



# 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 October 2022

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 5:14-17 Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. [Psalm 97]

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13 If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** *For all the things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19 It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

### Beginning and End

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Featured on altarpieces throughout the world are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet: *Alpha* (Α / α) and *Omega* (Ω / ω). We are familiar with the first when we speak of 'alpha males', and it is compatible with our own modern English alphabet letter -A-; and we are familiar with the latter more recently with the *omicron* variant of the coronavirus.

Ω

But what do they mean for us as people of faith? For many of us the letters of the Greek alphabet would have little or no relevance to our everyday life. Except for the occasional addition of crumbly feta cheese to my meals, the most I have to do with Greece is its ancient history and philosophers.

These symbols have been used since the early Church; "I am the Alpha and the Omega," (Rev 1:8 & 22:13) has been a source of symbolism and art for centuries. There are many examples, but notable among them is a *sarcophagus* (coffin) from antiquity (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> c.) now in the Louvre in Paris [pictured below]. The monogram of Christ (formed by overlapping the first two letters—*chi* and *rho* (XP)—of the Greek word ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ – *Christos* – Christ) stands at the centre, with the *alpha* to the left and the *omega* to the right. The rest of the carving depicts vines and branches, driving home the message of life in Christ. Thus, the stone burial container is decorated with a strong theological statement of life beginning in Christ and ending with His eternal life.

Not many of us will be planning funerals this week, but the symbolism of this coffin can still be helpful for us. We can think about putting God at the beginning and end of our days; we can pray and ask God for things but then remember to thank Him and praise Him for the good things that He's given us – like the one grateful leper in the gospel accounts today.

With God at the beginning of this week, I hope and pray that His grace will sustain you to its very end.

In peace and with blessings,

NPW



Sarcophagus of Drausin, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Margaret Reis and Fr Jim Elmore [Sydney]. 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:** Denis Davey, Kevin Beasley, Carlos De Silva, Vincent Stephens and Fr Michael Mahon [1969].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, 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, 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, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

**RECONCILIATION** – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

**ARBOUR REPORT:** At this stage the Bishop has decided to postpone a decision on the creation of an arbour at St Patrick's, citing the following reason, *"At present we are engaged in discussion with the Heritage Council about issues regarding the Cathedral structure itself. These matters will need to be progressed and works completed before proposal by the Grounds Committee is further considered. My thanks to the Committee for the work that they are doing at this time."*

**ANNUAL SERVICE FOR PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION.** This prayer service refers to our Covenant that was signed and supported between the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane, Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane and the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba, which presently hangs to the right as you enter St Patrick's Cathedral. You are invited to be part of this annual service. As is the tradition, the host Diocese invites the other Diocese to preach, so this year we welcome Bishop Cameron Venerables to share his thoughts with us. So please put in your diaries **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7.00pm at St. Pat's.** Thank you.

**SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE– "Blithe Spirit" a Noel Coward Comedy** - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$20.00 includes wine/juice and snack on arrival. OR \$25 includes 5 raffle tickets. Ph: 4632 8427 / [spred@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:spred@twb.catholic.org.au) for tickets.

**OCTOBER EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC LEADER** is now available featuring the words used by Archbishop Coleridge to describe Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, High Achievers in Education and Pope John Paul II and Gorbachev. Please take a copy, even if you have no money today – it is better being in your home!

#### **APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED BY BISHOP ROBERT**

**Fr. Warren Padilla PACEM**, presently at Charleville is appointed as Administrator at Chinchilla from 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 until the end of 2022. As at 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 Fr. Warren is appointed Parish Priest at Clifton, Allora, Greenmount-Cambooya for 6 years; **Fr. Peter Doohan**, presently at Crows Nest is appointed Parish Priest at Charleville for 6 years as from 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2022; **Fr. Nandana Saparamadu**, presently at St Patrick's Cathedral is appointed Parish Priest of Crows Nest for 6 years as from 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2022; **Fr. Rod MacGinley**, presently at Clifton, Allora, Greenmount-Cambooya, is appointed Parish Priest at Chinchilla for 6 years as from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023. **Fr. Gerardo Tubis PACEM**, currently at Chinchilla, will be returning to the Philippines and his replacement, due to Visa processes will not arrive until late 2023. The Diocese thanks him for his service over the last four years.

<b>Sunday 9 October</b> [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	11am Baptism of Lucas, Rosie and Joseph Merrick 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 10 October</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group
<b>Tuesday 11 October</b>	9am SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30 – 7pm Choir practice
<b>Wednesday 12 October</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 13 October</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's</b>
<b>Friday 14 October</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	10am Friendship Group in Parish Office Boardroom 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 15 October</b> <b>Saint Teresa of Jesus</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's <b>8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation</b> 2pm Public Rosary – Cathedral grounds
<b>Sunday 16 October</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	11am Baptism of Olivia and Tasha Mills with Stephanie Storey and Ella Wilkins 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving: \$1155 Loose: \$2008, PayPoint: \$750. Wendy Heelan, Sam and Fina Ginardi.

**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.