

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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**St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1700)**  
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*We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.*



## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 October 2023

**First reading:** Exodus 22:20-26 If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading:** Thessalonians 1:5-10 You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia!** All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40 You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.

It is significant for the priests of the Toowoomba Diocese that each year we start with a weeks retreat. In 2024 we head back to the place many of us partook of our training and preparation for priesthood – Pius XII Seminary, or as it is known today, Holy Spirit Seminary. The experience is always one that evokes the spirit of journey as we look back over our years and the possibilities that reflection brings to the focus of the years to come. It is a time also to remember those people who have shared this journey with us. The last Mass each year is dedicated to the past priests and Bishops of the Diocese as we read a short history of some from the years gone by.

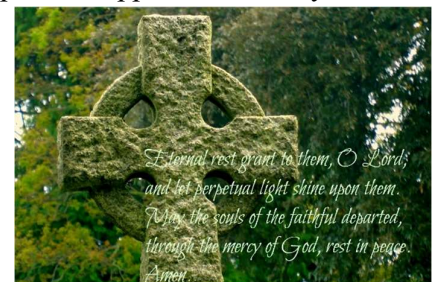
As we gather for prayer every morning and evening we are reminded of the companionship and support that is evident in this group on a common mission.

As we gather for prayer I notice that even there technology has found a presence. Many of the younger priests use their phones or iPads to recite the Office – the Liturgy of the Hours which marks the times of prayer throughout the day. I can't help but feel a little sorry for the loss of the experience that has been so valuable to me over the years by using a "hard copy" of the Liturgy of the Hours. Within the pages of my Office Book are names of loved ones that I have prayed for in hours of need, those who have died, and notes in my life of those areas I need God's help and strength, and those ways for which I am thankful. Within the pages are the holy cards of family, priests and many others I have farewelled over the years. As the prayers are arranged in a four weekly cycle I remember my loved ones each month. To me this is an invaluable way to call to mind so many people and events in my life. It puts me in mind of the story of the soldier caught with a deck of cards in church, which some of you may recall. It has become something much more than a prayer book it's - a diary – a memorial – a book of life.

So with this in mind we thought we might celebrate the Month of Holy Souls in a different, yet deeply moving way this year. This year for the month of November you are invited to place a picture of your loved one on the banner rather than a name. The purple banner which will be hanging from the front pillar will have Velcro dots placed on it. You are invited to bring a **copy** of a photo to place onto the banner using the reverse dot on the back of your copy and then place it on the banner. The size is roughly the size of a mobile phone – approx. 10 cms by 10 cms. If you cannot make a copy of the photo of your choice please call into the office and we will make a copy for you. We are hoping this will build over the month of Holy Souls a beautiful and reflective remembrance of those we love.

Please take up this invitation to share the memories of your loved ones.

*May all rest in God's love and mercy. Fr. Michael*



✠ We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: John Griffin.

✠ We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bob Watson, Fred and Selina Betros, Maria Thi Vu Kim Loan Smith, Fr Edmund O'Donnell [1957], Fr William McGovern [1956].

✠ For all those who are ill in our community, especially: Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Mary Vandersee, Freddy Nield, Bev Smith, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner. Please be aware we have taken off anybody who has been on for an extended period of time, if you would like them added back on please contact the office.

2024 Columban calendars are now available for purchase \$10 each from St Pat's office.

**Please note: - There will be NO choir practice this Tuesday 31 October.**

*Some dates for your calendar.....*  
**5.30pm, 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Vigil for All Saints/All Souls at St Thomas More's;  
**5.30pm, 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Ecumenical Prayer Service for World Peace at St Patrick's Cathedral;  
**11.00am, 23<sup>rd</sup> November** - Anointing Mass followed by lunch in the Cathedral Centre;  
**6.00pm, 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Volunteers Thank you dinner and entertainment in the Cathedral Centre.

The regional hub for the Archdiocesan's Centre for Formation scripture series is still running. If you are interested in delving further into the world of biblical scholarship the sessions are each held on Mondays, cost is \$20 per individual.

<b>Regional Hub – Formation Scripture Series</b>	<b>Week 8 – 30 October: Biblical foundations for Catholic Doctrines</b>
<b>Week 9 – 6 November: Scripture in the Liturgy (with guest lecturer Dr Clare Schwantes from Liturgy Brisbane)</b>	<b>Week 10 – 13 November: The Sacramentality of Scripture</b>

Mature Catholic Primary Teacher relocating to Toowoomba seeks to rent Granny Flat/Private Accommodation Dec 2023/ Jan 2024. References available. Please email [dmd1919202@gmail.com](mailto:dmd1919202@gmail.com) or ph 0419774110.

