

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Primary School
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We Acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal Peoples



Fifth Sunday of Easter

3 May 2026

First reading: Acts 6:1-7 They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

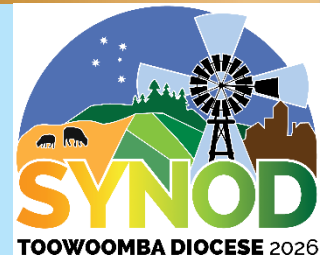
Responsorial Psalm: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9 You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, except through me Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12 I am the way, the truth, and the life.



Do not let your hearts be troubled

Many things in life attempt to rob us of peace. Some things make successful attempts. Disappointment, hurt, fear, broken dreams, broken relationships, estranged children, collapsing social morals – so many things that can take away our peace of heart.

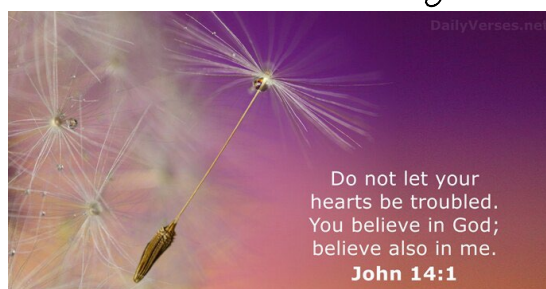
In the face of these sufferings and the anxiety they cause, the single most annoying thing anyone can say to us is: “Don’t worry. Everything will be alright.” My gut reaction to a statement like that, and perhaps yours too, is typically to tell the person to take a hike. Because we know everything will be alright. We know we shouldn’t worry.

But the knowledge doesn’t remove the reality. Everything *will* be alright, but it’s not alright now. A toothache doesn’t go away because we resolve to not let it bother us. A heavy backpack is no lighter even if we know its contents. It’s the same with all things in the course of life that disturb us and threaten our peace. When we endure a period of suffering and trial, and someone says to us “don’t worry” we could retort “I’m not worried. I just hurt.”

And its precisely into that unique reality that our Lord speaks those words of comfort and of truth: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” It can seem almost trite, even flippant. But it’s not as if our Lord is telling us “Don’t worry. Everything will be alright.” Far from it. What He means in these words is revealed by what He says and does soon after these words are spoken – for after this conversation He is arrested, tortured, and killed.

In saying “Do not let your hearts be troubled” we hear the Lord say: “Your hearts are going to be troubled. But you have the power to sit in that which robs you of peace. You have the ability to endure through suffering. Your trust and endurance will bring you peace.” As we face situations that threaten our peace of heart and test our trust, let us hear the Lord speaking words of peace and trust to us. Let us be at peace in the pain, and trust through the suffering.

Every blessing this week, Fr. BJ



Do not let your
hearts be troubled.
You believe in God;
believe also in me.

John 14:1

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Paul Fox, Gloria Belz.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Nilla Sternes, Neil Beasley.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Katherine Manktelow, Therese Odri, Lynne Anderson, David Cattel, Austin Amalemba, Janet Brady, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Claire Seymour. **This list has been reviewed after 12 months, if you would like a loved one placed on the list please contact the office.**



Big Band on the Green - Jim Miller Big Band

Pack your picnic, settle in, and enjoy crowd-pleasing classics as we come together to **raise funds to preserve and restore St Patrick's Cathedral.**

Tickets also available from the Parish Office.



The Synod Listening Sessions are an integral part of the Synod process. These sessions enable us to gather as a diocese, share our joys and sorrows, pray together, and discern where the Holy Spirit is encouraging us to take action for our future. This is an opportunity for each person in the diocese to contribute to our Synod, with the information gathered at these sessions being directly fed back to the Bishop for his discernment and deliberation for the Synod assembly which will be held 23-24 Oct 2026.

Listening Sessions: Please register via QR, Website below or our office.

QR code:



Saturday 16 May, 9.30-11.30am at Edmund Rice Cultural Centre, St Mary's College Toowoomba.

Tuesday 16 June, 6-8pm at Micah Centre, Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office, Toowoomba.

Online: Tuesday 26 May, 10-11.30am via Teams

Registration: www.trybooking.com/eventlist/toowoombasynodlisteningessions



We welcome **His Eminence Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, SDB, Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar** invited by Catholic Mission to be with us today. Catholic Mission invites you to a dialogue on Mission and Hope in Action as we hear share how we can help support the work of the church in Myanmar. Cardinal Bo, a Salesian priest ordained in 1976, has dedicated his life to accompanying communities through decades of conflict, poverty, and social upheaval. As Myanmar's first and only Cardinal, he is a courageous and tireless advocate for peace and reconciliation in his homeland. He has consistently spoken out against injustice, while promoting dialogue and unity during times of profound national challenge. **Date:** Sunday, 3 May 2026 **Time:** Mass at 9:00am followed by morning

tea at 10:15am **Venue:** St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral and morning tea in the Conference Room.

Sunday 3 May 5th Sunday of Easter [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am [Priest ann. in green] Fr William Murphy	9am Mass with Cardinal Charles Maung Bo and Bishop Ken 10am Morning Tea Catholic Mission – Parish Centre 11am Baptism Ted Neville Williams 12pm Baptism Charlottle Rose Slatter 1pm Baptism Oliver John Lessells 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 4 May	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	Labour Day Holiday No Rosary Group
Tuesday 5 May	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 6 May	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 7 May	7am Mass Fr Brian Moran	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 11.00am Board of Management Meeting – Office Staff Room 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 8 May	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM Fr Vincent Maher	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 9 May	7am Mass 6pm Mass Mmgr Patrick McMorro	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 9.30am Baptism Nimerah Lynn Eustace 10.30am Baptism Archer James Edwin Goulding 11.30am Baptism Zoe Rae Taylor, Archer Leon Kelly, and Zara Kajewski
Sunday 10 May 6th Sunday of Easter	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am Fr Thomas Isaac	11.00am Baptisms of Lachlan Edward Geroge and Matilda Rose Schneider 12.00pm Baptism Oscar Scott Mills 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

SPRED End-of-Financial-Year Appeal In 2026, SPRED celebrates **40 years** of creating a place of belonging, faith and joy for people with intellectual disabilities. More than a program, SPRED is a welcoming community where friendships grow, and faith is shared. Your donation helps ensure this vital ministry continues.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections

26/04/26 – Loose \$3030 Planned Giving \$623 Donation Point \$1330

Money Counters this weekend:

Sandra & Peter Daly – Jan-Nell & Errol Chase

Money Counters next weekend: Parish Staff

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 or name in donating. Thank you.