

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 July 2024

First reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5 The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst .

Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to being Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6 A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Kia Ora! Recently, I had the incredible opportunity to travel to the South Island of New Zealand to officiate the wedding of my best friend, whom I journeyed with during our seminary days in the Philippines for 6 years. This wedding was particularly special as it took place during **the Māori New Year, the MATARIKI** and my friend was marrying someone of mixed Māori heritage. It was my first experience of a *Māori-Filipino-Kiwi wedding*, and I was profoundly moved to witness the rich cultural traditions and deep spirituality that were interwoven into the celebration.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus returns to His hometown only to face scepticism and rejection. The people in Nazareth were unable to see beyond their familiarity with Him to acknowledge the presence among them. This passage encourages us to reflect on our biases. How we may unintentionally overlook the talents and insights of those, in our community particularly those who have been marginalised.

As we commemorate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday which marks the beginning of NAIDOC Week, *let us recognize and respect the legacy, spiritual beliefs and contributions made by our First Nations people.*

NAIDOC Week brings all Australians together to celebrate the history, culture and accomplishments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme, "**Nurturing the Flame; Strength, in Belief**" urges us to appreciate and support the cultural flames that have burned for millennia. These flames symbolise the resilience, endurance and unwavering faith of our Indigenous communities.

Reflecting on my experience in Aotearoa, I was reminded of the *importance of respecting and integrating the cultural traditions and spiritual practices of indigenous peoples.* The Māori wedding ceremonies were a powerful testament to the vitality and beauty of cultural heritage. This same respect and integration are essential as we honour our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities during NAIDOC Week.

By keeping the flame burning in faith we uphold the principles of reconciliation and harmony. Let us aspire to be a community that not only recognises but deeply appreciates the essence, in each individual as encouraged by Jesus. May the spirit of NAIDOC Week motivate us to embrace our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and acknowledge their contributions and journey together in faith and solidarity with the Jagera, Giabal and Jarowair people in our region.

Let's make sure to nurture the flame of belief, with our shared dedication, to inclusivity, kindness and affection.

Fr Brian Redondo

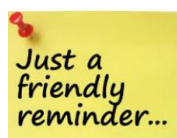
✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Andrew 'Morris' Byrne, Thomas Mullan, Rae Blinco

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Kev & Win Hogan, Noel Gainey, Fr John Clancy [1997]

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

Latest addition of **Horizons** now available on the tables around the Cathedral. You can also find the link to the Horizons magazine on our Face Book page and the St Patrick's Cathedral Website.

St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank parishioners for supporting our blanket drive and winter appeal this year. With your help we are able to make a difference.



Please collect your **Planned Giving Envelopes** from the table located at the Neil St entrance. **Thank you all who give this way and every way to assist the work at St Patrick's Cathedral!**

Toowoomba Missionary Sisters of Service and their local Highways & Byways members, invite you to join us in celebrating two anniversaries – our congregational foundation's 80th, along with the 60th anniversary of our arrival in this diocese. This special event is on **Sunday, 14th July** at St. Anthony's parish with Mass at 2pm followed by afternoon tea. For catering purposes please **RSVP** by 5th July – text Sr. Pat on 0422 462 678

Fr Hal Farwell -

- St Patrick's Cathedral - **Sunday, 14th July after 9am Mass**
- Supper - St Thomas More's **Saturday 13th July after 5pm Mass.**

We have been advised that there have been SCAM emails posing as Fr Michael O'Brien. PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE EMAILS. If in doubt, contact the parish office or diocesan office to confirm any suspicions. Chances are these emails will respond asking for gift cards to pay for some sort of emergency and the BISHOP, DIOCESE AND CLERGY WILL NOT ASK FOR THIS SORT OF ASSISTANCE.

Sunday 7 July [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism Florence Batham 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 8 July	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room [Father Michael on annual leave until 8 th July]
Tuesday 9 July	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	NO CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesday 10 July	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 11 July Saint Benedict	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's
Friday 12 July	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 13 July	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 6pm – Supper for Fr Hal – St Thomas More's
Sunday 14 July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	10am – Moring Tea for Fr Hal – St Patrick's 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$1834 Planned Giving \$532 Donation Point \$1040
Money Counters this weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly, Jan-Nell and Errol Chase
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