



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28 August 2022

**First Reading:** Sirach 3:17-20 Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 67:4-7 God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:18-19 You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! *Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Luke 14:1,7-14 All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

### Where Would Jesus Sit?

It is an universal existential experiential phenomenon that as the fuel tank gets empty we keep on refilling it, despite the price hike, as it keeps the vehicle going, similarly we keep on filling our fuel tank stomach as it is the source of nourishment and strength and keeps us going. Food has had a decisive role to play since the beginning of time, many wars were fought, nations were destroyed and lives were lost.

The food and dining table is one of the social centres of the home. Think of some of our warmest memories, and many of them will be associated with meal-time. Birthday parties, Christmas, and Easter, usually include a festive meal, fellowship, and pleasant memories.

Today's gospel is all about a meal at a prominent Pharisee's house. The Pharisees who attended this meal (not to mention many others) seemed to think that one's table position not only reflected one's position, but may indeed create it. Thus, people raced for position at meal time, so that they could end up in a seat of honour. It was like musical chairs, without the music. They believed that getting ahead socially required self-assertion and status-seeking, but for Jesus getting ahead was to take the place of less honour and status. Status was gained by giving it up. One is exalted by humbling himself.

As I was reflecting about this incident at the table, it occurred to me to wonder where Jesus ended up sitting? Here He was, Israel's Messiah, sitting at a table. What a perfect prototype of the kingdom of God. But was Jesus sitting at the seat of highest honour? Was He sitting in the seat of the host? I don't think so. It would appear that while the others battled for a place of honour and position, Jesus sat back, watching. When He finally arrived at the table, there would only have been one place left—the seat of lowest honour. Here is the King of Israel, sitting, very likely in the place of the lowest person.

Jesus then went on to direct a word to the host. Jesus told him that while people might seem to get more in return from inviting their friends, family, and prominent people to a meal, in heaven's currency people were rewarded by God when they invited those who could not give anything in return—the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Today we are invited to follow the example of Jesus and may we succeed in imitation of Christ. Amen

God Bless  
Fr Anthony Samy



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** John Gleeson, Peter Gagen, Julie Tietjen (née Hadenfeldt), 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:** Doug Forbes (2002), Msgr Patrick Doyle [2000], Fr Bryan Nolan [1968] and Msgr Stanly Skehan [2000].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Fr Raymond Sweeney, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, 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.

**Security Cameras** – Please be aware, for your safety and protection there are a number of constantly recording cameras located around the Cathedral precinct including the Cathedral, Office areas and walkways. Thank you.

**Jubilee** - Bishop Robert McGuckin and the Toowoomba Council of Priests cordially invite you to the Jubilee Celebration of Ordinations – **60 years:** Fr. Michael McClure, **50 years:** Fr. Peter Dorfield, Fr. Ray Johnson, Fr. John Peard, Fr. Michael Cooney, Fr. Ray Crowley, Fr. Rod MacGinley, Fr. Sean Lynskey CSSp and **25 years:** Fr. Shane Carr, MSC. Mass will be held here on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 11am. **All are welcome to attend.**

**Plenary Council** – For up to date information regarding the decrees being sent to Rome for approval please access via [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) or call into our office for a copy.

**Catholic Mission Appeal** will be on the weekend of 10/11 September. Envelopes will be available on that weekend.

**The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are holding a Rare and Beautiful Variety Sale at 71 Margaret St Toowoomba on Saturday September 3 from 7.00am to 12.00 noon. Goods include antiques, collectables, china, royal doulton, crystal, linen, craft, books and much more. There will also be a sausage sizzle and cake stall with home made goods.. All proceeds go to the missions.

**Did you know** you may make a donation or contribute towards planned giving simply by phoning the office with your card details? Please call 4637 1500 to speak with any of our helpful office staff.

**SERVICE @ ST PAT'S** - *"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received"* – 1 Peter 4:10. You are invited to consider the call to put your gifts at the service of the parish community through liturgical ministry at St Pat's. This is not about locking yourself into a never-ending or onerous roster; it's about your gifts and responding to the invitation to serve through them. At present, there is a real and regular need for readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Assistance with the sacristy cleaning on a less regular basis would also be welcome. For more information, please contact the parish office ([admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au); 4637 1500; or online), speak to one of the priests or current volunteers, or call Gabrielle Saide on 4632 4778 (a.h.). Training is given for each of these ministries. Also, the regularity and responsibilities of the roles can be adjusted to meet your circumstances and calling. *"Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen"* – 1 Peter 4:11-12.

<b>Sunday 28 August</b> [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism – Isobel and Scarlett Dwyer
<b>Monday 29 August</b> <b>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Board Room
<b>Tuesday 30 August</b>	9am SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30 – 7pm Choir practice
<b>Wednesday 31 August</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre <b>WELCOME HOME FATHER NANDANA</b>
<b>Thursday 1 September</b> <b>Our Lady of the Southern Cross – Diocesan Patron.</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's</b> <b>10am Diocesan Feast Day Mass in Cathedral</b>
<b>Friday 2 September</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 3 September</b> <b>Saint Gregory the Great</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's <b>8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation</b> 11am Baptism – Valentine Elaine Andrews
<b>Sunday 4 September</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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

Planned Giving: \$628 Loose: \$1343 PayPoint: \$530. Wendy Heelan, Sam and Fina Ginardi.

**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.