



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year A]

Sunday 08 November 2020

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 – Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. [Psalm 62]

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Be watchful and ready;
you know not when the Son of Man is coming. ALLELUIA!**

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 – Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Annual Service of Prayer For Reconciliation (hosted by Catholic and Anglican Dioceses)

Each year the Catholic and Anglican communities come together to recognise our common faiths and recommit to walking and working together in light of the agreement signed in 2006, found near the front doors of our Cathedral. This year it was hosted by the Anglican community at St. Luke's and Bishop Robert McGuckin preached the following homily:

In our gathering liturgy this evening one of the responses was: ***As we draw closer to Christ we draw closer to each other.***

That truly is what we attempt to achieve not only this evening but each day, it must be part of our continuing pilgrimage. By our baptism we are incorporated into Christ and we received the gift of the spirit of God.... The spirit recalls and seals upon believers hearts words that Jesus gives us: *may they all be one.*

As St Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians points out: we are all ambassadors for Christ and entreats us to be reconciled to God.

If we, Catholics and Anglicans, are to work towards communion with each other we must grow into deeper communion with Jesus. We should always remain open to the action of the Holy Spirit and seek out how, in our special and particular part of the world, at this time, this most unusual time, how we can truly respond to the words of Jesus... *that they all be one.* Over 8 years ago, having come from a different state into Queensland I continue to be impressed with the strong relationship between Anglicans and Catholics that exists here. I've seen many practical examples of this (to name just a few):

Pastoral care of the sick, training together cooperating and working together in hospital ministry and other care establishments, Queensland churches together, Toowoomba churches together, interfaith working groups, social justice groups, heads of churches regularly meeting and praying together, local parish ecumenical groups, coming together... Praying together, studying and meeting together and getting to know each other. Together seeing how jointly better outcomes may be achieved. The challenge for us at all times is to remain alive to God in Christ Jesus. We cannot rely on past achievements but must each day live out our incorporation into Jesus.

Pope France's recent encyclical (1 October 2020) *Fratelli Tutti* (Its title is the message of Jesus encouraging us to recognise one another as brothers and sisters and to live accordingly in the common home the Father entrusted to us) in speaking of Christian identity said:

if the music of the gospel ceases to resonate in our very being, we would lose the joy born of compassion, the tender love born of trust, the capacity for reconciliation that has its source in our knowledge that we have been forgiven and sent forth.

He went on,

if the music of the gospel ceases to sound in our homes, our public squares, our workplaces, our political and financial life, then we will no longer hear the strains that challenge us to defend the dignity of every man and woman.

For us the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity is in the gospel of Jesus Christ, from, there arises for Christian thought and for the action of the church, the primacy given to relationship, to the encounter with the sacred mystery of the other, to universal communion with the entire human family, as a vocation of all. (#277).

Pope Francis also made reference to our Gospel passage this evening, Jesus call "that they may all be one" and noted:

is also urgent to continue to bear witness to the journey of encounter between the different Christian confessions.... We have the duty of common witness to the love of God for all people by working together in the service of humanity (#280)

May our joint commitment enacted by our covenant continue to be seen in action.

United in the spirit of the risen Lord, together may we be true witnesses and lights shining in this very special part of the world.

May we remain actively alive to God in Christ Jesus, May the music of the gospel ring out loudly in our daily lives as we journey together.

Affirming our commitment to unity – Fr. Michael O'Brien, Bishop Robert McGuckin, Bishop Cameron Venerables, Rev. Paul Mitchell.



We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Jessica O'Brien, Bill Wodehouse 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:** Fr Cornelius Cahalane [1959], Fr Charles Daly[1995].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Brian Machin, Graham McGovern, 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.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND ADVENT BLUE REFLECTION BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. You will find both these well known resources on the welcoming table. Please place \$10.00 for the Columban Calendar in either the collection box or use the Pay Point Facility. The Blue Advent Reflection Books cost \$5.00 each.

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 is a book to write the names into, as usual, located near the Sacred Heart altar, but with COVID we would prefer the names to be emailed to admin@stpats.org.au and they will be added.

Don't forget there is now an extra Mass available at St. Thomas More's at 7.15am each Sunday.

Readers Meet & Greet: Liturgy Coordinator John Briffa is providing an opportunity to meet all Cathedral readers to answer any questions about the ministry at this time and to talk about the upcoming Christmas season. Anyone who would like to become a reader is also welcome to attend any of the brief sessions. Sessions will run for 10-15 minutes after each of the weekend Masses on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November. If you are on the reading roster or would like to be, please come up to the lectern after Mass.

St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul is once again seeking your generous support for our Christmas Hamper Appeal. We are seeking donations of non-perishable items such as canned hams, plum puddings, canned fruit, sweets etc. Collection boxes will be left in front of the altar rails in the Cathedral from Saturday 14th November until Sunday 6th December.

Any questions you may have regarding financial giving, please contact Celie on 4637 1500 or find further information on the parish website – www.stpats.org.au Thank you for you kind contribution.

Sunday 08 Nov	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am-Live stream available SPC	EXTRA MASS – 7.15am St Thomas More's 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 09 Nov <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 10 Nov <i>Saint Leo the Great</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wed 11 Nov <i>Saint Martin of Tours</i>	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thurs 12 Nov <i>Saint Josephat</i>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting in the Parish Centre
Friday 13 Nov	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 5.30pm and 7pm Celebration of Confirmation 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 14 Nov	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Madeline Playford [Fr B Noonan]
Sunday 15 Nov	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am-Live stream available SPC	EXTRA MASS – 7.15am St Thomas More's 11am Baptism of Ella Harris [FM] 12noon Baptism of Joseph Cook-Bailey [FM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1219; Loose \$688; PayPoint \$490 : Jabour Hanna, Kate Gilloway, Craig/Amanda Hogan		