



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 September 2023

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7 - 9 The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

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

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1 - 2 May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21 -27 Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Toowoomba Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal Sunday

"At first I think it is just a sound within my dream, but slowly I realise it is the buzzing of my phone beside my bed. I look at the screen to see "No Caller ID" which I know is probably the hospital. As I answer I notice the clock shows 2am. The nurse tells me there is a lady who has had a fall and possibly a heart attack during the night and her family would like a priest to come and say some prayers. I ask for her name and say I will be right up. I thank the nurse as I call to mind the face of one of our old parishioners. As I sit on the side of the bed I recall her life. The joy she shared, the commitment she showed to the parish, the many kind acts I witnessed. I fleetingly think about life and death, how quickly it all seems to flow by. I think of the lady's family and the angst and worry that they would be experiencing. I go because I believe in the power of anointing. I go because of our shared faith in a loving God. I go because I love the people I serve. I go to bring hope and maybe a ritual of closure. As I walk to my car I see the stars and the moon in the quietness of this hour and in that hushed moment I thank God for the gift of another day."

This could be the thoughts of any of the priests of our Diocese – past, present and those yet to be called. This weekend we take a moment to reflect on the priests we have encountered on our journey. Those we found easy to connect with, those that maybe we struggled with because they challenged us to see life differently. We most of all recall the gift they have been in their own unique ways, bringing life to our parishes, schools and communities.

Currently we have 6 retired, or semi-retired priests living in Toowoomba, and two retired Bishops living elsewhere. This appeal Sunday raises money to support not only the retired priests and Bishops but any priest who needs medical assistance that is not covered by our health fund. There is also other expenses such as rent assistance or some travel expenses, etc. The fund also covers the cost of our Clergy Nurse, Julie See, who is available for all priests for assistance medically or for transport needs, such as to and from hospitals. We thank Julie for her wonderful assistance and her joy filled nature when approaching these issues.

You will find some envelopes for donations on the tables today. Please take an envelope home and place it on the collection plate, or in the collection box next week.

There is more than just asking for a donation today. Although priests live a fairly solitary life they are always surrounded by a community in which they are involved deeply and leaving that behind can sometimes be a lonely business. Maybe it's time to reconnect with a priest that has retired, who has helped fashion and deepen your faith. Maybe this priest has walked many a mile with you. A simple phone call or dropping in to say hello can be a joy to a retired priest to chat about old times.

Please keep the retired priests in your prayers, may they find much joy in knowing that they are valued, appreciated and loved, not only for their ministry amongst us, but the unique human beings they are.

St John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests...Pray for us.

God Bless, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Pat Dwann, John McAuliffe, Rosalie Humble, Kenneth (Ken) Gillam, Teresa Hyos de Bundschuh.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Dr James Madden, Fr Mervyn Ziesing [2017], Bishop Edward Kelly [1994], Fr Sydney Kattie [2004].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Josephine Tuite, Mary Vandersee, Freddy Nield, 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.

Some Recent Appointments in our Catholic Schools

Firstly we welcome the appointment of **Mr Sam Hannant** as the new Principal of St Saviour’s Primary School. Sam has been a teacher at St Saviour’s for 12 years, and with the appointment of Ms Madonna Sleba to the TCSO team, has been acting Principal for almost 12 months. He will bring continued energy and drive to the role and to the growth of St Saviour’s.

We also welcome **Mrs Jessica Wade** as Principal of St Saviour’s College. For the last three years Jessica has been the Deputy Principal at the St Saviour’s College and has fulfilled that role with distinction. Her energy and support of the young women of the College will continue the great educational and Mercy tradition evident within the school. **Ms Sharon Collins** has accepted the position of Principal of Sienna College, Sippy Downs beginning 2024, leaving behind a wonderful legacy through her gifted Principalship at the College.

At St Ursula’s we welcome **Mrs Deidre Young** as Principal commencing 2024. Deidre was the foundational Principal of McAuley College, Beaudesert and joins us after eight years in that role. Previously Deidre was Principal of St Mary’s College, Ipswich – all girls college of 660 students. Deidre comes with a passion for education and continuing the Ursuline charism and moulding young women as future leaders. We thank **Mrs Tanya Appleby** for her spirit and commitment to St Ursula’s over the last 5 years.

We welcome these new leaders in our school communities and pray for them as they embrace their roles.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS are still being sought. You will find the forms for nomination on the information table. Please give some time and discernment regarding who you would like to represent you on the Parish Council to continue to strengthen the mission in the life of St Patrick’s Parish Community.

Transport to 7am Mass. A lady who lives in Rangeville and is a parishioner of St Pat’s is looking for transport to 7am Mass on Sundays. If you are able to help, please phone or email the office: 46371500 or admin@stpats.org.au



Understanding the Voice: you are welcome to respectful and open conversation on the Voice on any of the Wednesday evenings between now and the Referendum on Saturday 14 October. These Voice conversations will be held in St Pat’s Parish Conference Room between 6pm and 8pm on each Wednesday evening, beginning on Wednesday 06 September. Fr Peter Dorfield and Mr Phil Armit will host each occasion.

Sunday 3 September [SPC – St Patrick’s] [STM – St Thomas More’s]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	Priest Retirement Fund Appeal Sunday (Appeal envelopes on the information table, available now) 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 4 September	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	9.30am Rosary bead making in Cathedral Conference Room
Tuesday 5 September	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir practice
Wednesday 6 September	7am Mass SPC	6pm Understanding the Voice – St Pat’s Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 7 September	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC
Friday 8 September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 9 September	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation 10am Baptism of Angus McInnerney 11am Baptism of Nixon Isiah Bation & Anika Algallar
Sunday 10 September	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$2065 Planned Giving \$1000 Donation Point \$760 Money Counters this weekend: Wendy Heelan with Sam and Fina Ginardi
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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.