



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 8 May, 2022

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52 We are now turning to the gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9 The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31 After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Christ the Good Shepherd

Paul tells the Corinthians that “we proclaim Christ crucified” (1 Cor 1:23a). We know this more than ever, having just passed through the Paschal Triduum. But now we ask ourselves who is the living Jesus we know?

The early Christian communities didn't depict Jesus on the cross for some centuries; they painted and spoke of Him as the Good Shepherd. This is also how Jesus identified Himself to those who knew Him – “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me” (John 10:14). It is the Good Shepherd who knows and calls us; it is He who protects and cares for us; it is He who guides us through our lives; it is He who knows the Father and brings us to Him with the Holy Spirit.

Last Sunday, on recommendation of the Seminary staff and the diocesan Commission for Orders and Ministries, Bishop Robert accepted my petition for Ordination to the Presbyterate (priesthood). The other transitional deacon in the diocese, Rev. Brian Redondo (Allora Parish), and I are set to be ordained at 10am on Saturday 25th June, here at the Cathedral of St Patrick. It will be a wonderful celebration for the diocese, and all are welcome.

Conformed in a special way to Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the ministry will be that of Christ crucified, risen, and shepherding. On the day of ordination, I will solemnly promise to mould my life more and more after the Christ who we see hung on the cross, who rose again, and is the Good Shepherd who knows, calls, protects, cares for, guides, and lays down His life for His flock.

Please pray for Brian and for me as we prepare for ordination and the ensuing life of pastoral-sacerdotal ministry.

Easter Blessings,

Nathan

Good shepherd in the Catacomb of Priscilla
(Rome, c. 250-300 – Source: Wikimedia commons)



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Fr Ian Howells (Brisbane) and Fr Pat Cassidy (Brisbane). May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. We hold in our hearts all those who have died in the Ukraine conflict.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Neil Beasley, Fr Vincent Maher [1979], Msgr Patrick McMorro [1999] and Fr Thomas (Tom) Isaac [1992].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Sameria Haddad, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Fr Raymond Sweeney, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

LIFE @ STPAT'S – Last week we emailed out the form with questions for people to reflect and return regarding parish life. If you have supplied your email, but did not received the form, please don't hesitate to send your email to life@stpats.org.au and the information will be forwarded. Unfortunately some email addresses were difficult to read off the sheet provided. Thanks.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

PARKING: PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

PERMANENT CHANGE OF MASS TIME – Please note the beginning of May will introduce a **9.00am Mass** in place of the 7.00am on Tuesday, as from the 3rd May. This will allow the opportunity, when available for a class from St. Saviours Primary and College to attend.

Saturday 21 May, 7.30pm. *An enchanting evening listening to handbells and choirs in the magnificent ambience of St Patrick's Cathedral. **Toowoombells** (local handbell choir), with Fairholme College choirs and pipe organist Eduarda van Klinken present a very special evening of music.* Flyers at the entrance with more information. Cost \$25 adult, \$20 concession and free for children, school aged and below.

Saturday 28 May, 2.00pm. Le Toot Ensemble – 12 Trumpets in Concert, St Patrick's Cathedral. Flyers at the entrance. \$10 payable on entry.

Unit for Rent: We have a one bedroom unit available for rent, which would suit an actively independent person. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in to the Parish Office.

ROSE GARDENS – As you can see we have put in 5 new gardens for roses along the drive of the Cathedral. A huge thank you to David and Christine Harpham for their work on the day to begin to prepare these beds for planting of roses in July. Thanks to John Neylon for his assistance as well. Thank you to all who gave money to purchase the 25-30 roses required to fill these beds and enhance beautifully the drive at St Pat's. Please continue to refrain from parking on any of the grass on the Neil Street side of the Cathedral. Hopefully the next project will be of a size that more people can donate to assist in its construction.

Sunday 8 May [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	11am Baptism of Sophie Patch 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 9 May	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 10 May	9am Mass SPC new time 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30 – 7pm Choir practice
Wednesday 11 May	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 12 May	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's
Friday 13 May	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	
Saturday 14 May Saint Matthias	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation 10am Baptism of Eden Melia 11am Baptism of Ava Ramsey
Sunday 15 May	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming	11am Adaline Brown and Harry Barnes 12.30pm Baptism Ava Maher 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.
Planned Giving: \$1291 Loose: \$1665 PayPoint: \$420. Craig or Amanda Hogan and Jabour Hanna.

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.