



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C] Sunday 20 February, 2022

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:7-9 The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Forgiveness – Not Vengeance

“Dead Man Walking” is a detailed eyewitness account about America’s practice of punishing killing by killing – the execution of a convicted killer. The author of the book, Sister Helen Prejean, began her prison ministry in 1981 and has, over the past forty years since then, dedicated her life to poor and broken people in New Orleans.

Helen began writing to Patrick Sonnier, who had been convicted and sentenced to death in the electric chair for killing two teenagers. From death row he asked her to visit him regularly, and she became his spiritual advisor. Her conversations with Patrick opened her eyes to the punishment process and became the basis for her book.

She has accompanied five people to death by execution and continues to this day to accompany prison inmates on death row and to counsel and walk with families of murder victims. Helen was interviewed in an ABC television program “Enough Rope” in September 2007.

A prominent Hollywood film director Tim Robbins read Helen’s book, as did other directors but none of the Hollywood Studios were interested in a story about the execution of a convicted killer – he was simply getting what he deserved. They needed some romantic interest – perhaps if the nun became romantically involved with the prisoner they could do something!

But film director Tim Robbins saw it differently – this is a journey about *redemption* he said, about forgiveness, about rising above the destructive forces of vengeance and hatred that’s so important! So the film was made: book worth reading, film worth seeing!

There is a complete reversal of the accepted world order in lots of the teachings and actions of Jesus. That’s particularly true about His instructions to the disciples and to us this weekend.

“Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who treat you badly”. “Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate; don’t judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned; grant pardon and you will be pardoned”.

To Forgive the sinner, to reach out in real sincere love to our enemies is NOT to condone the sin nor pretend there is no hurt. Rather it is to SET FREE by attitude, by word and gentle action the person who has caused the hurt and ourselves who have been hurt. It is the only way to break the spiral of violence that is crushing our world. It is God’s way!

Fr. Hal Ranger

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Pat Carey, Peter Hohn and those who have died with Covid-19. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Rebecca Betros, Sol and Patricia Betros, Rev Fr Michael Cronin [1992], Rev Fr Henry MacFarlane [1946], Rev Fr Brian O'Dwyer [2016] and Rev Fr Michael Sheehan [1947].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Fr Raymond Sweeney, Angelina Santa Lucia, 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, and those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering with Covid-19.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: St Patrick's – 7.00am and 5.30pm. St Thomas More's – 9.00am

Please feel free to take a reflection book from the entrance table and make a donation if you are able.

PARKING: The new parking spaces in front of the rose garden as you enter Neil Street are available for anyone to park in. Please be aware the spaces in front of the disabled parking are not car parks, but can be used if necessary for extra disabled parking. They allow for the easy flow of traffic. Please do not park there, unless you are in need of a disabled park. **PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TCSO CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!**

YOUR VOICE MATTERS: Synod of Bishops responses due 27th February: Since October, the Church of this Diocese and throughout the world have been preparing in a special way for the XVIth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Individuals in each parish – that's you and me – are encouraged to contribute responses, following a list of prompts on the themes of Communion, Participation, and Mission. These can be submitted to the parish or through the national Synod Website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>.



Resources are also available at the Vatican Synod website: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>. Thank you to those who have already offered a submission. If you have any questions regarding the Synod consultation, or if you need support you as we walk together this Synodal journey, Rev. Nathan Webb has been appointed the diocesan contact and can be reached by ringing or emailing the Cathedral office (4637 1504; admin@stpats.org.au).

SPOILER ALERT: You may not want to read further if you are currently reading "Shuggie Bain" (last week's bulletin) As I said, I had about 30 pages left to read and I feel I need to let you know what actually happened. As you would expect, his mother Agnes died due to excessive alcoholism over a long time. Last week I spoke of Jesus giving hope to those who heard him speak and opening their hearts to thinking about how the future may in fact be more positive. Well at the end of the book Shuggie has a friend called Leanne. He met her when Agnes and him moved to London towards the end of the story. Leanne's mother is an alcoholic prostitute who she tries to support as best she can – just as Shuggie did with Agnes. Finally he has found someone who truly understands him and his motivations, his dreams and his troubled past. It ends with this hopeful note of a friendship that truly will bring a new sense of life. A lovely ending.

Sunday 20 Feb	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism Elrae Dare 12pm Baptism Addison Steele
Monday 21 Feb	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 22 Feb <i>The Chair of Saint Peter</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 10am Baptism Leo Holland 2pm Wedding James Norfield and Anna Sunio 5.30 – 7pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 23 Feb <i>Saint Polycarp</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 24 Feb	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration
Friday 25 Feb	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 26 Feb	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am 10am Baptism Emma Lamb 11am Baptism Josie and Heath Lobwein
Sunday 27 Feb <i>Launch of Project Compassion at 9.00am</i>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism Tory Fragale

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving: \$957 Loose: \$734 PayPoint: \$380. Helen Hoddle, Mick Cuskelly and Joanne Meacle.

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