



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, 29 May 2022

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11 Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23 He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.**

***I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!***

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53 While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

## The Call to Be BOLD....

Essentially the Ascension is a "call to action". Now that Christ has left this physical world, this becomes the turning point - to proclaim or to remain as a small believing community. The call is proclaim to the world the story of Christ and his teaching is too strong to ignore. The words of Christ that resound in the ears of the disciples cannot be ignored and cannot be kept to themselves - the Good News is not a quiet whisper. Now is the time to walk boldly forward into an uncertain future - to imprint on the hearts of people the words of this man who proposes such a radical world view. Concepts that are beyond comprehension in this ancient world, and maybe seem still too radical for this time! We hear at the end of the gospel that the first hearers of the word couldn't keep it to themselves as they were "continually in the temple praising God."

It's a funny thing with our memories isn't it? Different stories and experiences trigger a strange collection of reminiscences. When I was reflecting on this gospel, my mind took me back to when I was 8 or 9 years of age. For some reason our family was in Toowoomba, probably visiting my Grandma, and we attended Mass here at St Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass that morning was celebrated by Bishop Kelly. While we were standing outside talking I keep saying to Mum and Dad that we should go around and say hello to Bishop Kelly, which they continued to tell me to be quiet.

So I decided to take action! I walked around this huge building (I was only 8 after all) and knocked on the sacristy door and went in and said to Bishop Kelly, "My Dad and Mum won't come around to say hello to you so you'll have to come around to them!" To his credit, Bishop Kelly did. As you can imagine my parents were mortified! Bishop Kelly was very gracious and welcoming and did recall my parents from Roma.

For, if you knew Bishop Kelly, you would recall what an amazing memory for names he had. Even though his visits to Roma for Confirmation and other events weren't all that often, he seemed to be able to remember your name next time you met him. So to me as a little 8 year old that made him a friend of the family - for he knew us by name. we should say hello - because that's how you treat your friends!

The boldness of my actions reflects something to me of the desire of the disciples, who Christ had called and chosen by name, and now are commissioned to go out into a world bearing the seeds of a radical solution. In other words to let everyone know that Christ, through them, calls each by name so as to feel the depth of the love that Christ offers. We too are called to be bold - to reach out with this radical love - to know people by name and share our friendship in Christ with them.



A little blast from the past - Fr Justin King, Bishop Edward Kelly and Fr. Pat Campbell at the Hibernian Society Dinner in Roma in 1986

God Bless your week. Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Michael Bathesby, Timmy Mitchell, Bernard Connolly, Jenny Wallace. 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:** Barbara Bou-Samra, Angela Matta, Gemma Gleeson, Rita Gleeson, Sadie Moses, Fr Joseph McKey [1982] and Fr Kevin Noble [2010].

✠ **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, 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.

**RECONCILIATION** – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

**PARKING:** PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

**ANOINTING MASS:** You are invited to a combined Anointing Mass at St. Thomas More's Parish on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am.

**ST CARTHAGE'S, LISMORE:** Last week St Saviour's Primary School had a free dress day, with a gold coin donation to go to help St Carthages in Lismore which was flooded recently. The school raised \$700 and we as a parish have matched that amount to be able to send a greater amount. This money has come from your giving in the parish, so thank you for your kindness.

**ORDINATION:** Bishop McGuckin invites you to join in the celebration of the Ordination to Priesthood for the Reverend Deacons, Brian Redondo and Nathan Webb, on 25 June at 10am here at St Patrick's Cathedral. RSVP for light lunch to [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 46371500. Please keep them both especially in your prayers as they undertake their retreat before being ordained – 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June.



**ACCOMMODATION WANTED:** Middle aged gent seeks short-term (1-3 months) accommodation in Toowoomba for shift work. 5 nights a week. Able to assist in yard and house work. Please phone 0448 518 463.

**LIFE @ STPATS:** Thank you to all who completed this questionnaire online or using the sheets provided. In the coming weeks the responses will be collated and the key points in each area will be shared with you. Everyone who responded should be represented in this response to the Parish. If for some reason you feel you weren't, then don't hesitate to let us know either in person or via [life@stpats.org.au](mailto:life@stpats.org.au). Thank you again for your time. The Parish Council will now discern a way forward to continue to build the great parish we have. God Bless, Fr. Michael.

**APPEALS:** You will find the following appeals on the Neil Street entrance table:

- **St Vincent De Paul** are seeking donations for the annual Winter appeal;
- **SPRED** are seeking donations and volunteers to be involved in this life giving ministry.

Please consider these two causes and the possibility of being of assistance in some way.

<b>Sunday 29 May</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
<b>Monday 30 May</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Board Room
<b>Tuesday 31 May</b> <b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30 – 7pm Choir practice 6.00pm – Parish Council Meeting in Parish House
<b>Wednesday 1 June</b> <b>Saint Justin</b>	7am Mass SPC <b>FIRST DAY OF WINTER</b>	 10.00am Parish Carnival of Flowers Meeting in Office 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre <b>7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's</b>
<b>Thursday 2 June</b>	7am Mass SPC	
<b>Friday 3 June</b> <b>Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	
<b>Saturday 4 June</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	 6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's <b>8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation</b> 10.00am Baptism of Reuben Neil Sutton 11.00am Baptism of Samiah Davy Andersson and Amelia Rose Davy
<b>Sunday 5 June</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.  
Planned Giving: \$1042 Loose: \$1090 PayPoint: \$590. Pat Power, Leo McMahon and Eileen Stephen.

**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.