

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2 MARCH 2025

First reading: Sirach 27:4-7 Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering in the word of life. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45 A person speaks from what is in his heart.

A story told by Death.....

There was a merchant in Bagdad who sent his servant to market to buy provisions and in a little while the servant came back, white and trembling, and said, Master, just now when I was in the marketplace I was jostled by a man in the crowd and when I turned I saw it was Death that jostled me. He looked at me and made a threatening gesture. Now lend me your horse, and I will ride away from this city and avoid my fate. I will go to Samarra and there Death will not find me. The merchant lent him his horse, and the servant mounted it, and he dug his spurs in its flanks and as fast as the horse could gallop he went. Then the merchant went down to the marketplace and he saw me standing in the crowd and he came to me and said, Why did you make a threatening gesture to my servant when you saw him this morning? That was not a threatening gesture, I said, it was only a start of surprise. I was astonished to see him in Bagdad, for I had an appointment with him tonight in Samarra.

As they say – the two things we can't avoid, death and taxes! The traditional phrasing, when we receive the ashes each year, is “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” or we have the alternative phrase, “Repent, and believe in the Gospel” Both call us to pause and take a moment to look at our journey of life. To review what we hold as important and what we need to let go of. Like the story, death will indeed find us someday, but Lent gives us the opportunity to renew our lives in light of the Gospel.

Lent always has a three fold imperative – to Pray, to Fast and to Give. In what ways will we reflect on our lives using these three pathways?

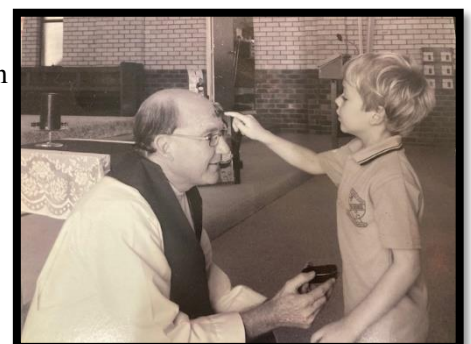
To pray is an essential part of our journey of faith. Sometimes the question is not “How often do we pray?” but rather “What is the quality of our prayers?” Do we take the opportunity to reflect on our day/week to see the “hand of God” at work? Do we strive to examine our conscience to see the ways we can better our lives and relationships each day? Do we seek other ways to pray, such as meditation or scripture reflections to deepen, rather than broaden our prayer life?

To fast, or abstain from something has a long tradition in both biblical and church life. When we fast we don't do it to make ourselves look better by letting everyone know what we are fasting from. As Pope Francis reminded us some time ago we can fast from our attitudes or entrenched judgements of others. Fasting can also remind us of the privileged life we lead, it can remind us of those who do not have what we take for granted.

To give also can mean many things. Traditionally many of us has given generously to Project Compassion to assist the work of Caritas in many areas of need. The launch for this year's campaign will occur at the 9am Mass next Sunday with Bishop Ken. However we can also give of our time and acts of kindness towards others in need.

So as we approach Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent let us pray for a time of renewal and deepening of our faithful following of the Gospel.

Every blessing on your Lenten journey. Fr. Michael



✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Catherine Rogers, Peter Saide, Daniel Gainey, Sylvia Pedersen, Sol Betros, Rebecca Betros.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Stewart Frater, Michael Luce, Sue McGavin, Clive O'Kelly, 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.

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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times - 5th March, 2025
St Patrick's 7am & 5.30pm **St Thomas More's 9.30am & 6pm**

Have you taken your prayer card for the **JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE** available from the tables around the Cathedral and **Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated every Saturday morning at 6.30am during Lent in St Patrick's Cathedral.

Sunday 2 March 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time [SPC St Patrick's STM St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism April Lily Todd 12pm Baptism Patrick Joseph Flory 1.30pm Altar Server Practice 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 3 March	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM Fr Dominic Burke	9.30am Mass at Brodribb Nursing Home 9.30am Rosary Group – Parish Conference Room
Tuesday 4 March	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday	SPC 7am & 5.30pm STM 9.30am & 6pm	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 6 March	7am Mass SPC Fr Hector (Tom) Sheeran	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 11am Wedding Mariel Pasilaban & Christy Amor 6pm – 7pm Choir Practice in the Cathedral
Friday 7 March	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group – Parish Conference Room 10am World Day of Prayer (see below) 2pm Wedding Samuel Meder & Sara Poleo 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 8 March	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Stations of the Cross at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 10.30am Baptism Arlo John Sparks 12pm Baptism Ava Jean Butler & Hay Matthew Colman 1pm Baptism Renji Vergel Tamayo
Sunday 9 March First Sunday of Lent	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH (9AM) 12pm Baptism Oakleigh Wallace 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre Fr. Brian leaves for the Philippines until 18/3

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2901 Planned Giving \$637 Donation Point \$1270
Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros, Mick Cuskelly
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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| 064-7|86, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number or name in donating. Thank you.

To assist with your Lenten journey, please take a reflection book from the entrance table.
If you are able please consider a donation to cover the cost.
Place your donation on the collection plate on into the collection box.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

To purchase your tickets
Scan the QRCode
Trybooking Link -
www.trybooking.com/CYTLF
Call the parish office 46 317 500

Saturday 15th March
Cathedral Centre - Neil St
Doors/Bar opens 6.30pm
Meal served at 7.15pm
Dancing & sing-a-long from 7.30pm





World Day of Prayer written by Cook Islands

Friday 7th March 10am
South Toowoomba Baptist Church
(279 Geddes St)
All are welcome




'I Made You Wonderful'