



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Pentecost Sunday 28 May 2023

First reading: Acts 2:1-11 They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7 In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 20:19-23 As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

As I came over to the Cathedral on a cool morning in 2019, after hearing the news on the radio, I remember an audible gasp as I mentioned that Notre Dame Cathedral had burnt over night. We took a moment, not to pray for the building as such, but the faith that it represented for the people of France and in particular, Paris. Last weekend there was an article in The Australian telling the story of its rebuild over these years. There was a deliberate choice to rebuild the Cathedral as it was previously rather than the temptation to modernise or change the structure. The task includes some 2,000 oak trees from across France to rebuild the spire, known as the fleche (arrow). They have also been working on 41,000 sqm of stone surfaces, 3,000 sqm of stained glass and almost 2,000 statues. One of the little "miracles" was the 8,000 pipe, organ one of the biggest in France survived the fire pretty much intact.

This fire was not the first disaster to occur in the Cathedral. Over the 850 years of being the "soul of France" the spire was removed as it had fallen into such disrepair that there was a fear of it collapsing. During the French Revolution the Cathedral was desecrated and much of the imagery destroyed. When Napoleon Bonaparte crowned himself emperor in 1804 swathes of silk and velvet had to be hung over the walls to cover the signs of disrepair. (*Maybe we need to do the same at St Pat's for our incoming Bishop.....*) Being able to hold in our minds this history and the amazing rebuild, costing close to \$1.4 Billion given by some 340,000 donors from across the world, we can appreciate President Macron's words spoken the day after the fire, "*We will rebuild the cathedral to be even more beautiful, and I want it to be finished within 5 years.*"

When I was thinking about Pentecost I had in my mind this wonderful story of the rebuild of Notre Dame. Pentecost is the opportunity for us to let the "fire" of the Holy Spirit burn away all the detritus of our lives. We have the opportunity to rebuild our lives with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. We ask ourselves, what gift do I especially need in my life at this time? We allow the Holy Spirit to renew our lives – Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Wonder and Awe. Let us welcome the fruits that we share with others, or receive humbly on our journey – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. ***Let us rebuild our lives into something even more beautiful than it is now with the help of the Holy Spirit. Let the Holy Spirit find a home in you.***



Come, Holy Spirit.

Fr. Michael



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Trevor Cavanagh, John Toohey (Gdi), Peter Lalor. May perpetual light shine upon them.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joseph O'Neill, Gemma Gleeson, Rita Gleeson, Sadie Moses.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Christopher Blackford, Bob Sullivan, Martin Flannery, Blake Cusato, Bernadette Farrell, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Greta Berge, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.



Annual Seminary Appeal

Please collect an envelope from the table if you wish to make a donation to assist the work of Holy Spirit Seminary, Brisbane. All Priests for Queensland are prepared for ordination at Holy Spirit Seminary. For more information, go to seminary.catholic.net.au Every donation is much appreciated.

The Annual SPRED Appeal, 'Ministry in Action', is currently underway. For 35 years the mission on SPRED in the Diocese of Toowoomba has been to be a bridge for our Friends living with intellectual disability. A bridge that takes them from being isolated and hidden, to being participating members of our parish communities. The bridge that is SPRED is built of parishioners like yourselves, who are willing to share faith and friendship with another person. While we continue to need more building materials for our SPRED bridges, we also require funds to ensure the vital work of SPRED can continue. For details on how you can donate, please take one of the flyers located in the entrance or call the Cathedral office on 4637 1500.



*Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of Your faithful
and kindle in us the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen.*

Sunday 28 May [SPC – St. Patrick’s] [STM – St. Thomas More’s]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Beatrice Eleanor Cowling 12pm Baptism of Elizaree Sylvia Betty Fitzgerald 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 29 May <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 30 May	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	NO Choir Practice
Wednesday 31 May <i>The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 1 June <i>Saint Justin</i>	7am Mass SPC	SPC Adoration 7.30am – 8.30am
Friday 26 May	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM (Due to school traffic)	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 3 June <i>Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions</i>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	SPC 6.30am Rosary SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Harvey George Drury
Sunday 4 June The Most High Holy Trinity	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Theodore Krisanski 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$828 Loose \$1678 Donation Point \$740
Money Counters this weekend: Kevin & Judy Lindores with Jim Harris
Money Counters next weekend: Mick Cuskelly, Jabour Hanna, Craig or Amanda Harris
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.

