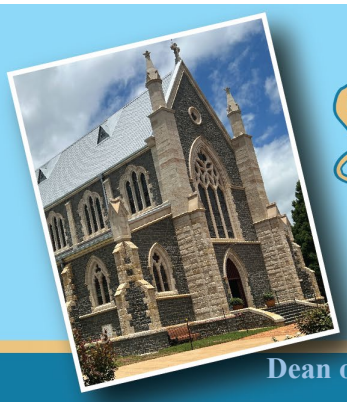

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter

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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 October 2026

First reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.
Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Isreal.
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.
Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43 He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

According to ancient tradition, there are four senses in which we read and interpret scripture. These four senses are: 1) Literal, 2) Allegorical, 3) Moral, and 4) Anagogical. Whenever we read scripture we use one or a variety of these four senses to help us interpret the meaning of a passage and its significance for us.

The *literal* sense is the primary and first sense. This sense is the meaning conveyed by the words of the text and the meaning intended by the inspired historical author of the text. The *allegorical* sense is the meaning of scripture in light of the mystery of Christ; considering how events of the past signify or are types of the events of Christ's life. The *moral* sense is the meaning of scripture as a spiritual pedagogy – that is, how scripture instructs and leads the reader in moral living. And the *anagogical* sense is the meaning of the scripture as it points us towards things that are to come and to the world hereafter.

Whenever we hear scripture proclaimed we are able to feast upon the delights contained therein without going hungry. Every word and every phrase is of significance and is for our nourishment. We consider then the image of the vineyard running right through our First Reading, Psalm, and Gospel this Sunday.

We are not members of the House of Israel in the time of the prophet Isaiah, so how are we like the vineyard that yields "sour grapes"? We may not be engaged in brash criminality and acts of injustice like the "men of Judah" but how does the scripture still apply to us? We might not feel that we are "ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field" so how are we to understand this experience? Indeed, we are the heirs of the preaching of the apostles to whom was entrusted the mission to teach and baptise all nations; we are those about whom the Lord said to the chief priests and elders "the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit." Yet is the coincidence of our existence in the 21st century an excuse to presume fruitfulness?

The vineyard is you – individually loved into existence by God and sustained by Him. What fruit are you producing? The vineyard is the Church, a people which has been consecrated by Christ and grafted onto Him who is the fruitful Vine. What condition is the vineyard of the Church in today? The vineyard is the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem which is the Kingdom of God. What will this sanctified and redeemed vineyard be like?

As we hear the Word speaking to us, let us use the senses of scripture and so come to understand the meaning and significance of the scripture for us today.

Every blessing for the week ahead,
Fr BJ

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Bernie Reis, Madeline (Sally) Gwen Gray, Joan Lyons, Brian Jones (Roma).

✞ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Marueen Ryan, Marilyn Mulkerin, Kevin Beasley, Lenny Cunningham, Flo Hunt.

✞ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Claudia Sobey, Clive O'Kelly, Danny Fitzpatrick, Noel Cook, Mary Neylon, Bernie Reis, Anette Schaefer, Kate Gibbs, Katherine Manktelow, Therese Odri, Austin Amalemba, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, John Gurney.

Reconciliation is offered in the 1st Rite on Saturday mornings from 8am to 9am. Please be aware the priests at the Cathedral may have many other commitments on Saturdays – Baptisms, Weddings and even some funerals. Please **do not** arrive after 9am due to these other calls on our priest's pastoral needs.

Urgent Sacristan's Duties: Volunteers to help with light cleaning duties in the Cathedral one hour each week (preferably Friday). Two people working together is recommended. Please contact Parish Office 4637 1500 for more information.

ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN Mission 100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

On behalf of the Church in Malawi, thank you once again for your generosity. Your support is helping create spaces where children like Yamikani* can learn, families can rebuild, and communities can move forward together. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, please visit catholicmission.org.au/united to lend your support today. To learn more about the impact you can make through Catholic Mission, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work to see other examples of life-giving programs around the world.

Celebrating Seniority! **Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!** Join Palms International Volunteering for a special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications and time of life. Meet past volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their adventures of life and laughter in PNG and Timor Leste, leaving a lasting positive impact on communities. Scan below to register or see palms.org.au/events **Date:** Monday 19 October 2026 **Time:** 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm **02 9560 5333**

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Mass transportation – we have a parishioner that requires a left to and from mass. If anyone is able to help please contact the parish office on 46371500

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY .....

JUBILEE MASS: Wednesday 21st October at 11.00am St Patrick's Cathedral followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. All very welcome.

SYNOD OPENING MASS: Thursday 22nd October at 6pm St Patrick's Cathedral. Come and pray for the fruitfulness of our first Diocesan Synod.

Sunday 4 October **27th Sunday in Ord. Time** **[SPC – St Patrick's & STM – St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. In green]**	11am Baptism Henley & Mackenzie Lovett 12pm Baptism Grayson Sidney Quade 1.30pm-3.30pm Cathedral Tour 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 5 October	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	**King's Birthday Holiday**
Tuesday 6 October	9am Mass SPC	School resumes
Wednesday 7 October **Our Lady of the Rosary**	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 8 October	7am Mass **Fr Thomas Murphy**	10am Mass at Numylo 7.30am-8.30am Adoration 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 9 October	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 10 October	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 10.30am Baptism Jessica, William, Isabella & Thomas Spencer
Sunday 11 October **28th Sunday in Ord. Time**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am**	11am Baptism Aegon Adams Gasapos 12 Noon Baptism Vienna and Tatum Steer 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections
Collection for 27/09/2026 – Loose $Planned Giving $Donation Point $
Money Counters this weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase
Money Counters next weekend: Sam & Fina Ginardi, Pio & Pam Pedernal
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.