



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 June 2024

First reading: Genesis 3:9 - 15 I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 13 - 5:1 We Believe, and therefore we speak.

Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35 It is the end of Satan.



Farewell Sr Reena John

I am Sr Reena John Thyveetil, a Missionary Sister of St Peter Claver, and I would like, first of all, to thank God for the gift of my religious vocation. I have had the joy of being in Toowoomba for ten years, but now He calls me to continue my journey with Him in Wellington, New Zealand, and I will be leaving on 15th June.

I would like to thank all of you for being with us in our specific apostolate in the universal mission of the Church. Thank you for accepting me into the parish community, but especially, thank you for accepting and supporting our work on behalf of the missions, our various functions such the Cent Sales and Variety Sales, but in

particular for reading our mission publication *'Echo from Africa and other Continents'*. I hope you will continue to read it as it gives you a wider view of the joys, sorrows, achievements and failures of missionaries throughout the world.

I have enjoyed my years in Toowoomba and will always treasure them as a very important part of my life. Our wonderful mission committee and helpers have touched me by their faithfulness and eagerness to help the missions in any way possible. Highlights of my time in this beautiful city include: becoming an Australian Citizen in 2013; celebrating my Silver Jubilee of Religious Profession in 2015; and learning how to drive!

Actually, I made my Final Profession here in January 1996, but that time I was here only for a few weeks of preparation for this special event, returning to Kew, Melbourne, soon afterwards. Bishop William Morris was here at that time and I was impressed by his thoughtfulness and support of our community. Bishop Robert McGuckin also was very supportive and celebrated my Silver Jubilee Mass.

Bishop Ken, although he has only been Toowoomba's bishop for a short time, has already shown his great support by celebrating Sr Miriam's Sapphire Jubilee - 65 years of Religious Profession - in March this year.

I am deeply grateful to God for my ten years here. Sr Eileen and Sr Miriam have nourished and encouraged me always, and although I am feeling a little sad to leave, I am looking forward to returning to 'windy Wellington.' I was there for three years shortly after my Final Profession so am preparing for the wind and meeting my Sisters and some 'old friends' again. Wherever we go in the world, we are accompanied by God's grace and love. His will always leads us and following Him anywhere and everywhere is the joy of our life as a Missionary Sister of St Peter Claver.

One final word of thanks to Fr Michael who has been so supportive of our mission work and the promotion of our *'Echo'* publication, welcoming us to the cathedral every November to speak about our work. Thank you, Fr Michael, and all of you for being so friendly. I will remember you in my prayers for the beautiful city of Toowoomba and its even more beautiful people will forever be in my heart.

Every blessing, Sister Reena John

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Marie Clark, Stanley Poon, Frank Moore.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Peg Thompson (Eileen Marjorie), Ken and Norma Leane.

Clergy: Fr Charles Casey [1930], Fr Joseph [Pat] Hall [2019], Fr Thomas Sweeney [1995].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community** – Richard Stritzel, Bill Thygesen, Rae Blinco, Frank Marino, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Rita Irwin, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

Latest addition of **Horizons** now available on the tables around the Cathedral.

St Vincent de Paul Society Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive is now on. Please bring donations of clean or new blankets to Mass or drop them off to the parish office. Winter appeal envelopes are also available on the tables which can be returned to the collection box, or placed on the collection plate during Mass.

Please collect your **Planned Giving Envelopes** from the table located at the Neil St entrance.

Thank you all who give this way and every way to assist the work at St Patrick's Cathedral!

UPDATE on Fr. Hal, for those of you who have been asking and keeping him in your prayers, you would be glad to know that he is now home and feeling good albeit a little stiff and scarred but healing well. *Nothing can keep him down!* Thanks for the prayers, please continue to pray for his recovery.

Maronite Mass: 9th & 16th June Fr Fadi Salami will be celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite at St Anthony's Church, 3 Memory Street at 11.00am on Sunday 16th June. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Fr Hal Retirement Farewell from St Patrick's and St Thomas More's



At St Patrick's Cathedral, where he is Associate Pastor, Father Hal, 88, leads mass, or "meetings of the team" as he calls it. "The game is out there in the world," he said. "You get the team together to kind of re-align yourself with the spirit of the team, listen to the word of God and talk about it a bit. Then you go out the door to live that out in the nitty-gritty of the real world." In these words Fr. Hal considers his 65 years of priesthood, which he will celebrate at the end of June. Anyone who knows Fr. Hal is aware of his great faith and personal commitment to experiencing the Christ in everyone he meets. Whilst he nears retirement at the end of June he will still be in Toowoomba, and there is no doubt you will see him and enjoy his wonderful worldly wisdom! Please put in your diary now a retirement farewell from St Patrick's with a morning tea on **Sunday, 14th July after the 9am Mass**. To acknowledge his work in

the parish of St Thomas More's there will be a supper after the 5pm Mass on the 13th July.

Thank you Fr. Hal for the many ways you continue to give!

Sunday 9 June [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] 10th Sunday Ord. Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	10am Baptism of Adelaide Alice & Maeve Ellen Egerton 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 10 June	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room 4pm Exec. Meeting of Parish Council in Presbytery
Tuesday 11 June Saint Barnabas	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	4pm and 5pm SPC 1 st Communion Practice in Cathedral 5.30pm SPC Finance Meeting in Staff Room NO CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesday 12 June	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting in the Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 13 June Saint Anthony of Padua	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 10.00am Mass at Numylo 6pm SPC Parish Council Meeting in Presbytery
Friday 14 June	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 15 June	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 1 st Communion at St Patrick's (6pm)
Sunday 16 June 11th Sunday in Ord. Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	1 st Communion at St Patrick's (9am) followed by morning tea 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2412 Planned Giving \$1435 Donation Point \$750
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