



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024

First reading: Acts 9:26-31 He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24 His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8 All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

INITIATION

Some people are all talk. And some days, I am one of those people.

In the scriptures today, John reminds us that "our love is not to be just words or mere talk". Our love cannot be just talk. This theme has been picked up by Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra in the song *L.O.V.E.* (not reproduced due to copyright). But also, and with Mothers' Day just around the corner, in the song *M.O.T.H.E.R.* by Howard Johnson (1915):

- M** - Is for the Many things she gave me,
- O** - Means only that she's growing Old.
- T** - Is for the Tears she shed to save me,
- H** - Is for her Heart of purest gold.
- E** - Is for her Eyes with love light shining,
- R** - Means Right and Right she'll always be.

This shows an overlap between the word and the grounded actions which stand behind it. 'Mother' is certainly not an empty or actionless word here.

Attempting to apply this, I've pulled together two rough attempts at acrostic poems which touch on the themes of the scriptures this weekend and Christian life in general:

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| B - Bear the Good News | C - Christ-like in word and deed |
| R - Receive the Word of God | H - Holy and pure |
| A - Anticipate God's grace | R - Recognising of God's grace in the world |
| N - Near the suffering and alone | I - Invitational and relational to/with God |
| C - Care for those on the margins | S - Steward creation |
| H - Host and guest of God's people | T - Teach and preach the good news |
| | I - Instruct those who seek |
| | A - Acting with justice |
| | N - Never-forgetful of what Christ has done for us |

Far from my best work, I will happily receive any other suggested base words. I would also delight in receiving any attempted poems based on your own experiences of love that is more than just words in Christian life.

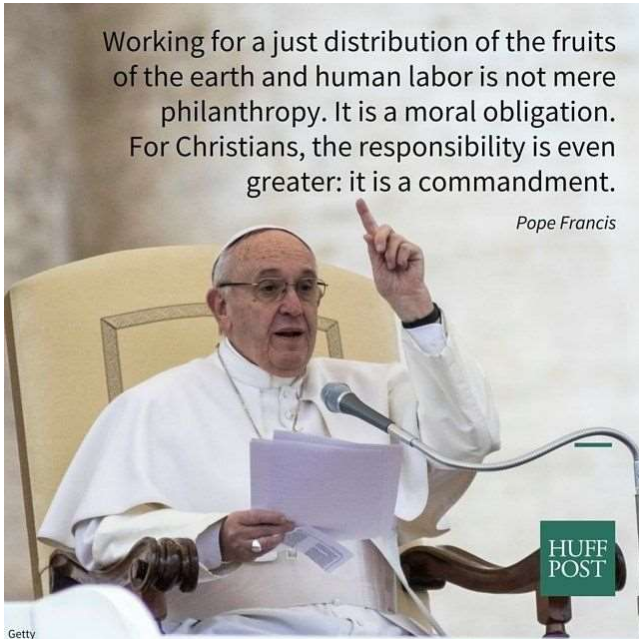
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✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** William Palmer, Preston Weatherall-Grimshaw, Edward "Ted" Cavanagh, Mary Fitzgerald.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Noel Hannant, Pat O'Brien

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community -** Christine 'Saus' Barron, Rita Irwin, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Gabrielle Saide, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.



SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE "The 39 Steps"
 Wednesday 8 May 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$25.00 includes wine on arrival, supper at interval, 5 x raffle tickets. Tickets available at SPRED office, Cnr Hume & Jellico St 9am - 3.30pm Mon - Thurs.
 Ph:4632 8427 / spred@twb.catholic.org.au

Altar Servers – recently we have had the joy of reintroducing this ministry to our weekend Masses. We extend an invitation to all ages, from first Eucharist and for as long as you can walk; junior altar servers to aspiring Acolytes. Contact Fr Nathan Email nathan@stpats.org.au to express your interest in serving.

The **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are holding a Mother's Day Cent Sale in The Cathedral Centre, Saturday May 11, doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Afternoon tea will be served, cost is \$10 which includes 2 free sheets of tickets. Children aged 12 and under are free. There are many excellent prizes and the multidraw includes a meat tray, fruit and vegetable trays, a flower arrangement and much more. All proceeds go to the Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 07 46321818.

Sunday 28 April [SPC - St Patrick's] [STM - St Thomas More's] Fifth Sunday of Easter	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 29 April Saint Catherine of Siena	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room
Tuesday 30 April Saint Pius V, Pope	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm SPC Choir Practice
Wednesday 1 May Saint Joseph the Worker	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 2 May Saint Athanasius	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 5.30pm SPC Liturgy Meeting in Parish House
Friday 3 May Saint Philip and James	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 9am St Saviour's Primary Full School Mass 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 4 May	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am - 9am Reconciliation SPC
Sunday 5 May Sixth Sunday of Easter	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<p>Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2074 Planned Giving \$1150 Donation Point \$700 Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros and Mick Cuskelly. Money Counters next weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly, Jan-Nell and Errol Chase</p> <p>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.</p>		

PARISH ADMINISTRATION OFFICER: Applications are invited for the position of Parish Administration Officer at St Patrick's Cathedral and St Thomas More's. This is a permanent part-time position. As this role is spread over 2 locations you may like to consider applying for any of the following:

1. St Patrick's Cathedral, 123 Neil St, Toowoomba (12 hrs/2 days)
2. St Thomas More's Parish, 71A Ramsay St, South Toowoomba (12 hrs/2 days)
3. Combined 1 & 2.

Position Description is available by contacting St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Office on 4637 1500 or admin@stpats.org.au. Applications close 10/05/2024.