

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Fifth Sunday of Easter 7 May 2023

First reading: Acts 6:1-7 They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9 You are a chosen race, royal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12 I am the way, the truth, and the life.

VIA ET VERITAS ET VITA – THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

What does heaven look like? What is this eternal-life promised by the resurrection of Jesus? We heard last week that Jesus was sent (and came) that we might have life – not just life but life in its fullness. This week, looking toward our final destination, we see what that means for the here-and-now.

Jesus as the Way: This starts off quite straightforward. Without diminishing Him to a model of good behaviour, Jesus is often presented as a role-model. He shows the way to live by word and example; He invites us into relationship with the Father; He does works of charity, and shows mercy at every turn.

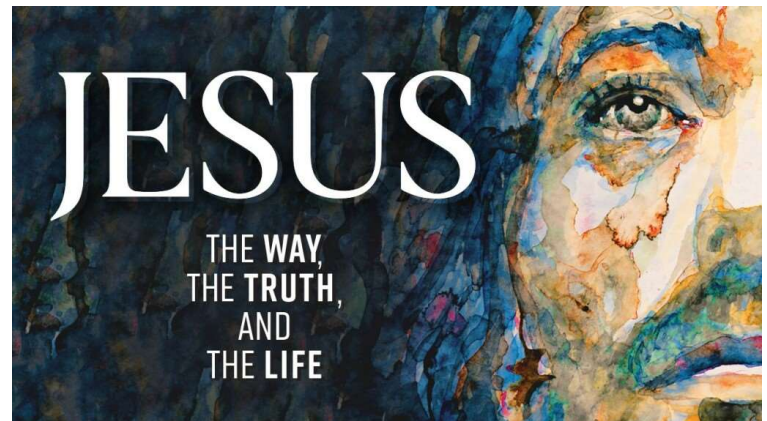
Jesus as the Truth: Here things get a bit fascinating for me. It's all well and good to think of objective truth, but it's not so easy to ground it. I often make the mistake of assuming 'truth' is some ultimately-provable hypothesis, like from the scientific method. Yet looking back, and in the context of what Jesus is saying, it might just be more than that. Seeing that the Greeks attributed truth to one of their goddesses (*Aletheia*; also honoured as a virtue by the Latins), He might be referring to a Truth that is known more than simply head knowledge. It has to take body; it can't stay in the head or as an elusive idea.

Jesus is the Life: He laid down His own life so that others may live; was born into human life so that we might be raised to the divine (*c.f.* Clement of Alexandria); the Church is the living body of Christ; just like Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, we can participate in the life God promises.

So, back to the initial question:

what does heaven look like? What is this place where Jesus is going to prepare for us? Well, ... what can we tell from the above? The Way tells us something about the destination; the Truth is something we strive to bring from an idea to a reality; and the Life we live now is the Kingdom of God that awaits and longs for the eternity-life prepared for us. Every blessing and much cheer as you continue your journey through the Easter Season, longing for our heavenly home.

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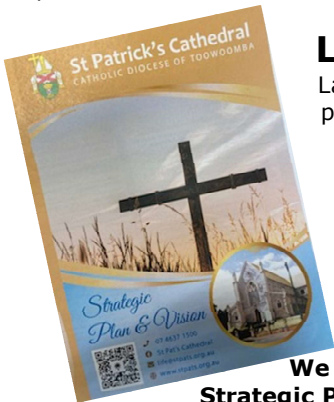
✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Matthew Roberts, Jadwiga Figiel, Joyce Whiteley. May perpetual light shine upon them.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Neil Beasley, Fr John Isaac [1987], Fr Tom Isaac [1992, Pdraig Gaffney, Fr John Concannon [1937], Fr Reginald Prior [1962], Fr William Murphy [1983] Fr Brian Moran [1997], Fr Vincent Maher [1979], Msgr Edward Concannon [1999].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Bob Sullivan, Trevor Cavanagh, Martin Flannery, Blake Cusato, Bernadette Farrell, Greg Coddington, Gayle Christoffel, Stanley Poon, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Greta Berge, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

NOTICE: As we are now permitted to have Communion under both kinds there is a real need for more Communion Ministers. If you would like to be involved in this important Ministry please contact the Parish Office on 4637 1500 during working Hours. Training will be provided.

COMMUNION FROM THE CUP Now that the Cup has been reintroduced for Communion at all Sunday Masses, it is timely to remind everyone of the standard Communion protocols. In the first instance, the Host is taken on the hand and *consumed immediately*. If a person wishes to partake of the Cup, they move to the Communion Minister holding the cup. The person takes the Cup as it is offered, then returns the Cup to the minister, who will then wipe the rim thoroughly turning the Cup a quarter, before handing the Cup to the next communicant. PLEASE NOTE: Intinction is *not* permitted – that is, it is not appropriate to hold onto the Host and intinct (dip) it into the Cup.



Life@stpats

Last year you may remember that we asked you to complete a questionnaire in regards to our parish. The questions posed included “What makes you feel at home at St Patricks?, How can we better serve your needs, and How can we bring the good news to others as a community?”

We called this endeavour “Life@stpats”. The answers to these questions were grouped under three headings – or PILLARS – **Believing, Belonging, Becoming**.

After collating the responses from you, we, the Parish Council spent time reflecting on the deeper meaning, needs and hopes that were contained within. Our overall goal was to produce a Strategic Plan and Vision for St Patrick’s Cathedral Community.

We look forward to the launch on Pentecost Sunday and discussing with you the Strategic Plan and Vision for St Patrick’s Cathedral Community. We hope you will see reflected in the plan the vision you have for our community. We pray that you will generously help this dream to become a lived reality. Thank you for your passion which forms this vision.

BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY: Saturday 20th of May, bus departs from St Patrick’s Cathedral Neil St. at 7.30am, cost is \$35. For bookings please contact Theresa on 0434 528 904. Please also note the Nationwide rosary will be held May 27th at 2pm in the grounds of St Pat’s.

Sunday 7 May [SPC – St. Patrick’s] [STM – St. Thomas More’s]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Florence Margaret Nichols 12pm Baptism of Vera Mae Wilke 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 8 May	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 9 May	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 10 May	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 11 May	7am Mass SPC	SPC Adoration 7.30am – 8.30am
Friday 12 May	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	[Fr. Hal returns from holidays] 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 13 May	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	SPC 6.30am Rosary Reconciliation 8am – 9am 11am Baptism of Theodore Francis Torno
Sunday 14 May	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	12pm Baptism of Destiny Giana Hannadige 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$790 Loose \$1829 Donation Point \$630 Money Counters this weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly with Jan-Nell & Errol Chase.
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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. Thank you.