**RCIA:** If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic faith or journeying into communion with the Church, please email <[life@stpats.org.au](mailto:life@stpats.org.au)> or reach out through our socials @stpats.toowoomba. Our RCIA team and adult formation team would be delighted to accompany such a journey of discovery.



By using this QR code, or calling St Patrick's office you can secure your ticket for an afternoon of entertainment and fun in enjoyable social company! We invite you come along to the Cathedral Centre and have a fun Derby Day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, from 2.00pm. Cost only \$25. Come along for the whole time, or partly on your way to 6pm Mass.  
**Be a winner, come to the race day!!!!**

<b>Sunday 29 October</b> [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 30 October</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	7pm Catholic Formation, Cathedral Centre
<b>Tuesday 31 October</b>	<b>9am</b> Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	No Choir practice this week <b>5.30pm Vigil for All Saints/All Souls at STM</b>
<b>Wednesday 1 November</b> <b>All Saints</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting in Parish Office Staff Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 2 November</b> <b>All Souls Day</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC 9.30am Mass <b>STM</b> for All Souls Day
<b>Friday 3 November</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	5.30pm Liturgy Meeting SPC 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 4 November</b> <b>Saint Charles Borromeo</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	<b>St Patrick's and St Saviour's RACE DAY in Cathedral Centre</b> 6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Lachlan Flynn
<b>Sunday 5 November</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism of Emily Good 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$1935 Planned Giving \$890 Donation Point \$750 Money Counters this weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly with Jan-Nell and Errol Chase.  
 Money Counters next weekend: Pat Power with 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.



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## St Patrick's Cathedral Financial Report - 2022 / 2023

The 2022/2023 Financial Year has finished with a surplus and enabled us to add to our parish reserves. With the financial stress and the increasing cost of living, we thank you sincerely for your continued support that allows us – St Patrick's Parish, to continue the life and mission of Christ in this place. We are grateful to all who volunteer their time to support our parish endeavours.

### THANK YOU!!

Please see following a brief summary of the operational areas of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish.

*Previous year's amounts will be shown in brackets.*

**Cathedral** income from planned giving, loose plate and donation point was \$243,178 (2021/2022 - \$197,316 and 2020/2021 - \$184,476) and \$10,500 from weddings. Through your generous support we were also able to forward \$22,226 in special collections to our various appeals throughout the year. After all the Cathedral expenses, a deficit of \$17,819 was recorded. This deficit includes the one off unbudgeted costs of cleaning the Sacred Vessels of \$41,045. *This opportunity arose during the year. The cleaning is quite a process, needing to dismantle sacred objects, clean and reconstruct. We hope you have noticed the "gleaming" large candelabra on either side of the tabernacle, monstrance, candle stands, altar gates and the doors of the tabernacles.* The driveway lighting upgrade was completed this financial year. These works were in our budget and cost \$36,514.

In the area of the **Parish Office and Parish House**, there was a deficit of \$210,978 (2021/2022 - \$258,792 and 2020/2021 - \$195,222). The income areas of these two places is very limited, so a deficit is a yearly expectation. We have been successful in leasing out office space within the Parish Office building and The Cottage building. This has provided a good income stream of \$40,076 and helps to reduce the Parish Office deficit. At this stage we have budgeted for a foreseeable income from office space for 2023/2024 at \$75,240.

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 \$78,613. (2020/2021 - \$43,468 and 2020/2021 - \$48,017). We have now refurbished seven of the 14 units at Hill Street and will continue refurbish units as they become vacant. Last financial year, \$105,155 was spent refurbishing two units. This outlay included two carports (single and double) and three sails to provide covers for tenants that do not have a carport. The funds to cover this costs came from previous years profits (unit reserves), and were included in our budgetary considerations.

**Bingo** continues to be the largest source of income to the Parish and this year's surplus was \$230,825 (2021/2022 - \$404,027 and 2020/2021 - \$278,704). Anthony King's continued careful management has again provided a much needed surplus to cover the above mentioned parish deficits. *We thank our Bingo patrons for their continued attendance and support of St Pats Bingo. We also make a special mention of thanks to Anthony King and his team of volunteers for all their hard work in making sure this occurs each year for the parish.*

Around the Bingo operations, the **Cathedral Centre** building is also hired out for functions. These functions are overseen by Anthony King and his team and have made a surplus of \$53,442 this financial year (2021/2022 - \$55,279 and 2020/2021 - \$21,730). These funds are put aside to cover maintenance of the Centre and replacement of equipment. This year we used surplus from previous years to replace the commercial ovens in the kitchen at a costs of \$61,088, and selling the old ones second hand.



