

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8 March 2026

First reading: Exodus 17:3-7 Give us water to drink

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 4:5-42 The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

A Word of Introduction

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Greetings of peace and joy.

With heartfelt joy and gratitude to God, I introduce myself to you as I begin my ministry in the diocese of Toowoomba. I am Fr. Lalu Paul, a priest of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the Opus Spiritus Sancti (ALCP/OSS), began in Germany 1974. It is truly a blessing for me to be among you, and I look forward to walking together in faith, hope, and love.

I was born on 30th September 1988 in Thiruvambady, Kozhikode (Calicut) Kerala, India to my loving parents, Mr. Paul and Mrs. Lucy. I grew up in a Catholic tradition and faith-filled family with my elder brother and sister. From my childhood, the atmosphere of prayer at home and the encouragement of my parish community helped me to hear and respond to God's call to priesthood.

After completing my schooling in Kerala in 2004, I joined the Holy Spirit Formation House for my minor seminary training. I later pursued my philosophical studies at Vijnananilayam Institute of Philosophy and Religion and completed my theological formation at Jnana Deepa, pontifical Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune. I was ordained a priest on 8th February 2017. Since then, much of my ministry has been dedicated to formation and parish work—serving as Assistant Formation Master, Assistant parish priest, Novice Master, and Formation Master in different houses of our congregation and engaging in parish ministry. I also completed a Diploma in Counseling Psychology and Integral Formation to better accompany young people in their vocational journey.

Over the years, my priestly ministry has allowed me to serve both in formation houses and in parish settings. These experiences have taught me that the heart of priesthood is simple: to be a compassionate presence, to listen patiently, to celebrate the sacraments faithfully, and to walk with people in their joys and struggles.

As I begin my service here, I come not with my first culture, but with a willingness to learn, to listen, and to serve. Every parish has its own history, traditions, and strengths. I hope to understand your lives, your families, and your aspirations so that together we may grow as a vibrant community rooted in prayer and united in Christ.

I humbly request your prayers, cooperation, and guidance. Let us journey together, strengthening our faith, nurturing our families, and becoming true witnesses of the Gospel.

May the Holy Spirit guide us and bless our parish abundantly.

With prayerful regards,
Fr. Lalu Paul ALCP/OSS

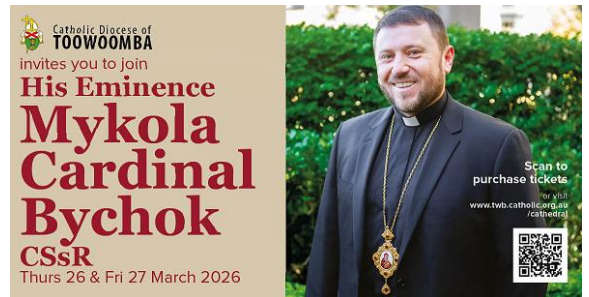
✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Wayne Rose, Margaret Hennessy, Majella Wilson, Anne Donovan.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Anthony Thanabal, Pat Murphy.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Austin Amalemba, Janet Brady, Jane Kennedy, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Mark Betts, Kathy Birmingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Evandro Andrade, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Francis, Therese Odri, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Dorothy Marsh, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

Invitation to an Historic Moment – Cardinal Bychok Visits Toowoomba

This March, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba warmly invites parishioners to join in welcoming **His Eminence Mykola Cardinal Bychok CSSR**, our Australian Cardinal, on his **first-ever visit** to our Diocese. Celebrate this special occasion at a **breakfast or dinner**, with proceeds supporting the **restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral's leadlight windows**. **Tickets now available** – book at: www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral or use the QR code on the posters in Cathedral. **Final days for tickets sales.**



Stations of the Cross reflection books are available for use while in the Cathedral. Please use them and return to the box for others to use. There are some suited to children and large print for those who need them.

Ars Cantorum presents Eastertide Music at St Patrick's Cathedral Sunday 29 March 2pm. Tickets available at the door \$25.

Fr. Bony Abraham MGL, has been appointed the priest responsible for St Anthony's and Our Lady of Lourdes commencing 21st March. These two parish have spent significant time working toward one priest overseeing the needs of both parishes. Fr. BJ Perrett is also currently in these parishes, so Bishop Ken will announce soon a new appointment for his ministry in the Diocese. The coming together of 2 parishes under the care of one priest is an area that will be further discussed relating to other parishes in Toowoomba, as this has been happening in many areas in our western parishes. Please pray for vocations and encourage our young ones to consider priesthood as we move forward together.

Second Rite of Reconciliation will be offered at St Patrick's on 18th March at 5.30pm and at St Thomas More's on the same day at 9.30am.



Celebrating 40 years of SPRED St Theresa's Parish Sunday 22nd March @ 11am – Mass and Luncheon - RSVP for seating and catering Monday 2nd March – spred@twb.catholic.org.au or Ph 46 328 427.

St Pat's Bingo Volunteers Needed – Have you got some spare time? Have you got youth on your side? We would love to welcome you to join our team of volunteers. Once a fortnight selling tickets, canteen, raffles & checking winning tickets. Wednesday & Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. Please call Anthony on 0418 775 503 for more information.



Sunday 8 March 3rd Sunday in Lent [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am [Priest ann. in green]	9am Mass with St Saviour's Primary School followed by morning tea in the grounds if weather permits. International Women's Day 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 9 February	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre
Tuesday 10 February	9am Mass SPC Fr Joseph Skelly	5.30pm SPC Liturgy Committee Meeting in Office Staff Room
Wednesday 11 February	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 12 February	7am Mass SPC Fr Kevin Ryan	7.30 – 8.30pm Adoration 10am Mass at Numylo 6-7pm Choir Practice
Friday 13 February	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM Fr Bernard Kane Fr Derick Furness	9am Friendship Group in the Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 14 February	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary in the Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation
Sunday 15 March 4th Sunday in Lent	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism Noah Luis & Georgie Annalise Larrarte 12pm Baptism Maeve Colby 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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