



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Samuel Hannant (4637 1700)

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



Second Sunday of Advent

8 December 2024

First reading: Baruch 5:1-9 Jerusalem – God will show you splendor

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Show yourselves sinless and without blame on the day of the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 All people shall see the salvation of God.

Thanksgiving for 2024

As we reflect on the year 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the countless blessings bestowed upon our parish community. This year has been a testament to the power of unity and collective effort, embodying the spirit of Ubuntu – "I am because we are." (Philosophy of Christian African philosopher, J. S. Mbiti) It is through the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, committees, various groups and our hard-working clergy that we have been able to bring our parish community to life.

Volunteers

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the volunteers who have generously given their time, talents, and energy throughout the year. Your unwavering commitment has been the backbone of our parish activities, from organizing events to supporting our outreach programs. Thank you to those who have contributed to the liturgical ministries – the musicians, the choir members, the readers, the Eucharistic ministers, the welcomers and the altar servers.

Committees and Groups

We also extend our deepest appreciation to the various committees and groups that have worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Your efforts in planning, coordinating, and executing numerous initiatives have not gone unnoticed and contribute to the vibrancy and spiritual growth of our parish.

- Parish Council – for bringing to life the initiatives that align with our core values of belief, belonging and becoming from the Strategic Plan 2023-2028
- Finance Committee – for the diligence and oversight of parish funds which contribute to keeping our parish functioning, including providing finance for initiatives such as the gardens
- Liturgy Committee – for the uplifting liturgies, rituals and prayer offerings
- Music Ministry – all those involved who share their talents to provide wonderful music and vocal complementing our celebrations
- Grounds committee – for the ongoing beautification of the grounds, the rose garden, the Mary prayer garden and the Administration building garden
- Carnival of Flowers Committee – for the magical floral displays in the Cathedral during Carnival of Flowers week
- Multi-Cultural Committee – for the multi-cultural gatherings to encourage unity in diversity
- Bingo and Cathedral Centre Volunteers – providing hospitality and welcome to all who enjoy events hosted in our Centre
- Funeral Ministry – gently making people welcome to the Cathedral as they farewell a loved one.

Clergy and staff of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

A special thanks to Bishop Ken Howell, Fr Michael O'Brien and Fr Brian Redondo who have ministered to us, led us in worship, celebrated the Sacraments, provided pastoral care and guidance for our community. For our St Patrick's Cathedral administration team, you certainly keep everything humming behind the scenes and it does not go unnoticed.

As we close the chapter on 2024, we give thanks for the year that has been. Many people working together has made 2024 a remarkable year. Let us continue to support one another and work together in the spirit of Ubuntu, knowing that our strength lies in our unity. Enjoy the joys of Christmas with your loved ones as we continue to keep in our prayers the communities around the world who are suffering and facing hardship and struggle.

Angela Travers, Parish Council member, on behalf of St. Patrick's Parish Council.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Delma Wilson.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Vera Stephens.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Clive O'Kelly, Win Southern, Claire Seymour, 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, 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.

Information packs for **St Pat's Sacramental program for 2025** are now available from the office. Please email admin@stpats.org.au or phone 4637 1500. Enrolments close on 20 December 2024.

Christmas Ministry Rosters: All ministers and parishioners are invited to advise of their availability for Christmas Masses by adding their names and phone numbers to the Christmas Roster on the table in the Eastern Transept.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING "ONE OFF" MASS TIME CHANGES:

26/12 Boxing Day SPC 5.30pm (not 7am); 01/01/25 New Year's Day 5.30pm (not 7am) Please mark these on your calendars NOW!

Rosary Beads & Booklets: Please find some **FREE** rosary beads and booklets on the table at the side door in the middle of the Cathedral. Thank you to Theresa Blatchly for donating both the beads and the books.



Scan the Code to make a donation - Restoration Fund Fundraising: JOIN US TO PRESERVE THE PAST AND RESTORE FOR THE FUTURE A cathedral is never just a parish church; it belongs to everyone. St Patrick's historical significance is not just for Catholics, it is a part of the story of Toowoomba and Queensland. Be a part of our restoration journey; donate today. Donations made through National Trust Queensland are tax-deductible; **Scroll down to select "St Patrick's Cathedral Appeal, Toowoomba"** Please direct enquiries to the Fundraising Coordinator Ph: 46327589

Parking Alternatives: Please remember there are 3 parking opportunities over the weekend – Firstly our carpark at the rear of the Cathedral, secondly parking in the Toowoomba Catholic Schools carpark with access to the Cathedral via the path near the bell tower, and thirdly the designated carpark opposite the tennis courts on the corner of Lawrence and Neil, with a short walk to St Patrick's. **At all times please be aware of safety and the keeping clear the driveways, entrances and exits for everyone. There are plenty of parks in all these areas, so there is no need for any double parking or parking on footpaths.**

TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Please know how much we value your commitment and generosity! You are all angels in disguise! Let us show our appreciation as a parish community. If you **volunteer** for any role within the parish of St Patrick's you are invited, with your family to a **thank you** BBQ in the grounds on **10 December** from 6pm. Please bring a chair or picnic blanket to sit on. Wet weather venue will be the Cathedral Centre. For catering please RSVP to admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

Sunday 8 December 2nd Sunday of Advent [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism Khylah Helen Maree Suey 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 9 December The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	
Tuesday 10 December	9am Mass SPC	6pm Volunteers Thank You BBQ in rose garden area
Wednesday 11 December	7am Mass SPC Fr Joseph Callaghan Fr James Byrne	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 12 December	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass at Numylo 6 – 7pm Choir practice
Friday 13 December St Lucy	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 14 December St John of The Cross	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 10am Baptism Zalaia Callie Ong Lumbao & Kye Dominic Ong 2pm-3pm Nativity Scene Practice 3pm-5pm Altar Server Practice
Sunday 15 December 3rd Sunday of Advent	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am-12pm Nativity Scene Practice 1pm-4pm Altar Servers Practice 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2766 Planned Giving \$1230 Donation Point \$1210

Money Counters this weekend: Sam and Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan

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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 or name in donating. Thank you.