself to the King and the servant's bowl was brought forward for examination. The King spoke, "When I first knew you, I doubted your ability to be a good servant. I heard stories that often you would ignore commands and do your own thing, but your bowl speaks of your whole life journey, so I say to you – you have become a good and faithful servant, the glass of your bowl has many incisions. When I asked you to look after your neighbor, fight for your community, love each other, build bridges, and forgive mistakes, you were true to your word." And the King winked at the servant, "Even if it took a little while!" Enjoy all the rewards that come to you within the Kingdom for your wonderful and dedicated service.

When the next servant was bought forward and his bowl was placed in the hands of the King there was silence as the bowl had only a few cuts and many blank surfaces. The King spoke, "When I first knew you my heart raced with the possibilities of what your future may hold. I looked forward to working with you as a close royal servant, yet in these years we have grown distant and your involvement in the building of my kingdom has all but disappeared. For when I asked you to look after your neighbor, fight for your community, love one another, build bridges and forgive mistakes, you readily agreed, but I saw no fruits from your words. Infact you did the opposite so as to gain power over others." Then the King looked menacingly at the servant, "You were given so much opportunity which you wasted you will not be welcome anywhere within the kingdom, infact you are banished. Leave my sight."

So how's your bowl looking? *Does God invite us <u>today</u> to simply take a moment to regain focus and to remember the gift that faith and mission is truly in our lives?*

Every Blessing, Fr. Michael

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**

✞ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:**
Bernie Mawn, Alan Mawn, Patricia Sutton, Cyril Corcoran, Lucy Amalemba.

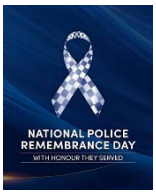
✞ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Claudia Sobey, Carol Barnwell, Clive O'Kelly, Danny Fitzpatrick, Noel Cook, Mary Neylon, Bernie Reis, Anette Schaefer, Kate Gibbs, Katherine Manktelow, Therese Odri, Austin Amalemba, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, John Gurney.

Reconciliation is offered in the 1st Rite on Saturday mornings from 8am to 9am. Please be aware the priests at the Cathedral may have many other commitments on Saturdays – Baptisms, Weddings and even some funerals. Please **do not** arrive after 9am due to these other calls on our priest's pastoral needs.

Urgent Sacristan's Duties: Volunteers to help with light cleaning duties in the Cathedral one hour each week (preferably Friday). Two people working together is recommended. Please contact Parish Office 4637 1500 for more information.

Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment. To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

Police Remembrance Day is celebrated each year on the 29th September on the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. St Michael is the Patron saint of all those who defend our peaceful way of life, in particular police and the armed forces. You are invited to join with our local police service to remember those who have given their lives in the line of duty, this Tuesday at 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral for the annual service.



The Carnival of Flowers brings much joy to our city and especially every year to anyone who visits our Cathedral adorned with so many wonderful displays of floral beauty. This is never something that is simply thrown together, but many months of planning and organising is needed for a successful event. Without a doubt this year is one of the best! Well done to everyone who carefully put together a display for their school or organisation. We are so grateful for your time and energy. Thank you to all the volunteers who welcomed locals and visitors to this sacred place. Thank you Pam and Tom for providing reflective organ music throughout. To those who have been chief in coordinating and presenting - Suzanne Bauer, Melissa Stevens, Cate Power, Tracey Jacklin, Rose Bueno, Jodie Zeller, Judy Lee, Dee Grevell, Vanessa Miller and Suzanne Ellis. This year's "People's Choice" goes to the Filipino Community display, followed closely by Goolburri Early Education – Hippy & Bunji-Burri to Gunadoos and St Thomas Mores Primary School. So, once again thank you to all on behalf of the St Patrick's Parish Community.

Sunday 27 September **26th Sunday in Ord. Time** **[SPC – St Patrick's & STM – St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. In green]**	11am Baptism Juan Mateo Esparza Hammermeister 12pm Baptism Aidan Alexander & Andrew Jamie Thomsen 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 28 September	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM **Fr Clarence Leahy**	9.30am Rosary making group in the Parish Centre HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SR MIRIAM – Many blessings from all in the St Patrick's Community!!!!!!
Tuesday 29 September **St's Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**	9am Mass SPC **Fr Neil O'Donoghue**	10am Police Remembrance Service – all welcome
Wednesday 30 September **St Jerome**	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 1 October **St Thérèse of the Child of Jesus**	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 10am Felicia Fred Wassena 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 2 October **The Holy Guardian Angels**	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 3 October	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 10.30am Baptism Owen, Hamish & Bridget Montgomery
Sunday 4 October **27th Sunday in Ord. Time**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am**	11am Baptism Henley & Mackenzie Lovett 12pm Baptism Grayson Sydney Quade 1.30pm-3.30pm Cathedral Tour 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections
Collection for 20/09/2026 – Loose $3,591 Planned Giving $663 Donation Point $1630
Carnival of Flowers Donations – Donation Point $640 Envelopes & Donation Box $884
Catholic Mission Donations - $1190
Money Counters this weekend: Wendy Heelan, Jabour Hanna, Rod Slatter
Money Counters next weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & 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.