



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



T: 4637 1500 F: 4637 1511
Email: admin@stpats.org.au
www.stpats.org.au

Office hours: 9am-4pm Mon-Thu 9am-3pm on Friday

Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral and Administrator: Fr. Michael O'Brien.
Associate Pastor: Fr. Nathan Webb.
Safeguarding Officer: Ann Marie Pawsey (safeguarding@stpats.org.au)

*St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1700)
St Saviour's College - Sharon Collins (4637 1600)
We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Gibal peoples.*



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 July 2023

First reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 You have asked for wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30 He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

A word from our new assistant Priest ...

G'day, everyone! My name is Brian Redondo. I was born and bred in the Philippines, and before I entered the seminary, I worked as a nurse. Quite a change, right?

My journey to the Diocese of Toowoomba began in June 2019 when the benevolent and imperturbable Bishop Robert McGuckin invited me. I spent two months at St. Mary's Parish in Warwick, getting to know the area and its lovely people. I must say, it felt like a grand adventure for an outsider like me! I owe a huge thanks to Fr. Terry Hickling for taking the time and making the great effort to drive me around the diocese. And Franco Filipetto, the parish priest, was an absolute delight. After two months, I went back to the Philippines to finish my theological studies in Manila.

Like General Douglas MacArthur famously said, "I shall return," and return I did in 2020. Unfortunately, it was right before the COVID lockdown, and Australia had closed its borders. But fate had other plans for me. I joined the Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane to immerse myself in Australian culture, learn Aussie English, and meet other seminarians who were discerning their path to priesthood in Queensland. I consider myself lucky and grateful for this opportunity, and I'm still learning every day.

After spending a year at Banyo Seminary, I moved to Cambooya Parish. There, I lived by myself on placement, assisting the Greenmount, Clifton, and Leyburn Parishes. It was a wonderful experience, and I couldn't have done it without the guidance of Fr. Rod MacGuinley, the parish priest at the time.

On the feast day of St. Joseph in 2021, I was ordained as a deacon at St. Mary's Church in Warwick. Then, I had the pleasure of serving in Stanthorpe Parish alongside Fr. Gonzalo Duran, the parish priest. Later, I returned to Clifton Parish, where Fr. Nathan Webb and I were ordained as priests on the 25th of June 2022 in St Pat's Cathedral. It was an incredible moment of joy and gratitude.

And just recently, on the 10th of July 2023 (the day before the installation of Bishop Ken Howell), Bishop Robert handed me an appointment letter stating that I would be moving to St. Pat's Cathedral. So here I am, like in Psalm 40, saying, "Here am I, Lord. I come to do your will." I'm truly grateful for the warm hospitality of Fr. Michael O'Brien, the Dean of the Cathedral, and Fr. Nathan Webb, as well as the whole Cathedral team. I hope to be able to share and contribute to our local church in meaningful ways.

Being a priest for over a year now, I am thankful to the Lord for guiding me every step of the way. I have become accustomed to celebrating Mass with two, four, or even smaller congregations. So, moving to a bigger church like St. Pat's Cathedral will be quite the change for me. But change is good, right?

I look forward to meeting all of you soon. Until then, may God bless you abundantly and remember to take it easy! Hooroo!

Fr Brian



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Fr Brian Sparksman, Leo Lunney, Peter Webster. May perpetual light shine upon them.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**
Bert Ranger, John and Ann Brady,

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Freddy Nield, Kathleen O'Rourke, Bev Smith, Christopher Blackford, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Greta Berge, Christine [Faus] Barron, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Kate Gibbs, Tina Hobson, Braxton Rayner, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Kathy Allan, Andrew Supple, Hannah Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Mary-Ann Hine, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

MINISTRIES AT MASS: There is a need for **Readers** to proclaim the scriptures and for **Communion Ministers** to assist with distribution of Holy Communion during weekend Masses. To enquire, please contact the parish office on 4637 1500. Training, both initial and ongoing, will be given for these ministries.

FUNERAL FOR FATHER BRIAN SPARKSMAN DCL will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday, 7th August at 10.00am. A Vigil will be celebrated at St Vincent's Care Services, previously Lourdes Home the evening before at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend both services. There will be refreshments available at the Cathedral Centre following the interment at the Garden of Remembrance on Monday.

ANOINTING MASS will be celebrated at St. Thomas More's on Friday, 11th August at 9.30am. Everyone welcome!

Prelude to Peace Concert. Sunday 20 August, 2.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral. An enchanting afternoon listening to handbells, chimes and choirs in the magnificent acoustic of St Patrick Cathedral. Toowombells Handbell Choir, Fairholme College choirs and organist Eduarda van Klinken present a very special concert. \$25 (full) \$20 (concession) Students free. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/eventlist/eventListingURL?aid=188940>



This week, just past, we have celebrated Catholic Education week. The week honours all Catholic Schools in Queensland and invites schools of our Diocese to come together to celebrate and have a moment of shared community. Bishop Ken and Pat Coughlin (Director) travelled to Cunnamulla, Charleville and Roma to share the wonder of Catholic Education. St Mary's will play host to the Toowoomba schools this year. The theme is "Building Communities of Faith, Hope and Love". St Saviour's Primary celebrated a full school Mass on Monday.

Within this reflection of our schooling life, we acknowledge the changing face of education and the need to maintain these core values within all our schools. One person who has seen much change throughout her life, since her days at St. Saviour's Primary School when she was a 10 years old student in 1931, is Miss Gloria Collins. Pictured here with some current students from St Saviour's. Gloria is the oldest past student of our oldest school in the Diocese and fortuitously she turned the amazing age of 102 years on Tuesday of this week. Still active in mind and body Gloria keeps in touch with her nieces and nephews, some as far away as Ireland by use of her IPAD through facebook! There will be a more substantial celebration of her life in the upcoming issue of the HORIZONS. God Bless, Fr. Michael

Sunday 30 July [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 31 July Saint Ignatius of Loyola	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	9.30am Rosary bead making in Cathedral Board Room
Tuesday 1 August Saints Alphonsus Liguori	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir practice
Wednesday 2 August	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 3 August Saints Dominic	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC
Friday 4 August Saints John Vianney	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 5 August	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation 10am Baptism of Aleia Edwards and Theodore Hicks 11am Baptism of Alkina-Pearl Jurd 12pm Baptism of Eloise Barbara Nell Althaus
Sunday 6 August	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Ava Postlethwaite and Delilah Gainey 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<p>Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$1644 Planned Giving \$781 Donation Point \$940 Money Counters this weekend: Sam and Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan. Money Counters next weekend: Jim Harris with Kevin and Judy Lindores.</p> <p>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.</p>		