



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 January, 2024

First reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command. **Responsorial Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy. **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! The people in darkness have seen a great light;**

a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

ORDINARY-TIME PROPHETS

Where in your life might you be called to be prophetic?

I'm not talking about telling the future, having wild dreams, or anything like that. I'm talking about Spirit-guided discernment of our lives. The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council spoke of this as reading/scrutinising/examining the signs of the times through the light of the Gospel (*c.f. Gaudium et spes*, para. 4). This means that we can look again at the world in front of us through a gospel lens.

The reading from Deuteronomy for this weekend speaks of a prophet like Moses interpreting the signs and happenings of their times. What makes him a true prophet is that the words put into his mouth are the words of God. The prophet speaks truth; they see the truth; and they know the Truth.

In our daily lives we see all kinds of things which require discernment and interpretation. There are moments, even in some of the toughest times, when a little hope or charity shines through; on the other hand, in even the greatest of joys there are often hints or echoes of pain or sadness. In the greatest milestones or catastrophes of life, cracks and fractures of the known framework of being can easily show through. What if these contained opportunities to prophesy?

At baptism, the Catholic ritual has the new Christian immediately Confirmed with Sacred Chrism. The minister says: "*As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life*" (*Rite of Baptism for Children*, [1969]1973). Being a prophet is part of Christian life.

Though the world is often divided, we need not tear ourselves from this soothing oil of salvation. The anointing of the Spirit is what sets us free from some of our worries and guides us to live with due attention given to the Lord. This anointing of the Spirit is what made Jesus speak recognisably with authority, and it is the same Spirit which helps us discern the world around us with a gospel outlook.

So, looking not to the future but to the here-and-now, the question remains: Where in your life might you be called to be prophetic?

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✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** David Briffa.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Gill, Jim Hayes, Fr Howard Crowe [1936], Msgr Michael Potter [1944], Ven A/Deacon Robert O'Shea [1940].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Norbert Gruelich, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Gabrielle Saide, Bev Smith, Albert Loveday, 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, Rodolfo Umipig, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

Come and enjoy a great night out to celebrate the Feast Day of St Patrick! Tickets will include a meal and live Irish Band, and plenty of dancing! Taking place in the Cathedral Centre with doors opening at 6.30pm (Band from 7.30pm) on the 16th March, and @ \$50 a ticket a fun night out is guaranteed. Book and pay using this QR code or via <https://www.trybooking.com/1170674>



*The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The 2024 service for our area will be held at Middle Ridge Uniting Church, 264 Stenner Street, on Friday 1st March 2024 at 10am. Prior to this a planning meeting will be held at **Middle Ridge Uniting Church on Friday 2nd February at 10am.** Please RSVP to mruc@bigpond.com to let them know if you will attend the planning meeting.*

St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul Report for 2023

The past year provided a challenge for our conference to be able to assist people in need due to the increase in living expenses. We conducted a total of 717 interviews during the year with people in need of food, clothing, furniture and accommodation. This was almost a 30% increase from the previous year. We are grateful to the generous support once again, from our parishioners for their donations to appeals and to the poor-box. The donations to the Christmas Hamper appeal were beyond our expectations and enabled us to help 32 families in our area. Thank you also to Frs Michael, Nathan and Brian for their support. St Vincent de Paul is a small active group so if you are interested in serving Christ in the poor please consider joining our conference. Contact Terry 0428582205.



At the start of 2024, St Ursula's College, previously an independent school, became part of *Toowoomba Catholic Schools*. We welcome our second all girls college alongside St Saviour's. St Ursulas' has a rich tradition of the charism of the Ursuline Order of Sisters. They seek to discover and deepen the understanding of "Servium" in all they do. This year they also welcomed a new principal – Mrs Deidre Young. Mrs Young has experience of St Ursula's College as a past teacher. We wish the College continued growth and excellence as they embrace this new chapter in their educational journey.

Sunday 28 January [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of Mila Rose Arneill
Monday 29 January	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	
Tuesday 30 January	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 31 January <i>Saint John Bosco</i>	7am Mass SPC	6pm Meeting of SVdP in Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 1 February	7am Mass SPC	5.30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting in the Presbytery 7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC
Friday 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 3 February	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at SPC
Sunday 4 February	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2955 Planned Giving \$825 Donation Point \$770 Money Counters this weekend: Wendy Heelan with Sam and Fina Ginardi.

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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.