



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

4<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

**First reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6 The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation will adore you.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. ALLELUIA!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12 We have come from the East to worship the king.

## A Benediction for the New Year

Written by a Columban Missionary.

The old year folds its weary wings  
and drifts into the dusk of time.  
Its laughter, tears, forgotten things  
now gathered in God's hands sublime.

A new year dawns with trembling light,  
a tender flame of hope reborn;  
the Lord who shaped the stars above,  
who knows each breath before it's drawn,  
now crowns the year with steadfast love  
and clothes with mercy every dawn.

Though paths ahead seem dark, obscure,  
still You illuminate each place.  
For not a moment lies unknown,  
not one small sorrow hid from You;  
our trembling futures are Your own -  
Your promises forever true.

Let weary spirits rise anew,  
let every burden be released;  
the brokenhearted You restore,  
the wanderer finds a resting place;  
the humble soul You bless with more  
than all the world could ever trace.

Let this year begin with praise  
with grateful hearts and lifted hands;  
teach us to number well our hours,  
to seek Your wisdom, not our own.

Lord, guide the dreams we dare to name,  
and order every hope we hold;  
let forgiveness shape our deepest ties,  
let truth shine clear before our eyes  
and light the paths we have yet to tread.

And when the midnight bells have rung,  
and all the world begins again,  
let praise be first upon our tongue,  
and trust be firm where our fears have been.  
In You alone we stand made strong;  
Bless us, Lord, through this New Year.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Brian Poole, Noel Kane, Eunice 'Eunie' Jeffreys, Cyril Anderson.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Rodney Pingel.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Justin O'Donnell, Mark Betts, Kathy Birmingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar (age 2), Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Patrick Ryan, Rajender Vellore, Evandro Andrade, Antonietta Del Riccio, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Dorothy Marsh, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

**Unit for Rent** One bedroom unit for rent, single person only, reasonable fortnightly rent. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office. For more information please phone the parish office 46371500.

**Invitation to an Historic Moment – Cardinal Bychok Visits Toowoomba**

This March, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba warmly invites parishioners to join in welcoming **His Eminence Mykola Cardinal Bychok CSsR**, our Australian Cardinal, on his **first-ever visit** to our Diocese. Celebrate this special occasion at a **breakfast** or **dinner**, with proceeds supporting the **restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral's leadlight windows**.

**Tickets now available** – book at: [www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral](http://www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral) or use the QR code on the posters in Cathedral.

**Play for Purpose**

Every \$10 ticket helps restore St Patrick's Cathedral's stained-glass windows—and gives you the chance to win a \$300K First Prize Pack, including two luxury cars and \$140K in gold bullion! Get your ticket by going to [www.playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese](http://www.playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese)



**Thank you** to all those who were able to give to our Christmas Collection. As mentioned, half of the collection goes to a cause beyond our borders. This year the Diocesan Council of Priests have decided to support The Missionaries of St Francis de Sales' Parish of Our Lady of Mercy in Rioverde, Ecuador where many are suffering from extreme poverty. This area serves over 35,000 people across 45 rural villages in the Esmeraldas Province. Your generous support will ensure that this community, despite its many setbacks, can face the future with hope and resilience. Within our Diocese we have two priests that belong to this missionary order – Frs Anthony Samy and Salvador Fernandes. The remaining half will be divided between St Vincent De Paul to assist in their good works and to the far west region to help with their ongoing expenses. The total amount raised this year was \$12057.15.

**Enrolment into the 2026 Sacramental Program** is currently underway. If you wish your child to participate please contact the parish office on [stpatrikscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stpatrikscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au) to receive an enrolment form and dates for the ceremonies, or simply call into the office.

<b>Sunday 4 January</b> <b>Feast of the Epiphany</b> [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b> [Priest ann. in green]	<b>Thank you Fr Francis for providing Masses for the coming week.</b> 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 5 January</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC <b>No Mass during this week at STM</b>	<b>Please keep the Bishop and Priests of the Diocese in your prayers this week as they attend their annual retreat in Brisbane</b> 9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday 6 January</b>	9am Mass SPC	
<b>Wednesday 7 January</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 8 January</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
<b>Friday 9 January</b>	7am Mass SPC	9am Friendship Group in the Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 10 January</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St Patrick's 8–9am Reconciliation SPC
<b>Sunday 11 January</b> <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	Baptism Arthur Stewart Betros & Tommy Ross Ryals 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2884.60 Planned Giving \$1082.00 Donation Point \$1390.00

Money Counters this weekend: Sam & Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan

Money Counters next weekend: Parish Office 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.