



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9 MARCH 2025

**First reading:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10 The confession of faith of the elect.

**Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord when I am in trouble.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 10:8-13 The confessions of faith of the believers in Christ.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!*

**Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13 Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

### LAUNCH OF PROJECT COMPASSION 2025 – *Uniting Against Poverty!*

Let's all Unite Against Poverty! There is no time like 2025! This year is an exciting time in the life of the church. A Jubilee year only comes around once every quarter of a century, and it brings with it a special invitation for each one of us. That invitation is close to the heart of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. The theme of Jubilee 2025 is Pilgrims of Hope. It is hope which calls us to come together and Unite Against Poverty. The idea of a jubilee goes right back to biblical times and is closely linked to our call to a faith that does justice. It stems from the idea of a Sabbath. Once a week, from the beginning of our relationship with God, we stopped work to rest. Every seven years, at least part of the land was allowed to rest and recover, something that modern science happens to appreciate as part of caring for Earth.

During a jubilee year, all the land was allowed to lie fallow and debts were called off. It was seen as a fresh start. The word jubilee shares its origin with our word jubilation. In Chapter 4 of Luke's Gospel, when Jesus returns to his hometown, he announces the 'year of the Lord's favor.' This is the meaning of jubilee: 'he has sent me to bring good news to the poor and freedom for those in captivity'. Inaugurating the Holy Year, Pope Francis wrote: We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision... This will indeed be the case if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity. During Lent, we are called to be good news for the poor. Project Compassion is a wonderful way to do this. Pope Francis has spoken about the culture of indifference.

We are so very grateful that our Catholic community is far from indifferent to our sisters and brothers around the world. Even with the rising cost of living and other pressures, Catholics in Australia are so generous. For this we are deeply thankful. On the night before he died, Jesus prayed 'may they all be one.' (John 17:21). Let us come together once again in this Year of Jubilee and Unite Against Poverty! Peace and blessing to all!

**Michael McGirr**  
**Mission Facilitator, Caritas Australia**



✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Sue McGavin, John Evers.

✚ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Hazel Layton, Pamela Cole.

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Mary Boland, Stewart Frater, Michael Luce, Clive O’Kelly, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine ‘Saus’ Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, 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, Dorothy Marsh.

**For sale:** Dyson Big Ball Animal Origin Upright Vacuum – retail \$396 Sale Price \$250 – like new condition – surplus to requirements at St Pat’s. Please enquire via email [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 46 371 500.

**Maronite Mass:** Fr Fadi Salami, Maronite Priest from Brisbane will be Celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at St Anthony’s Church in Memory Street at 11.00am. Father is offering the Mass for all the members of the Lebanese Community who have died since the beginning of last year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.



**Australian Catholic Magazine:** is now available on the tables for you to take home.

Have you taken your prayer card for the **JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE?** They are available from the tables around the Cathedral and **Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated every Saturday morning at 6.30am during Lent in St Patrick’s Cathedral, and Friday afternoons at 5.30pm at St Thomas More’s.

<b>Sunday 9 March</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> [SPC St Patrick’s STM St Thomas More’s]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	<b>PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH (9AM)</b> 12pm Baptism Oakleigh Wallace 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre Fr. Brian leaves for the Philippines until 18/3
<b>Monday 10 March</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM <b>Fr Joseph Skelly</b>	9.30am Rosary Group – Cathedral grounds
<b>Tuesday 11 March</b>	9am Mass SPC	
<b>Wednesday 12 March</b>	7am Mass SPC <b>Fr Kevin Ryan</b>	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 13 March</b>	7am Mass SPC <b>Fr Bernard Kane</b> <b>Fr Derick Furness</b>	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 5.30pm SPC Grounds Committee Meeting in Presbytery 6pm – 7pm Choir Practice in the Cathedral
<b>Friday 14 March</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	3.30pm Wedding Sam McCosker & Sarah Gwynne 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 15 March</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am <b>Stations of the Cross</b> at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC <b>6.30pm St Patrick’s Dinner Dance</b>
<b>Sunday 16 March</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b> <b>Fr Ronald Walton</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$3821 Planned Giving \$1336 Donation Point \$1370 Money Counters this weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase  
Money Counters next weekend: Pat Power, Leo & Maureen McMahon

**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.



**This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion.** Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning this QR code. **Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413 Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



**FOR CATERING PURPOSES AND TO ENSURE THE EVENT GOES AHEAD, IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU COULD OBTAIN YOUR TICKET OVER THIS WEEKEND PLEASE!**

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER DANCE**

To purchase your tickets

Scan the QRCode

Trybooking Link -

[www.trybooking.com/CY1E](http://www.trybooking.com/CY1E)

Call the parish office 46 371 500

Saturday 15th March

Cathedral Centre - Neil St

Doors/Bar opens 6.30pm

Meal served at 7.15pm

Dancing & sing-a-long from 7.30pm

