



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Pentecost Sunday 8 June 2025

First reading: Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27 The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and
kindle in them the fire of your love. ALLELUIA!**

Gospel: John 20:19-23 As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

BELIEVING · BELONGING · BECOMING PILGRIMS OF HOPE

"Where do you come from?" is one of those queries being asked of me as an international priest. It seems easy, but the answer represents a pilgrim. Am I asked where I was born? Where do I live now? Where do I feel most at home? For the culturally and linguistically diverse believers, that answer is not simply shaped by the diverse realities of migration.

As I reflect on my 5th year living in Australia, the more substantial reply may not just be the location on the map, but a story of pilgrims of hope. Where I come from includes the land of my childhood, the sojourns that I've taken in life, the people that I've met and encountered, and the Advocate, the indwelling spirit who continues to call us. And on Pentecost, we remember that it was the Holy Spirit who first gathered people from many nations and tongues, breathing into them a shared identity that was not confined by language or birthplace, but by grace. From that day, the Church was not just born, it became multilingual, multicultural, and missionary.

St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba, shows a similar reality. With people from many walks of life, languages, and cultures, we are reminded that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, is active, alive and enthusiastic in the present moment. The **Strategic Plan of the parish 2023–2028** invites us all, whether locals or newly arrived in our church, to reflect on what it means to be a **Believing, Belonging, and Becoming** community as pilgrims of hope

In **Belonging**, we affirm the inclusion of all, so each person's experience in our community is life-giving. This means appreciating the diverse identity of our members, understanding the worldviews and stories that shape us, and honouring our shared heritage. We hope to host opportunities such as cultural and spiritual events to hear one another's personal and family stories and see how they contribute to our parish's unique presence in Toowoomba.

As we **broaden our parish**, we hope to foster a community that truly welcomes all. Whether you've been here for decades or arrived last year, whether you were born in Toowoomba or overseas, **you belong here**. It is about recognising that Australia, and our Church, are continually increasing, diversifying and expanding by those who arrive with gifts, dreams, and faith of their own. The Spirit of Pentecost urges us to open dialogue, listen actively, and welcome all who call this place home. In a world where some feel left behind or unwelcome, the Church must be that rare place where everyone finds dignity, connection, and purpose.

The upcoming Multicultural Mass serves as an expression of gratitude for the Spirit-driven diversity which we are experiencing. The celebration surpasses the visual aspects of dressing up and playing music because **"We are companions of the journey, breaking bread and sharing life; And in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God."**

Fhear Brian Rufo Redondo

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Maurice (Sunny) Quigley, Michael Brassil.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially**
Nuala McCormack, Barbara Bou-Samara, Ken & Norma Leane.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Patrick Ryan, Kevin Fry, Rajender Vellore, Evandro Andrade, Antonietta Del Riccio, Sue Englart, Gerard George, Amelene Creggy, Mary Boland, Michael Luce, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Cocozza, Jibran 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, Dorothy Marsh.



Bishop Ken Howell invites you to the ordination of BJ Perrett on 3rd July at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 6.30pm. Please keep BJ in your prayers as he prepares for this exciting step in his life's vocation. Currently we do not have any students at Holy Spirit Seminary, please keep praying for vocations to the priesthood, along with those entering religious orders for men and women. May God continue to enliven the hearts of the faithful with people to lead them in their journey with God.

RCIA Inquiry Night: The Cathedral Parish will host an Inquiry night for all those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Please come and see on Sunday 22nd June at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE– "The Sunshine Boys"

7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$25.00; **Includes** wine on arrival, light supper at interval & 5 x tickets in multi-draw raffle. Call the SPRED office for bookings and ticket collection arrangements.
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Multicultural Mass Thank you

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all those who have been involved in the preparations for the Multicultural Mass. A special thank you to the leaders and representatives of the following communities for your unwavering support -

Andrea Gatfield – Spanish & Latino Community
Maria Veronika Mayania – Indonesian Community
Cynthia Kwitonda – Burundi Community
George and Mary – Tongan Community
Toby Gabuogi – Papua New Guinea Community
Roslyn Kamara – Sierra Leone Community
Carol Lonczar – Kenyan Community
Loreto Schultz – Irish/Aussie Community
Narelle Jackson – Indigenous Australian Community

Ranjeet Jose & Mary – Indian Community
Michael Ude – Nigerian Community
Hang Harries – Vietnamese Community
Elizabeth – Malaysian Community
Mili Cakautavatava – Fijian Community
Ricker Feril, Ivy Tia, & May Gimena – Filipino Community
Joachim Ferrer – Singapore Community
Michelle Betros – Lebanese Community

Tom Hodgson, Vicky Cocozza and to the Music Team of the Parish as well as Vince Donovan from Veetone, Ethel Pini, Kathy Pingel and Fr Michael, Dean of the Cathedral, for his leadership and guidance. We are grateful to all Australians who helped make this event a success.

Sunday 8 June Pentecost Sunday [SPC St Patrick's STM St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	9am Multicultural Mass 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 9 June Mary, Mother of the Church	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group – Parish Centre
Tuesday 10 June	9am Mass SPC Fr Charles Casey Fr Joseph (Pat) Hall	
Wednesday 11 June St Barnabas	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP meeting in staffroom 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 12 June	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 6pm – 7pm Choir Practice in the Cathedral
Friday 13 June St Anthony of Padua	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM Fr Thomas Sweeney	9am Friendship Group – Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 14 June	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC
Sunday 15 June The Most Holy Trinity	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism Selena Louise, Me'a Louise & Alleah Louise Flegler 12pm Baptism Sterling James Theodore Swain 2.30pm Wedding Jack Dyer and Sisha Heffer 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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Money Counters this weekend: Parish Office Staff

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