



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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*St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1700)*

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



## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 8 October 2023

**First reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7 The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:6-9 Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia!** I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43 He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

### Pastoral Care – An Ecumenical Approach

Members of the Pastoral Care team at Toowoomba Base Hospital offer with respect - emotional, pastoral, practical, sacramental, and spiritual support to patients, families, friends and staff. Pastoral Care engages in actively listening to another, validating their feelings and seeking to explore meaning and hope. I have been a Pastoral Carer at the Base Hospital in Toowoomba since 2014 making myself available to visit all denominations and those with no God connection or belief. I visit at the Base Hospital in Acute Mental Health Unit (Bamal, Jarowair), Adolescent Inpatient Unit (Yannanda), Medical Unit 3 (MU3), Regional Cancer care (6D) as well as the wards at Baillie Henderson Hospital (Ridley Unit, Conolly Unit, Giabal Unit and Jacaranda Unit).

I distribute Communion and pastorally visit at St Vincent's Aged Care Toowoomba (Lourdes Home for Aged) in Bishop Brennan Wing (BBW) and Transitional Care Program (TCP).

It continually amazes me the amount of pain and suffering each of us carry around as baggage. When we are well the load is not always a big drag on us but when our health (physical/mental) starts to fail the baggage draws us into the depths of depths. Compassion, empathy and silent listening have been my sustaining strength.

Who would have thought ten years ago you would see me in this role of journeying with patients in the messiness of their lives. Like

- Affirming by the practice of silence the pain being endured by a patient.
- Holding an aged patient's hand as they go to eternal life.
- Praying with patients to their/my God about pain, suffering, terminal diagnosis.
- Battling with mental illness and drug addiction.
- Being stuck in the rut of having committed the 'unforgiveable' sin.
- Bringing Christ in the Eucharist to their bedside and allowing him to work his magic.
- Hearing the stories of abuse, assault, power control and unbelievable pain.
- Raising a smile on a patient's face when they are having a down day.
- Listening to a patient tell me what sustains them at this time of pain and suffering.
- Being able to supply basic clothes/underwear to satisfy a basic human need.
- Being able to give parents witness and affirm the life lost in a still birth.

In all these interactions I am sustained by my loving God and given comfort by him and my fellow Pastoral Carers.

I constantly pray for the answers to two questions I ask about each Pastoral visit.

Where is God in the messiness of this patient's pain and suffering?

What is God trying to teach me from this encounter?

On reflection my Pastoral Care journeying has moved me closer to a better understanding of who my God is and my journey to him.

***If Pastoral Care is of interest to you then register for the in service day being held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Centre 9.00am – 3.30pm, by simply contacting the Parish Office on Monday.***

Mark Betts,  
Pastoral Carer, Toowoomba Base Hospital

✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Isabel Daley.

✚ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joe O'Neill Kevin Beasley, Carlos De Silva, Members of the O'Brien, Mahon and Washington families, Eileen Schultz, Fr Thomas Murphy.

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Kath Smith, Angela Frank, Mary Vandersee, Freddy Nield, Bev Smith, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner. *Just be aware we have taken off anybody who has been on for an extended period of time, if you would like them added back on please contact the office.*

**PLEASE NOTE – Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> October will be a full school Mass with SSPS commencing at 9.30am, not 9.**

**JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF FATHER TERRY HICKLING (60yrs) and BISHOP ROBERT MCGUCKIN (50years)**

You are invited to celebrate the milestones of ministry for these two esteemed members of our Diocese with a Mass at 11.00am on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. Come and celebrate with the priests of the Diocese and beyond.

**Understanding the Voice:** you are welcome to respectful and open conversation on the Voice on any of the Wednesday evenings between now and the Referendum on Saturday 14 October. These Voice conversations will be held in St Pat's Parish Conference Room between 6pm and 8pm on each Wednesday evening, beginning on Wednesday 06 September. Fr Peter Dorfield and Mr Phil Armit will host each occasion.

**Friday Friendship Group** – Please come along and enjoy a hot cup of tea and conversation with ladies. Every Friday in the Parish Board Room located in the office.

The **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are hosting a Rare and Beautiful Variety Sale on Saturday October 14 from 7.00am - 1.00pm at 71 Margaret St Toowoomba. Antiques, Collectables, Books, Craft, China and much more are available. There will also be a sausage sizzle and cake stall operating. All proceeds go to the missions. Contact number for Sisters is 07 46321818.

**2024 Columban calendars** are now available for purchase \$10 each from St Pat's office.

**A public Rosary** celebrating will be held at Holy Name Church, cnr Bridge & West Streets on Saturday 14 October from 2pm to 4pm, followed by light refreshments.

*Some dates for your calendar.....*

**11.00am, 23<sup>rd</sup> November** - Anointing Mass followed by lunch in the Cathedral Centre;

**6.00pm, 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Volunteers Thank you dinner and entertainment in the Cathedral Centre.



By using this QR code, or calling St Patrick's office you can secure your ticket for an afternoon of entertainment and fun in enjoyable social company! We invite you come along to the Cathedral Centre and have a fun Derby Day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, from 2.00pm. Cost only \$25. Come along for the whole time, or partly on your way to 6pm Mass.

**Be a winner, come to the race day!!!!**

<b>Sunday 8 October</b> [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 9 October</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tuesday 10 October</b>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	9.15am Pastoral Care In service Day, Cathedral Centre.
<b>Wednesday 11 October</b> <b>St. John XXIII, Pope</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>11.00am Mass for the Jubilarians – all welcome.</b> 6pm Meeting of St Vincent de Paul – St Pat's Staff Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 12 October</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC
<b>Friday 13 October</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 14 October</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	<b>Referendum Voting Day</b> 6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation
<b>Sunday 15 October</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Planned Giving:</b> Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$1964 Planned Giving \$1414 Donation Point \$800 Money Counters this weekend: Sam & Fina Ginardi with Wendy Heelan. Money Counters next weekend: Jim Harris with Kevin and Judy		
<b>Planned Giving Options:</b> 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.		