



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 September 2024

**First reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7 Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5 Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37 He makes the deaf hear the dumb speak.



QUEENSLAND  
**CHILD  
PROTECTION  
WEEK**

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*In my old line of work I met a young person. This young person was about 13 years old when I first encountered them, and I got to know them well. They were one of many siblings born to a mother with addiction who passed away while they were young. Their father was in and out of prison for majority of their life. This young person was cared for by family, extended family and then also placed into government care. They would sometimes be cared for by their grandmother, but then she sadly passed away. The last time I spoke with this young person, they were about 16 years old, and they advised that they had been staying anywhere they could lay their head which was not always safe. This isn't a happy story with a happy ending, they were a young offender, but their situation really struck a nerve with me. I tell you this story not to lessen their offending but to highlight that they were a child, a very damaged child. It would be easy to blame the parents, but I had to ask myself this question 'How often had this young person felt protected or safe?'*

This brings me to the purpose of my column – Child Protection Week which has been this last week from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. The theme in Queensland is **'Protecting Children is Everyone's Business'**. This is an important theme because it holds us all to account, but also makes us aware that we must hold both government and non-government organisations to account that are responsible for protecting children. Recent stats from a 2021-2022 survey from the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed that 1 in 7 people in Australia had suffered physical or sexual abuse by the time they were 15 years old (1.7 million females and 1 million males). 28% of these child victims then went on to experience physical or sexual violence by a partner as adults. This highlights that the safety and protection of one of the most vulnerable sections of our society, the children, is paramount and that not protecting them can have a long-lasting affect not only on them, but also on society. I ask you to reflect on the verse below where Jesus presented a gentle openness to the children, treating them with compassion and protecting them from others. We are called to follow Jesus' example. Children are not irrelevant, little beings to be discarded. 'All' of them are to be valued, loved, and protected.

"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them." — Mark 10:13-15 (NIV)

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Allan Beahan, Dianne Coorey, Paul Tully.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Anthony Hoddle, Elaine Mahon.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, 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.

**Greenery Needed for Carnival of Flowers displays:** If you are able to help supply greenery please call Sue Bauer 0427 932 165 as we have specific requirements for this. **Carnival of Flowers Volunteers Needed:** If you are able to spare an hour or two to welcome visitors to the Cathedral as they enjoy the flower displays, please email your name and phone number and preferred times to [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au)

**ORGAN RECITAL at St Pat's** A concert of spectacular organ music on Monday 23 September at 10am, featuring Dr Steven Nisbet OAM. Free admission. Flyers available Neil St entrance

**Thank you** to all those who have dropped off jars for the Art and Spirituality days later in the year. Much appreciated and there seems to be enough for us to use now, so thank you.

**Priest Retirement Appeal.** Each September the Diocese raises money to assist those priests in retirement or those who are ill at this time. The fund allows a priest a little independence from the cost of medical expenses and daily essentials. It contributes in a large way to the expense of the very experienced and valuable clergy nurse, Julie See. Julie spends time with retired priests, particularly assisting them with health advice, transport to medical appointments and companionship. Last year this appeal raised a good sum of \$24,000, however this falls well below the current ongoing costs, which includes the wage for the clergy nurse. Please consider giving to this worthy cause within our Diocese. You may use one of the envelopes provided on the information table, or simply mark a plain envelope with "Priests Retirement Fund" and place in into the collection box. Should you wish to donate via direct debit, here are the details – BSB: 084961. Account Number: 65309784. Please use reference "PRF Appeal + your name" On behalf of all the retired priests and those suffering illness at this time – **THANK YOU for your generosity.** Please keep the priests of the Diocese in your prayers, as they keep you in theirs.

**REUNION:** Last Year's Reunion of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Junior Choir from the 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s was such a fantastic success it is on again! The date is the 28th SEPTEMBER. If you know of anyone who was a member of the Junior Choir during those years, would you kindly let them know of this and ask them to make contact with either Shelley Schweikert on 0402 319 929 or Sr. Margaret on 0427 623 598 to find out the details.

<b>Sunday 8 September</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</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 September</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM <b>Fr Myles Patrick Smith</b>	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room
<b>Tuesday 10 September</b>	9am Mass SPC	<b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 September</b>	7am Mass SPC <b>Most Rev William Brennan DD</b>	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 12 September</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 10.00am Mass at Numylo
<b>Friday 13 September</b> <b>Saint John Chrysostom</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	<b>9am – 5pm Carnival of Flowers Display</b> 9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conf. Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 14 September</b> <b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC <b>Fr Lino Valente</b>	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC <b>9am – 5pm Carnival of Flowers Display</b>
<b>Sunday 15 September</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b> <b>Followed by Morning Tea - 10am (hosted by Choir)</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre <b>9am – 5pm Carnival of Flowers Display</b>

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2473 Planned Giving \$905 Donation Point \$1170

Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros, Mick Cuskelly

Money Counters next weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly, Jan-Nell and Errol Chase

**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.

*St Pat's Annual Carnival of Flowers Presentation*

*"One Earth One Community"*

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 9am – 5pm Daily**