



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]

**Sunday 25 October 2020**

**First Reading:** Exodus 22:20-26 – If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I love you, Lord, my strength. [Psalm 17]

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 – You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

**Gospel Acclamation:** **ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. ALLELUIA!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40 – You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.

When Father Michael invited me to express my thoughts on today's gospel reading, my initial question was how has my love of God resonated with me throughout my life, and realized it was shown to me by my parents in the way they lived their lives. I invited members of my family to share their memories of our lives, with love of God and God's love for us at the centre of our upbringing, instilled in us by our parents.....

The gospel talks of love, love your God, love your neighbour as yourself. This time of year is the anniversary of the passing of both our parents. We lost Mum in early November 2016 and Dad passed away in late October 2019. It is hard to speak of God's love and at the same time speak of the loss of our dear parents. Time eases the pain but does not heal it. Family gatherings, weddings, Christmas, are not the same without them. They remain forever in our hearts.

Mum and Dad were devoted to each other, their six children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We grew up in the 60s and like a lot of families in our parish had little money (although as children we were unaware of this). Dad rode to work on a pushbike and Mum walked to town for shopping and groceries, often with kids in tow. However we never wanted for anything. They provided us with a secure house, a happy childhood and a loving home.

Jesus said His Father's house has many rooms and that He was going to prepare a place for His faithful. Mum and Dad lived the faith and we take comfort in knowing that they have earned a room in His Father's house. We pray that we can earn a place in the Father's house and be reunited with them. This is God's love.....

Initially I was asked what my idea of God was. Immediately I thought, well God is love! Simple! Then I was asked to reflect on my parents and to me I would describe them as love. Still a part of God (the human part).

Our parents were a solid stable foundation for us children to grow and flourish. They gave us stability, discipline and knowing that no matter what, we could depend and rely on their support. At times this would be hard for them but their love for us never wavered. It gave me confidence as an adult to learn new things, have adventures and have courage to face adversity. I will always be grateful that they were my parents.....

**This week's bulletin contributed by Roberta Clarke. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.**

**A message from Emily Connors, who spoke for the  
Catholic Mission Appeal last weekend.**

**Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission  
Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers.**

Your generosity makes it possible for people, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, to continue reaching out and empowering people like Chen and his family.



For more information about the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at [catholicmission.org.au/contact](http://catholicmission.org.au/contact).

**Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/cambodia](http://catholicmission.org.au/cambodia)**





Last weekend we welcomed Rupert George Crump into the Catholic Community.  
May he find goodness and life wherever he goes!

**We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Alice Hagan, Steven Collis, Jodi Whyteman, William Lucas and those who have died from 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:** Bob Watson, Fr Edmund O'Donnell[1957].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Joan Leonard, Madeline Gray, Richard Jones, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), 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 all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

**MONTH OF HOLY SOULS:** During November you are asked if you wish those who have died to be remembered at the Masses over the month. There will be a book to write the names into, as usual, but with COVID we would prefer the names to be emailed to [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) and they will be added.

**NEW MASS TIME – from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2020** - Over the last couple of weeks the Mass numbers have been at capacity. The Mass where most people seem to be turned away appears to be the 7am or 9am. With this in mind, Michael Bermingham, Parish Leader at St. Thomas More's, has agreed to introduce another Mass on Sunday morning **at St. Thomas More's at 7.15am**. This allows time to go from St Patrick's across to St. Thomas More's should you find the Cathedral at capacity. We hope this assists in your desire to attend Mass.

**THANK YOU** to all those who are on rosters, or simply volunteer to assist at our celebrations. As we are all fairly familiar with the number system currently in use, please feel free to offer your help, especially at the time of the final rush! The person who is there will happily give you the needed instructions. Thanks.

#### RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITY

Following Saturday morning Mass, between **8.00am and 9.00am** on **31<sup>st</sup> October**, there will be an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be two priests available during this time. There will be the need for this to be a **COVID safe event**. This requires contact tracing, wiping down of where you sit before leaving your seat to approach the priest, and again after you have completed your penance. Social distancing is also required whilst waiting to see the priest. One priest will be in the Mercy Chapel to the right of the main altar, the second will be seated to the right as you face the front doors. A similar opportunity will be offered next month. For reconciliation outside these times, please make an appointment through the office on 4637 1500 or [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au)

<b>Sunday 25 Oct</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	11am Baptism of Elsie May Storey [HR] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 26 Oct</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass SPC</b> 9am Mass STM	<b>ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 27 Oct</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
<b>Wed 28 Oct</b> <i>Ss Simon and Jude</i>	7am Mass SPC	<b>ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thurs 29 Oct</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
<b>Friday 30 Oct</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	<b>ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 31 Oct</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	
<b>Sunday 01 Nov</b> <i>All Saints Day</i>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	<b>NEW MASS – 7.15am at St Thomas More's</b> 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
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