



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 October 2024

First reading: Genesis 2:18-24 They were two in one flesh.

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11 He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

Alleluia, alleluia! If we live in one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 What God had joined together, no one must divide.

The Rosary

(First in a series of reflections on this prayer by Fr. Hal)

This coming Monday, 7th October, is the annual day highlighting a prayer experience with which many of us grew up - gathering together as a family to pray the Rosary. For as long as I can remember this was part of every evening. Mum and Dad called my brother and I into the little lounge area at home to talk together and pray. In her late years of life my grandmother (mum's mother) was always part of this while she lived with us, and visitors were generally encouraged to take part as well. Nanna died in 1944 so for over 80 years praying the Rosary daily has been part of my life. Over subsequent bulletins, I want to share with you through the weekends that daily experience very dear to my own heart – hopefully you'll be encouraged to continue (or to begin) this daily practice in your home. There are two distinct elements in the prayer experience - the praying together using words handed down from centuries past and some time together sharing our reactions/responses to many experiences and events in the life of Jesus. I am going to devote the rest of this initial writing to some thoughts about the four prayers involved in our Rosary.

Firstly a general comment about praying together using someone else's words. Somehow we need to make the words our own, so that heart, mind and voice are engaged. Familiarity breeds contempt, they say, but certainly it can bring about mindless repetition of word formulas – and if we add to this the expectation that during our Rosary together we will “Say 50 Hail Mary's”. The result can be at least confusion and possibly chaos. There is nothing “magic” about rushing through 50 Hail Mary's! It may well be much more fruitful and effective to pray fewer Hail Mary's thoughtfully, more slowly, and with awareness of the words.

Secondly four comments about the words we use –

a. The Hail Mary prayer!

The angel messenger from God greets Mary and reassures her – don't be afraid or scared, the Lord God is with you, God is filling you with his gracious presence, you are Blessed. (That same gift from God is offered to each of us out of unconditional love, we too are blessed! As Mary was chosen, so are we, but unlike Mary we so often hold back. So we earnestly pray “Holy Mary, Mother of god, pray for us sinners now and always)

b. We pray the “Our Father”

Jesus gave us this prayer – “When you pray” He says to the Disciples (and to us) -

- Remember that God is your Father, Abba, Dad, your faithful loving parent
- In God is all holiness
- Pray that all people come to know and embrace this and play the part God offers to each of us
- Please give us the things we need
- Please forgive us our sins and give us the courage to forgive others
- Protect us from temptation and all evil

c. Our praying together is an act of worship! So we pray.

- Glory be to the Father
- Glory be to the Son
- Glory be to the Holy Spirit

d. And a fourth prayer “O my Jesus forgive us our sins, Save us from the powers of Hell and darkness and being all people to Heaven especially those in need of your mercy.



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Cecil John Fillery, Alan Searle, Therese Moon, Jean Hodges, Harold Leo Jones, John Forde.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Angela Frank, Kevin Beasley, Flo Hunt, Lenny Cunningham.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** John Evers, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

What is happening around St Pat's? You may have noticed the spider lift and fencing around the Cathedral as works on the outside surface continues. During the 80's it was thought that a coating should be placed on the outside surface of the Cathedral to preserve it into the future. However unfortunately this sealant served to capture the moisture inside rather than letting the mortar between the blue stone breathe. The result is evident in the mould and peeling of paint on the inside. In order to prepare for interior works the coating has to be removed from the face of the building. This is extensive work and will take, hopefully only a couple of months. The initial removal of coating should be complete by the end of October, however this will be followed by extensive repointing work and maintenance to the roof and guttering, completed with roof painting and the reintroduction of 6 dormers to allow the hot air to escape. These were closed off when the new roof was put on. So we ask for your patience as they make their way around the Cathedral to perform these works. They have kindly agreed to cease work during Mass and significant events, however we ask that an alternative venue for funerals be considered until the beginning of November, as each stop work adds time to the final completion date. *Again I thank you for your patience during this disruptive time. Fr. Michael.*

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST has been announced by the Australian Bishop's Conference. Everyone is invited to pause for a moment on Monday to open our hearts to the pain and suffering that is occurring daily in the Middle East. Take a moment to say a prayer for the men, women and children who are living in fear each moment of their day. **Bishop Ken will celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's at 5.30pm on Monday, 7th October. This will be followed by a Holy Hour.**

Altar Server Training: Come with a parent/caregiver to the first session Sunday 13 October 2-4pm, and the second session on Saturday 19 October 1 – 3pm in the Cathedral. An opportunity for children to meet other kids willing to learn altar serving and serve in St. Patrick's Cathedral.



Bishop Ken Howell and the Toowoomba Council of Priests, invites you to the celebration of the Jubilees of Fr. Kerry Costigan (60 yrs), Frs Jim Cronin and John Maher (50 yrs) and Frs Jamie Collins and Michael O'Brien (25 yrs) to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 16 October, commencing at 11.00am.

HOLY SOULS MONTH, as you are aware is during the month of November and it provides an opportunity for us to remember our loved ones who have passed from this world to the next. As we did last year we invite you to bring a photo to place on our memory banner. Please feel free to bring any photo into the parish office to make a copy of and then take a quiet moment to place them onto the banner, from the beginning of November. *May they rest in peace.*

Sunday 6 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Sienna Maree & Leslie Jakodi Mickelbough 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – KINGS BIRTHDAY 9.30am Rosary Beads making in Parish Conference Room 5.30pm Mass for Peace followed by a Holy Hour
Tuesday 8 October	9am Mass SPC <i>Fr Thomas Murphy</i>	4.00pm Parish Council Executive Meeting in Presbytery 5.30pm – 6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesday 9 October	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 10 October	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 6.00pm Parish Council Meeting in Presbytery
Friday 11 October	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conf. Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 12 October	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 2pm Wedding Jess Ritchie & James Spanjol
Sunday 13 October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	12pm Baptism Tala Lucia Arafol 2pm- 4pm Altar Service practice 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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