



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 04 October 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 – The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel. [Psalm 79]

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 – Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! *I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. ALLELUIA!*

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43 – He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

In the Church's calendar of Feast Days, the 4th of October [this Sunday] is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. However, as is the usual practice the Readings and Prayers of the occurring Sunday replace those of the Feast in all cases except for the most Solemn Feast Days. Surely across the "Franciscan World" Francis of Assisi will be remembered nonetheless. This Sunday is also the final day of a month long focus on the wonder, beauty and gentle power of God revealed to us through creation recommended by our Australian bishops. So, here are some thoughts gathered from the writings and life of Francis of Assisi and from our current Pope Francis' letter to the world in 2015: "Care for our Common Home – Laudato si'".

Francis of Assisi is the author of the famous Canticle which begins: "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produced various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs". The canticle is easily accessible and could be a worthwhile inclusion in daily prayer. The words are readily accessible [reference] on Google.

Francis of Assisi famously thought and spoke of our universe as Family; he speaks of Sister Moon, Brother Sun, Sister Water, Brother Wind, Brother Fire, through whom you [the Lord] lights the night and is beautiful, playful, robust and strong. For Francis the entire universe from the tiniest insect to the biggest planet reveals the face, the heart, the mystery of God. The whole, and every tiny part, is sacred.

The letter to the world from Pope Francis issued in 2015 is another important read! It is an appeal:

...to recognise, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest.

...for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. The worldwide ecological movement has already made considerable progress and led to the establishment of numerous organisations committed to raising awareness of these challenges. Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. As the bishops of South Africa have stated: "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's Creation". All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.

For all my Sisters and Brothers.

Hal Ranger

Last weekend we baptised and welcomed Annabelle Rose McKean.
May she come to know the love of God throughout her life.



We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Elizabeth Khoury, Mavis Gordon, Geraldine Kelly, Mary Twidale 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:** Fr Thomas Murphy [1988].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Richard Jones, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, 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.

THANK YOU to all those who are on rosters, or simply volunteer to assist at our celebrations. As we are all fairly familiar with the number system currently in use, please feel free to offer your help, especially at the time of the final rush! The person who is there will happily give you the needed instructions. Thanks.

Cathedral Gardens: There has been some discussion from time to time about the grounds of the Cathedral. This might be a good time for a group to be formed to look at some possibilities. If you would like to assist with your ideas/thoughts/knowledge please contact the parish office on 4637 1500 or email admin@stpats.org.au and give your contact details and we will get together in the coming months for an open discussion around this topic.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS SUNDAY will be held this year at St. Patrick's on 17th/18th October at all Masses.

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.

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.*

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
Monday 05 Oct	5.30pm Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 06 Oct	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wed 07 Oct <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thurs 08 Oct	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 09 Oct	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 10 Oct	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	1pm Wedding of Robert Ellwood & Lana Belcher [TD]
Sunday 11 Oct	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	11am Baptism of Luke Philip Quade [FM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1477; Loose \$517; PayPoint \$480 : Helen Hoddle and Mick Cuskelly		