



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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 September 2024

First reading: Numbers 11:25-29 Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading: James 5 :1-6 Your wealth is rotting.

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

Sts. Lorenzo Ruiz of Manila & Pedro Calungsod of Cebu

St. Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba is committed to living out our Strategic Plan 2023-2028 Vision of creating a place where people come to **BELIEVE, BELONG, and BECOME** in every stage of life. Central to our mission is synodality by **ENCOUNTERING, LISTENING, and DISCERNING together**, as we grow in faith and understanding. We value inclusion and strive to ensure that every experience within our parish is life-giving by *appreciating our diverse identities and honouring our rich heritage*. Through cultural and spiritual showcases, as well as active participation in life and liturgies, we celebrate the strength of our multicultural community in both word and action.

We had a beautiful display of the Flowers in the Cathedral during the carnival of flowers this September and next month, October as part of our ongoing journey of inclusion, we warmly invite you to join us for a Filipino-inspired English Mass on **October 5th at 11 AM**. This celebration, while organised by our Filipino Australian parishioners, is an open invitation to all members of our community. Followed by a program and lunch at Callaghan Hall St Saviour's College.

The Mass will honour **St. Lorenzo Ruiz of Manila** and **St. Pedro Calungsod of Cebu**, two Filipino saints whose lives embody deep faith, sacrifice and martyrdom. St. Lorenzo Ruiz, a husband and father, helped the Dominican Friars' mission in Japan and later martyred in Nagasaki in the year 1637 at the age of 42 for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith, famously declaring, *"I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for God; had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer."* Similarly, St. Pedro Calungsod, a young Filipino Saint and a migrant, sacristan and missionary catechist, who along with the Spanish Jesuit missionary, Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores, suffered religious persecution and martyrdom in Guam for their missionary work in 1672.

As we celebrate these canonised saints, we also celebrate the universality of our faith. In this Mass, we will experience the beauty of Filipino Catholic traditions, but with the understanding that it is an inclusive event one that reflects the wider multicultural reality of our Australian Church.

As Broken Bay Diocese Bishop Anthony Randazzo affirmed during the recent visit of Pope Francis in PNG, "The Pope has always had a strong interest in the region, and he has been a powerful advocate for local expressions of faith." Let this be a reminder that the Catholic Church is universal, embracing all cultures and peoples in our shared journey of faith.

God bless us all!

FHEAR BRIAN REDONDO



St Lorenzo Ruiz & St Pedro Calungsod

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Margaret Stephens, Barbara O'Brien (Fr. Michael's Sister-in-law).

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Gill, Maureen Ryan.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, 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.

What is happening around St Pat's? You may have noticed the spider lift and fencing around the Cathedral as works on the outside surface continues. During the 80's it was thought that a coating should be placed on the outside surface of the Cathedral to preserve it into the future. However unfortunately this sealant served to capture the moisture inside rather than letting the mortar between the blue stone breathe. The result is evident in the mould and peeling of paint on the inside. In order to prepare for interior works the coating has to be removed from the face of the building. This is extensive work and will take, hopefully only a couple of months. The initial removal of coating should be complete by the end of October, however this will be followed by extensive repointing work and maintenance to the roof and guttering, completed with roof painting and the reintroduction of 6 dormers to allow the hot air to escape. These were closed off when the new roof was put on. So we ask for your patience as they make their way around the Cathedral to perform these works. They have kindly agreed to cease work during Mass and significant events, however we ask that an alternative venue for funerals be considered until the beginning of November, as each stop work adds time to the final completion date. *Again I thank you for your patience during this disruptive time. Fr. Michael.*

Parking Alternatives – Please remember there are 3 parking opportunities over the weekend – Firstly our carpark at the rear of the Cathedral, secondly parking in the Toowoomba Catholic Schools carpark with access to the Cathedral via the path near the bell tower, and thirdly the designated carpark opposite the tennis courts on the corner of Lawrence and Neil, with a short walk to St Patrick's. **At all times please be aware of safety and the keeping clear driveways, entrances and exits for everyone. There are plenty of parks in all these areas, so there is no need for any double parking or parking on footpaths.**

Diocesan Retreat House – Sychar Place has released its schedule for the last part of 2024. If you are interested in seeing what is available to assist with your spiritual journey, please email Sr Elaine at emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au Please see the latest copy of the HORIZONS for more information on Sychar Place.

Marian Valley Bus Trip: Opening and Blessing of the Devine Mercy Chapel, Saturday 5th October. Bus will be departing from the Neil St entrance to the Cathedral at 7.30am Cost: \$50, RSVP Theresa 0434 528 904.



ST VINCENT'S CARE

St Vincent's Care Services: (Lourdes Home) Looking for Volunteers in the following areas, if you have a spare couple of hours it would be much appreciated –

- ❖ Communion ministry Tuesday mornings (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)
- ❖ Rosary Groups Tues, Wed & Thu (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)
- ❖ Assist residents to play Bingo on a Thursday morning (contact Rod, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)
- ❖ 1-on-1 Social visits Monday to Friday (contact Rod, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)



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Toowoomba

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Sunday 29th September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism Chloe Stephanie & Shane Draper, Maybelle and Arthur Turner 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 30 September Saint Jerome	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Beads making in Parish Conference Room
Tuesday 1 October Saint Therese of the Child Jesus	9am Mass SPC	5.30pm – 6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels	7am Mass SPC	5.00pm Meeting of Grounds Committee in Office Staff Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 3 October	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 5.30am SPC Liturgy Meeting in Presbytery
Friday 4 October Saint Francis of Assisi	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conf. Room 10am Organ Recital – Eduarda van Klinken (Organist) 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 5 October	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 10am Baptism Oliver Ryan and 10.30am – Filipino Mass
Sunday 6 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Sienna Maree & Leslie Jakodi Mickelbourgh 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2351 Planned Giving \$1124 Donation Point \$1565 Money Counters this weekend: Sam and Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan
Money Counters next weekend: Kevin and Judy Lindores, Jim 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 or name in donating. Thank you.