



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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 11 October 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 – The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. [Psalm 22]

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 – I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.. ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 – Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

St Patrick's Cathedral Financial Report (2019 – 2020)

As we are all aware 2020 has been a difficult year in regard to finances. We are more than ever grateful to all those who have been able to contribute to the continuing life of the Cathedral through donations of any kind. We have been significantly helped by the Government's JobKeeper assistance scheme which provided \$84,000, which in effect meant that we were able to keep all our staff employed. Due to your continued generosity in previous years to giving, we still have a strong and stable reserve to draw on. However as you would be aware the more we draw on that reserve, the more precarious that safeguard becomes. Thanks to your generosity last financial year, and with Government assistance we were able to post a very modest surplus of \$3,325.44. However, as mentioned, this does not add to our reserves in any major way. Thank you though in ensuring it is not a significant deficit amount. In general terms, as we look at each component of St Patrick's operational areas, we can see the difference in income. Starting with the **Cathedral** income we can see the giving was \$199,752.88 (*\$250,233.89*) *Last year's amounts will be shown in brackets.*

Within this area there were a few unseen expenses, such as insurance excess payments for water leakage in Cathedral Centre, replacement of light pole that was blown over in the wind, security system upgrade, sound desk in the Cathedral, freezer and cold room repairs, external painting, upgrade of some outdoor lighting and Cathedral banners. The restoration of the organ and ongoing cost of the live streaming is met by the Diocese.

In the area of the **Parish Office and Parish House**, there is a deficit of \$207,017.44 (*deficit of \$195,930.49*). A significant amount of this is offset by the JobKeeper allowance. The income areas of these two places is very limited, so a deficit is a yearly expectation. The two sets of **units** – Hill Street and Ave Maria in Ruthven Street continue to provide a good yearly income for the parish. The surplus for this financial year was \$52,348.95 (*\$64,216.27*). The difference is due to the time spent finding a new tenant, but other than some usual maintenance and the upgrade of hot water and door locking systems, there hasn't been any need for major works at either place. Even with an hiatus during this pandemic, **Bingo** has continued to provide us with a sizable income that allows us to majorly acquire a profit. Thank you to Anthony King and his team of volunteers for all their hard work in making sure this occurs each year for the parish. This year's surplus was \$104,385.73 (*\$137,597.86*). Connected to the Cathedral Centre is the **hiring** of the venue, which as you would expect is lower this financial year than in previous years, \$25,261.19 (*\$34,690.76*).

Thankfully with all this taken into account we were able to secure a small profit for the year. Should you wish to be provided with a more detailed report, don't hesitate to call into the office at St. Patrick's to pick up a copy. Thank you to the wonderful team on the Finance Committee – Celia Waters, Robert Wiemers, Kerry Shine, Shane Kennett, Basil Dass and Jim Whitney. We also acknowledge the contribution of Kate Gilloway who moved from Toowoomba during the year. Thank you once again for your thoughtfulness toward the continued stability of our parish. On the next page are some suggestions for ways to give, should you wish to consider an alternative system. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers at St. Patrick's for their wonderful sense of teamwork, especially during these trying times.

God Bless, and may your gift be returned to you in life's many varied surprises! Father Michael.



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

We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Tamara Boland, Lenny Cunningham (Roma), David Schirmer 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:** Joe O'Neill, Kevin Beasley, Fr Michael Mahon [1969,].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Mr Terry Carter, Madeline Gray, 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, 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, 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.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITY

Following Saturday morning Mass, between **8.00am and 9.00am** on **31st October**, there will be an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be two priests available during this time. There will be the need for this to be **COVID safe event**. This requires contact tracing, wiping down of where you sit before leaving your seat to approach the priest, and again after you have completed your penance. Social distancing is also required whilst waiting to see the priest. One priest will be in the Mercy Chapel to the right of the main altar, the second will be seated to the right as you face the front doors. A similar opportunity will be offered next month. For reconciliation outside these times, please make an appointment through the office on 4637 1500 or admin@stpats.org.au

Planned Giving: NEW ENVELOPES AVAILABLE FROM PARISH OFFICE 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 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
Monday 12 Oct	5.30pm Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 13 Oct	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wed 14 Oct	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am - 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thurs 15 Oct <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
Friday 16 Oct	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 7.30am - 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 17 Oct <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Lincoln Cordingley [TD] Catholic Mission Appeal weekend
Sunday 18 Oct	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	Catholic Mission Appeal weekend 11am Baptism of Rupert Crump [FM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving \$1590; Loose \$587; PayPoint \$500 : Sandra and Peter Daly and Jan-Nell and Errol Chase