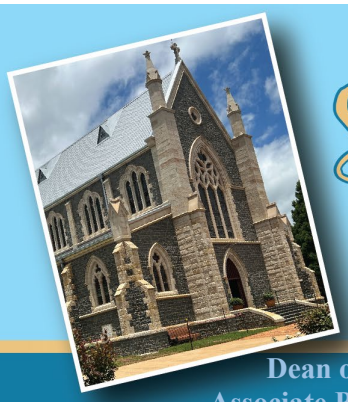

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter

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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 September 2026

First reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.
Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10 Love is the fulfillment of the Law.
Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Remembering our Retired Priests……

Whether it is ***Fr. Mick McClure*** who spent much time lecturing Moral Theology at Pius XII Seminary after studying in Rome…or….whether it is ***Fr. John Peard***, born and bred in Roma going from directing a football in the local league to directing souls as Spiritual Director in the Diocese...or...***Fr. John MacGinley*** who gave 39 generous years to the people of Tara doing weekly trips to Dalby to collect unsold bread to assist those in need and always returning from any Toowoomba event with a trailer full of furniture for those families…or…***Fr. Ted Hanlon*** who after retirement has spent time lecturing U3A (University of the Third Age) on Old Testament Scripture to share his knowledge and ability as a teacher…or…whether it is ***Fr Hal Ranger*** who has lived a life of gentle and humble *walking* with others in a way that giving much time and patience to everyone who he meets on this journey of life…or…***Fr. Jim Cronin*** who has only recently retired but is very willing to offer his assistance to relieve priests in parishes when needed and continuing to deepen his studies in liturgy…or…***Fr Terry Hickling*** whose whole life has been to be a pastoral presence to many and provider of the sacraments so as to draw people closer to God…or…whether it is ***Fr. Kerry Costigan*** who spent seven years as a naval chaplain, writer of memories engaging people in the mission of Christ in the world…or…***Fr. Ray Johnson*** whose deep faith in Mary drives him on to discover her presence in the every day…or…***Fr Darryl Irvine*** who came from New Zealand and has found a new home in Australia, caring within the Diocesan family whilst guiding his own children…or…***Fr. John Maher*** whose infectious good humour has placed a smile on many a face bringing light to many a dark place…or…whether it is ***Fr. Brian Connolly*** whose gentle and conscientious way of life has moved many to understand the God who is always with us…or…***Fr. John Quinlan*** whose valuable wisdom was sought by our previous Bishop when he served as Vicar General which then helped shape the Diocese with insight, understanding and vision…or…whether it is ***Fr. Mick Carroll*** who celebrates his 90th birthday this year and has the gift of remembering the events of the diocese very clearly and cares deeply for every parish he has served and the people who have, and continue to walk with him.

Whether it is any of these priests, chances are that you have spent time with them during your spiritual journey and have felt deeply the benefits of their ministry with you. Indeed they may have walked with you through some of the most joy filled and darkest of days. Today's appeal is about not forgetting that wonderful ministry with you. There are some expenses in later life that exceed the pension, such as accommodation, healthcare and daily support, and so your assistance is sought to alleviate this expense on the Diocese. The other area which is of great value to all the retired priests is the untiring assistance of our Clergy Nurse, Ms Julie See. Julie works with the priests of our diocese, especially those retired, to ensure they receive good medical advice and are able to make appointments etc. Julie is much sought after, and valued by our priests.

Please take this opportunity to place a donation into the envelopes provided on the tables or go to the Diocesan Website – www.twb.catholic.org.au/donate to make a contribution to make the retired life of a priest a little easier after a lifetime of service.

Blessings, Fr. Michael O'Brien

✞ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Douglas O'Dempsey.

✞ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Peter Stephens, Aaron Jay Preston, Elaine Mahon.

✞ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Kevin McGrath, Danny Fitzpatrick, Noel Cook, Patti Twidale, 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.

St Patrick's Floral Display
18th – 22nd September 2026
9am – 5pm Daily
Cash Donations greatly appreciated - Please use the envelopes provided on the tables & Place on the collection plate.

Organ Society of Queensland Concert - Come along and listen to BACH TO BACHARACH
St Pat's Tuesday 22nd September 10am – 11am – Free admission

What is your St Patrick's Cathedral story? As part of the upcoming Cathedral Windows Appeal, we are seeking stories, memories and photographs that reflect the important role St Patrick's Cathedral has played in the lives of people across our Diocese. Whether it's a baptism, wedding, Christmas Mass, ordination, family celebration, or a special moment of prayer, we would love to hear your story. Please submit your memories and photographs by **Friday, 18 September** to **ekehoe-oshea@twb.catholic.org.au** to be featured throughout the October to December appeal. Help us celebrate the many connections our community shares with St Patrick's Cathedral.

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 Gabrielle Saide on 0402 307150 for more information.

September Catholic Leader – Now available on the tables

UPDATE ON CATHEDRAL WINDOWS - Thanks to the generosity of our community, many of the windows in St Patrick's Cathedral have now been dedicated as part of the Cathedral Restoration Project. This includes the large transept windows, the liturgical west window above the main entrance, and the sanctuary windows. The aisle windows will be redesigned to feature individual Saints, and with strong support already received, only **three Saint windows remain available for dedication**. If you are considering dedicating a window, we encourage you to act soon. Design work is scheduled for 2027, with installation planned for 2028 ahead of the Cathedral's Centenary Year in 2029. For more information, please visit: https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral/

Sunday 6 September **23rd Sunday in Ord. Time** **[SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. **Live Stream 9am** **[Priest ann. in green]**	**Father's Day & Priest Retirement Appeal** 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 7 September	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making Group in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 8 September **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 9 September	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM **Fr Myles Patrick Smith**	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 10 September	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration 6pm Choir Practice
Friday 11 September	7am Mass 9.30am Mass STM **Most Rev William Brennan DD**	9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 12 September	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation 10.30am Baptism Tiann Tiss 1pm Wedding Peter Cooke & Renee Beveridge
Sunday 13 September **24th Sunday in Ord. Time**	7am, 9am, 5.30pm **Live Stream 9am**	11am Baptism Luna Perono 12pm Baptism Alfie & Olivia Lawson 1pm Baptism Shimmer N'Demie Kongormanyi 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Collections
Collection for 16/08/2026 – Loose $2792 Planned Giving $561 Donation Point $1670
Money Counters this weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly – Jan-Nell & Errol Chase
Money Counters next weekend: Sam & Fina Ginardi, Pio 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.