Bishop Ken Howell appointed seventh Bishop of Toowoomba

MEDIA RELEASE

May 24, 2023

Pope Francis has this evening appointed Bishop Ken Howell, who has served as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane since 2017, the seventh Bishop of Toowoomba.

Bishop Howell will succeed Bishop Robert McGuckin, who has led the Diocese of Toowoomba since 2012, whose resignation Pope Francis has accepted.

"I am deeply humbled to be called by Pope Francis to shepherd this local Church and I thank him sincerely," Bishop Howell said.

"I realise that I have been given a great responsibility to care for the faithful and to engage in the life of the broader community across the Diocese."

After serving as a priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane for 40 years, and the last six as auxiliary bishop, Bishop Howell conceded there was a "touch of sadness" in leaving.

"However, I do not come to Toowoomba as a stranger," he said.

"The close links between Brisbane and Toowoomba have been longstanding and I know many of the priests of the Diocese.

"I come with a desire to listen to God's people and to understand and grow in love for the mission of this local Church. It is my firm hope that I may accompany the community of the Church of Toowoomba, as together we seek to live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in the world."

In addition to parish ministry and leadership positions within the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Bishop Howell completed a licentiate in sacred liturgy at the Pontifical Institute Sant'Anselmo in Rome and served as vice rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, the Queensland regional seminary, for six years.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB welcomed Bishop Howell's appointment.

"Having worked as secretary to Archbishop John Bathersby, and as Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General in Brisbane, he will arrive well equipped for this new ministry to which he has been called," he said.

"He has been a valued member of the Bishops Conference for the past six years."

Archbishop Costelloe also paid tribute to Bishop McGuckin, saying he "offered the Conference great service for more than a decade, providing exceptional leadership particularly in the area of canon law".

"His episcopal ministry has been generous, extending well beyond the normal age of retirement to serve the people of Toowoomba and the Church in Australia," Archbishop Costelloe said.

Bishop McGuckin said he had been "privileged" to serve as Bishop of Toowoomba for 11 years and wished Bishop Howell "every blessing as he takes up his pastoral ministry in this vast and special Diocese".

"The people of the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be sad at losing Bishop Ken, but rest assured Bishop Ken will be warmly welcomed to Toowoomba," Bishop McGuckin said.

Bishop Howell's installation as Bishop of Toowoomba is scheduled for July 11 at St Patrick's Cathedral.



Did you get your copy of the St Patrick's Strategic Plan and Vision 2023-2028?

This plan and vision has primarily been devised by the responses the community gave to our information survey's completed last year. The Pastoral Council is pleased to launch this document, as it keenly reflects the areas within our community that needs greater and continual focus.

Please talk about it with each other and take time to ponder how you may be able to assist the Pastoral Council in making these dreams into lived realities in our parish, school and wider community.

Three pillars emerged as we discerned the responses we received –

BELIEVEING

BELONGING

BECOMING

The plan is deliberately divided into 2 sections.

On the back page is the *Strategic Plan*. These broad areas emerged as the ways we understand our community and the structure of an approach to community/parish life.

Within the document we try to give a *Strategic Vision* of how the plan may come to life. These are just a few of the possibilities when we allow ourselves to dream BIG and BOLDLY, so as to capture something of our hopes for the future.

Please take time to ponder this document and reflect on how we can together renew our parish and life journey.

WE CAN ACHIEVE MUCH MORE TOGETHER!

Many thanks to the Pastoral Council for all their hard work in devising this plan and vision for St Patrick's Cathedral.

May the Holy Spirit that we celebrate especially today, inspire in us, wisdom and understanding as we move forward with our shared hopes.

