



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year A]

**Sunday 15<sup>TH</sup> November 2020**

**First Reading:** Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 – Give her a share in what she has worked for.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are those who fear the Lord. [Psalm 127]

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 – The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

**Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Live in me and let me live in you, say the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit. ALLELUIA!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30 – Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

## Fourth World Day of the Poor – 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 – Pope Francis

This year, as his Holiness reflects on the many poor and needy throughout the world, he centres his reflection on the words from the book of Sirach – **“Stretch forth your hand to the poor”** (7:32) He begins by saying:

*Age-old wisdom has proposed these words as a sacred rule to be followed in life. Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises, and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have an opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40).*

Pope Francis speaks of the challenge that this is for each of us:

*Encountering the poor and those in need constantly challenges us and forces us to think. How can we help to eliminate or at least alleviate their marginalization and suffering? How can we help them in their spiritual need? The Christian community is called to be involved in this kind of sharing and to recognize that it cannot be delegated to others. In order to help the poor, we ourselves need to live the experience of evangelical poverty. We cannot feel “alright” when any member of the human family is left behind and in the shadows. The silent cry of so many poor men, women and children should find the people of God at the forefront, always and everywhere, in efforts to give them a voice, to protect and support them in the face of hypocrisy and so many unfulfilled promises, and to invite them to share in the life of the community. The ability to stretch forth our hand shows that we possess an innate capacity to act in ways that give meaning to life. How many outstretched hands do we see every day! Sadly, it is more and more the case that the frenetic pace of life sucks us into a whirlwind of indifference, to the point that we no longer know how to recognize the good silently being done each day and with great generosity all around us. Only when something happens that upsets the course of our lives do our eyes become capable of seeing the goodness of the saints “next door”, of “those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence”, but without fanfare.*

*“In everything you do, remember your end” (Sir 7:36). These are the final words of this chapter of the book of Sirach. They can be understood in two ways. First, our lives will sooner or later come to an end. Remembering our common destiny can help lead to a life of concern for those poorer than ourselves or lacking the opportunities that were ours. But second, there is also an end or goal towards which each of us is tending. And this means that our lives are a project and a process. The “end” of all our actions can only be love. This is the ultimate goal of our journey, and nothing should distract us from it. This love is one of sharing, dedication and service, born of the realization that we were first loved and awakened to love. We see this in the way children greet their mother’s smile and feel loved simply by virtue of being alive. Even a smile that we can share with the poor is a source of love and a way of spreading love. An outstretched hand, then, can always be enriched by the smile of those who quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as one of Christ’s disciples.*

**May we be mindful of the poor around us this day and with God’s help “stretch out our hands”.**

For the full text simply put “Vatican World day of the Poor 2020” into your search engine..

**We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Richard Sternes, Dawn Pobar 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:** Deacon Leo Hayes [1967], Fr Francis Leonard [2006].

✠ **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.

**Sisters of St. Peter Claver** of 71 Margaret St, have items for sale that would make wonderful Christmas gifts. They have many beautiful gifts available as their usual Cent Sales had to be cancelled due to Covid. All sales will benefit the missions. Any enquiries, please contact the Sisters on 4632 1818

**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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> November until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**Advent Anointing Mass** will be held in the Cathedral Centre on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am. Due to Covid 19 restrictions we will not be serving Christmas Lunch. Please RSVP by phoning the office or emailing [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au).

Any questions you may have regarding financial giving, please contact Celia on 4637 1500 or find further information on the parish website – [www.stpats.org.au](http://www.stpats.org.au) Thank you for you kind contribution.

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| <b>Sunday 15 Nov</b>   | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass<br><b>9am-Live stream available SPC</b> | <b>EXTRA MASS – 7.15am St Thomas More's</b><br>11am Baptism of Ella Harris [FM]<br>1pm Baptism of Joseph Cook-Bailey [FM]<br>4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |
| <b>Monday 16 Nov</b>   | <b>5.30pm Mass SPC</b><br><i>9am Mass STM</i>                 | <b>ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 17 Nov</b><br><i>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary</i>                         | 7am Mass SPC<br><i>5.30pm Mass STM</i>                        |   |
| <b>Wed 18 Nov</b>  | 7am Mass SPC  | <b>ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am</b><br>7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre  |
| <b>Thurs 19 Nov</b>  | 7am Mass SPC  |   |
| <b>Friday 20 Nov</b>   | 7am Mass SPC<br>9am Mass STM                                  | <b>ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am</b><br>5.30pm and 7pm Celebration of Confirmation<br>7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre  |
| <b>Saturday 21 Nov</b>   | 7am Mass SPC<br>6pm Mass SPC                                  | 11am Baptism of William Smith [TD]<br>12pm Baptism of Elliarna Costello [TD]  |
| <b>Sunday 22 Nov</b>   | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass<br><b>9am-Live stream available SPC</b> | <b>EXTRA MASS – 7.15am St Thomas More's</b><br>11am Baptism of Ryan Gilbert [NS]<br>12pm Baptism of Jesse Davey [NS]<br>4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre      |
| Planned Giving \$833; Loose \$1017; PayPoint :\$730 Helen Hoddle and Mick Cuskelly |   |   |