



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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2 FEBRUARY 2025

First reading: Malachi 3:1-4 The Lord whom you seek will come to the temple.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is the king of glory? Is it the Lord!

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 He had to be made like us in all things.

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 – 2:22-32 My eyes have seen your saving power.

The Presentation of the Lord [or Candlemas as it is also called] comes 40 days after Christmas Day. Extraordinary things continue to happen as the child Jesus is presented in the temple. In the business of the temple traffic, with people coming and going, suddenly an elderly couple recognise that this child is no ordinary child. Jesus is proclaimed by Simeon and Anna as a child destined “for the rise and fall of many in Israel”. This couple, at the end of their lives, are filled with hope as they see what they had always longed to see – salvation right before their very eyes. “Now Lord you can let your servants go in peace....”

In this year of Jubilee, today we celebrate Religious life within the Church. It is the day of prayer for Consecrated Life. We have a number of our religious join us for the 9am Mass today. This Diocese has a rich tradition of sisters, brothers and religious priests who have served and continue to serve with a marvellous sense of the presence of the Lord in their lives. They have presented Christ to us through their dedication, self-sacrifice and service of God’s people through education, health care, parish, spirituality, catechetics, and many other missions within our local Church. As we recall the Presentation of the Lord today, we give thanks for the ways our religious have presented the Lord to us in such powerful, creative and sensitive ways.

We are fortunate that a number of our religious priests have joined us from overseas to minister in our Diocese. Unfortunately, they are not with us as they are presenting the Lord to their parishioners through Sunday Eucharist. We pray in thanksgiving for their willingness to come to our shores to serve our Diocese. Now, our women religious are senior in age and some cannot be with us because of infirmity. I can’t help but think of them like Anna from the Gospel. They continue to serve the Lord through their prayer and support of the Church’s mission. They recognise Christ’s presence as he comes to them and as they witness his presence in the people they encounter.

Please join me in thanking our religious sisters and brothers for their faith filled lives and their love of the Lord whom they present and make visible before us.

Bishop Ken Howell



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

A ceasefire means more aid can assist people affected in Gaza. Your support is urgently needed.



DONATE NOW

www.caritas.org.au/gaza
1800 024 413

MEANING OF THE LOGO of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.



DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION
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✠ We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Desley Gormley, Egon Moersch.

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

✠ 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, Dorothy Marsh.

St Pat's Sacramental program for 2025 begins on Wednesday 12 February. Enrolments are now overdue. Please email admin@stpats.org.au or phone 4637 1500 as soon as possible if you would like your child to participate.

Job Vacancy's: St Saviour's College – **College Chaplain** - Term time (40 weeks per year) | 25 hours per week Fixed term | Immediate start (negotiable) to 18 January 2026, School Officer Level 5 | \$38.29 – \$40.15 per hour plus super. **St Saviour's College – Boarding Supervisor** - Full time | Fixed term | Immediate start to 5 December 2025. Boarding Supervisor | \$31.59 per hour plus super and allowances. This position will work across week day, weekend and evening shifts. A sleep over allowance of \$63.02 will be paid where required to complete overnight shifts. Option for full board and lodging to be included if requested for a deduction of \$95.50 per fortnight.

For sale: Dyson Big Ball Animal Origin Upright Vacuum – retail \$396 Sale Price \$250 – like new condition – surplus to requirements at St Pat's. Please enquire via email admin@stpats.org.au or 46 371 500.



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

Sunday 2 February The Presentation of the Lord [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	Following 9am Mass – morning tea for the Religious Orders within our Diocese. Please join them for a cuppa! 11am Baptism Lucas Edward O'Connor 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 3 February	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9am Rosary Group – Parish Centre 9.30am Mass at Brodribb
Tuesday 4 February	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 5 February St Agatha	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 6 February St Paul Miki & Companions	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 6pm Parish Council Meeting in Parish House
Friday 7 February	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group – Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre World Day of Prayer – Planning Meeting 10am – South Toowoomba Baptist Church – 279 Geddes St
Saturday 8 February	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC Fr Raymond White	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism Wesley Michael Boland
Sunday 9 February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Hallie McKenna & Nash Zak O'Brien 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2589 Planned Giving \$1110 Donation Point \$1340 Money Counters this weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly, Jan-Nell and Errol Chase Money Counters next weekend: Pat Power – Leo & 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.

LET'S CELEBRATE
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Save the date
Saturday evening March 15
St Pat's Cathedral Centre

World Day of Prayer written by Cook Islands
Celebrated Friday 7th March South Toowoomba Baptist Church

Planning meeting Friday 7th February 10am
South Toowoomba Baptist Church
(279 Geddes St)
Please come along and be involved with the planning of this wonderful day of celebration
Some new faces from St Pat's would be appreciated

'I Made You Wonderful'