



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Feast of the Holy Family 29 December 2024

First reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Alleluia, alleluia!! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52 His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

Hip! Hip! Hooray! for the **New Year**, There is joy, excitement and hope for a new beginning, a new year. We're about to say goodbye to **2024** and keen to **2025**—a year full of new journey and new chapter. It's a time for reflection, gratitude, and anticipation. Let's greet our vibrant and diverse community: **Happy New Year!** in many languages:

- **English:** Happy New Year!
- **Tagalog:** Manigong Bagong Taon!
- **Cebuano:** Malipayong Bag-ong Tuig!
- **Hindi:** नववर्ष की शुभकामनाएँ (Nav Varsh Ki Shubhkamnayein)
- **Malayalam:** പുതുവത്സരാശംസകൾ (Puthuvatsaraashamsakal)
- **Malangkaya:** Pasaba e Fafawe' ni Temeli!
- **Fijian:** Bula Vinaka, and Happy New Year!
- **Indonesian:** Selamat Tahun Baru!
- **Vietnamese:** Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!
- **Burundian:** Umwaka Mushya Muhebuje!
- **Spanish:** ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!
- **Korean:** 새해 복 많이 받으세요 (Saehae bok mani badeuseyo)
- **Sri Lankan:** සුභ අලුත් අවුරුද්දක් (Suba Aluth Avuruddak)
- **French:** Bonne Année!
- **Swahili:** Heri ya Mwaka Mpya!
- **PNG (Tok Pisin):** Bungim Niu Yia!
- **Irish:** Athbhliain faoi mhaise dhuit! (Happy New Year!)
- **Kenyan:** Heri ya Mwaka Mpya! (Swahili)
- **Samoa:** Manuia le Tausaga Fou!
- **Vanuatu (Bislama):** Hapi Niu Yia!



As we prepare for **2025**, let's pause to reflect on our sojourn. Just like the **Holy Family** in **Luke 2:41-52**, we're all on a path of growth and discovery. Mary and Joseph, when they couldn't find Jesus, were filled with concern, but they never lost hope in believing God's plan for them. They continued their journey with **faith** and **patience**, and eventually, they found Jesus, who was in the temple.

This New Year, we too may not have all the answers or clearly where we are bound to be, but just like the Holy Family, we are encouraged to trust in God's plan for us, even when things are uncertain. We're called to live with **love, faith, and hope**.

As we move into **2025**, let's think about the **gifts** God has shared to us. How can we offer them? The **Holy Family** evokes that life is beyond just reaching objectives, it's about how we love, serve, and grow together in **faith**.

This **2025**, let's welcome the year with a clean heart and pure mind. **Happy New Year** to all!

Fr. Brian Redondo

✠ We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently and their families as they turn to God for strength and peace for their loved ones. Janet Kunde.

✠ We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Marshall Ney.

✠ For all those who are ill in our community: Clive O’Kelly, Win Southern, Claire Seymour, John Evers, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine ‘Saus’ Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

St Pat’s Sacramental program for 2025: Information packs are now available from the office. Please email admin@stpats.org.au or phone 4637 1500. Enrolments close on 20 December 2024.

New Year’s Day Mass change: 5.30pm (not 7am) Please mark this on your calendars NOW!

Winners of the Rosary Making raffle: Veronica O’Reilly, Bev Doherty, Veronica Hughes (Chinchilla), Celia Smith (Helidon). Theresa and all the members wish to thank everyone for their continued support. \$1155 was raised and all proceeds will go towards new beads and other supplies.



Scan the Code to make a donation - Restoration Fund Fundraising: JOIN US TO PRESERVE THE PAST AND RESTORE FOR THE FUTURE A cathedral is never just a parish church; it belongs to everyone. St Patrick’s historical significance is not just for Catholics, it is a part of the story of Toowoomba and Queensland. Be a part of our restoration journey; donate today. Donations made through National Trust Queensland are tax-deductible; **Scroll down to select “St Patrick’s Cathedral Appeal, Toowoomba”** Please direct enquiries to the Fundraising Coordinator Ph: 46327589

FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES, PLEASE TAKE A LEAFLET FROM CATHEDRAL TABLES or visit our Facebook page – St Patrick’s Cathedral Toowoomba, or website - stpats.org.au

On behalf of everyone at St Patrick’s, we say thank you to all who have given of their talents to celebrate the birth of Christ.



There are many areas people are involved in that sometimes goes unnoticed, so thank you: Our talented musicians and singers; those who set up the crib; audio visual operators; cleaners and those who helped prepare beforehand; Nativity Play children; Bell Ringers; Readers; Money Collectors; Eucharistic Ministers: Altar Servers; Welcomers at the door. Have a wonderful Christmas and a joyfilled New Year.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: As many would be aware each year, half of the Christmas Collection throughout the Diocese goes to a targeted cause. This year it has been decided to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need in Lebanon. Caritas Australia is aiming to provide immediate relief to displaced families and individuals facing severe hardship in the Middle East. Please consider giving generously to the collection during any of the Christmas Masses. Blessings.



Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal: Donate today via the website or please use the QR Code <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>



Sunday 29 December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH [SPC – St Patrick’s] [STM – St Thomas More’s]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 30 December	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	
Tuesday 31 December	9am Mass SPC Fr Edward (Don) Murray [2023]	
Wednesday 1 January Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	NO Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC Fr Thomas Concannon [1948]	Parish Office Closed until Thursday 2nd January
Thursday 2 January Saints Basil and Gregory	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 10am Mass Numylo
Friday 3 January	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 4 January	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick’s 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 10.30am Baptism Hendric Clifford George Potts
Sunday 5 January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism Zoe Gilbert 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$3340 Planned Giving \$803 Donation Point \$1180 Money Counters this weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly, Jan-Nell and Errol Chase Money Counters next weekend: Pat Power, Leo and Maureen McMahon

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.