



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY

[Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A]

Saturday 25 January/Sunday 26 January 2020

Readings this weekend [from the Australia Day Liturgy]

First Reading: Isaiah 31:15-18

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord speaks of peace to his people. [Psalm 84]

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:2-12 [The Beatitudes]

Australian Bishops National Response to the Bushfire Crisis and Appeal Weekend

Australia is faced with an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places. We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country. And there is no end in sight to the horror which confronts us with our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature.

The efforts of firefighters have been heroic. The resilience of the communities affected has been extraordinary. This has been Australia at its best, and we all stand with those who have been most stricken and with those who are putting their lives on the line to fight the fires. But we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough. The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organisations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions, are also making a big contribution. While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish and diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally.

From the Bishops' Conference, that national response includes: the facilitation of a national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support; the distribution of special prayers and other resources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic communities; collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission and the St Vincent De Paul Society (Vinnies) to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community; cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries; parishes across the country taking up a special collection at Masses on this weekend, with the funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal. *(Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Chair of the Australian Bishop's Conference)*

PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION AFTER COMMUNION FOR THIS APPEAL.

Bishop Robert and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities. We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires





✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**

Roger Taylor, Margaret Bidgood, Millicent Smith. *May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.*

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Peter Saide, Shane Rice, John Mahon, Patricia Hanvin, David Ryan, Fr Howard Crowe, Fr Michael Potter.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,**

Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Brian Swords, Rodney O'Keeffe, Andrew Goode, Hayden Smith, Rita Berry, Juanita Umipig, Maria Brown, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Annie Makim, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Leo Ryan, Tina Hobson, Michael Cuskelly, Bev

Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

✠ **For all those recently baptised: Mia Lily Nosworthy** daughter of Brett and Megan.

May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.

Reconciliation: 1st Rite available this Saturday, 9.00am – 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Holy Hour at the Cathedral: Each third Wednesday between 5pm and 6pm there will be adoration at St Patrick's Cathedral. Consider some quiet time each month to reflect on life and faith. **Next time: 19/02/20.**

At church without any change for the plate? You will now find a **Pay Point** located on the table at the Neil Street entrance. Simply tap your card – credit or debit – and you will donate \$10.00 to St. Patrick's Parish Community. Please consider an ongoing donation to assist us in our good works as a community.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020: Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist will be celebrated in the first two terms of the school year, 2020. Our program begins with Enrolment Masses and Parent Information Sessions outlining the structure and background of the Sacraments. The parish will require a copy of your child's baptism certificate. The Reconciliation program [Term 1] will begin with a Parent Information Session on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 7pm in the Cathedral Centre. **Sacramental Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office and should be completed prior to the first information evening.** Please contact the Parish Office to receive the program outline, and enrolment form, on 4637 1500, if you would like your child to participate in the program. Enrolment for Eucharist and Confirmation can be made at this time.

Multicultural Choir: Practice every Sunday after 9am Mass at 10.30am to noon (**Next Practice 26/01**). This choir is to explore multicultural music and singing and will sing at Masses in the Cathedral. **Please feel free to join at any time – just turn up!!**

RELICS St Therese and her parents 15th February at Marian Valley. Bus departs Neil St outside St Pat's Cathedral at 7am. Cost \$25. For bookings contact Theresa on 0434 528 904.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Cent sale: All Seasons function hall, cnr North and Tor Streets Toowoomba on Saturday February 8. Doors 12.30pm for a 1.30pm start. Entry fee of \$5 includes a free sheet of tickets, a lucky door ticket and a buffet afternoon tea. All proceeds go to charity. Contact 4632 1818.

Christmas Collection: Thank you to all those who gave generously to the Christmas Collection. The total amount was \$10,210.00. Half of this money will be given to the Diocese for distribution to Drought Angels and Catholic Care for much needed assistance to those in need during this difficult time. Some of the remaining amount will be given to assist our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Thank you once again!

Sunday 26 Jan	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Australia Day 11am Baptism of Mia Lily Nosworthy [FM] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 27 Jan	9am Mass STM	
Tuesday 28 Jan	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	School Resumes 12.30pm SPC Indoor Bowls St Patrick's Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Micah Centre
Wed 29 Jan	7am Mass	9.30am SPC Prayer Group in Board Room [except school hols] 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 30 Jan	7am Mass	
Friday 31 Jan	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am TCS Office Beginning Year Mass [Bishop Robert] 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 01 Feb	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism of Abegail Raccanello [PD]
Sunday 02 Feb	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1408.20; Loose \$2436.00 : Jabour Hanna and Craig/Amanda Hogan		