



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT [Year B] Sunday 20th December 2020

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 – The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of Lord. [Psalm 88]

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27 – The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 – You will conceive and bear a son.

Christmas Message 2020 from Bishop Robert McGuckin

The end of the year is upon us, and many of us might be saying it can't come soon enough! With Covid-19, life has been very different since the middle of March, and in some ways, life will be different in the future.

Pope Francis, in the introduction to his recent encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*, on fraternity and social friendship, explains that our false securities have been exposed with the eruption of the Covid-19 pandemic:

.. The storm has exposed our vulnerability and uncovered those false and superfluous certainties around which we constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities...Amid this storm, the façade of those stereotypes with which we camouflaged our egos, always worrying about appearances, has fallen away, revealing once more the ineluctable and blessed awareness that we are part of one another, that we are brothers and sisters of one another (#32)

I am sure we have all reflected on what we regard as essential. The importance of our relationships with family, friends and the community is most evident when we are isolated. For those lacking the support of family and friends Christmas can be a difficult time, may we reach out to these people.

Health requirements have placed certain restrictions on our ability to gather in our homes, our churches and within the community. I hope that we have been able to see these things in the light of the common good; where we are members of a common family, where we are all brothers and sisters.

It is said that absence makes the heart grow fonder. During these times I am sure we have endeavoured to keep in contact with our loved ones as best we could. I trust that we have also maintained and strengthened our relationship with the Lord.

As restrictions are gradually lifted, may we again experience true communion as we gather together to celebrate and participate in the Eucharist. May our fellowship with the Lord and each other be renewed and strengthened.

What are your plans for Christmas? Perhaps with the easing of travel restrictions, we may once again be able to travel to where we had hoped. Do travel safely and be considerate of others on our roads. May we not forget that this is a very special time. Wherever we might be, may we play our part in creating a welcoming community where people experience God's love, which is something real, bringing joy and hope.

A Christmas gift of financial support to people in need is certainly a meaningful and worthwhile act of charity, something that speaks louder than words. Donations may be made to Caritas Australia www.caritas.org.au or to the St Vincent de Paul Society www.vinnies.org.au or to some other charity of your choice.

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you and your loved ones now as we move into the future.

We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Pauline Lunney, Fr James Byrne, Maria Kaczorek, Patricia Morrison, Ralph Gravina 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:** Jessie Roach, Morrie and Hazel Betros, Fr Thomas Concannon [1948]

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Esme Machin, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Graham McGovern, Madeline Gray, Richard Jones, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, 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 those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering from Covid-19.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR!!

Due to a limited amount of places for Christmas Masses this year – Cathedral (200) and Cathedral Centre (400)

YOU MUST BOOK YOUR SEAT ASAP!!

Should you find this difficult to do, please call the office on
4637 1500 and they will book you in for Mass over Christmas.

GO TO www.trybooking.com/BNEEA **or the parish Website** stpats.org.au

There will be two venues for the Masses over Christmas – the Cathedral and the Cathedral Centre.

Masses will be at both - Eve 6.00pm and 8.30pm; Morning 7am and 9.00am. **Midnight in the Cathedral only.**

PRIOR BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!! PLEASE LET YOUR VISITORS KNOW!!

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY.

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD FEAST DAY THIS YEAR WILL BE AT 5.30pm on 1st January, 2021
(9.00am Mass will be available at St. Thomas More's)**

**PLEASE MAKE USE OF PARKING IN THE TOOWOOMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARK
AND THE CARPARK DIAGONALLY ACROSS FROM THE CATHEDRAL CENTRE OVER THIS CHRISTMAS TIME!**

Sunday 20 Dec	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am-Live stream available SPC	11am Baptism of Jax Nagle 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 21 Dec	5.30pm Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 22 Dec	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wed 23 Dec	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 24 Dec	7am Mass SPC 6pm Christmas Vigil 8.30pm Christmas Vigil Live Stream	Mass in Cathedral and Cathedral Centre Mass in Cathedral and Cathedral Centre
Friday 25 Dec <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	12am Midnight Vigil 7am 9am	Mass in Cathedral only Mass in Cathedral and Cathedral Centre Mass in Cathedral and Cathedral Centre
Saturday 26 Dec <i>Saint Stephen</i>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 27 Dec <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass No live stream Mass this weekend	12pm Baptism of Wyatt Mallardi 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 28 Dec <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	5.30pm Mass SPC	ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 29 Dec	7am Mass SPC	
Wed 30 Dec	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 31 Dec	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 1 Jan <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	9.00am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY
Saturday 2 Jan <i>Saints Basil and Gregory</i>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Noah Buckley and Kaitlyn Buckley 12pm Baptism of Carson Apelt
Sunday 3 Jan	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am-Live stream available SPC	11am Baptism of Joshua and Lachlan Lax 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$711; Loose \$750; PayPoint :\$450 Jabour Hanna, Kate Gilloway, Craig or Amanda Hogan		