



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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St Saviour's College - Sharon Collins (4637 1600)

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



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Year A Saturday 01 February/Sunday 02 February 2020

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord? [Psalm 23]

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 [Now, let your servant go in peace...]

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Council 2020

You may recall at the end of last year we called for nominations for the Parish Council. Thank you to all who took the time to nominate someone for this important role in our parish community. On the last two pages of this bulletin you will find some information about those who agreed to join our council. In addition to these eight new members, there are six continuing members – Roberta Cooke, Freda Coorey, Andrea Frost, Sam Ginardi, Peter and Julie Ramsay, as well as Frs. Michael, Hal and Tom.

At first glance you may think that 17 members is a large number to have for a Parish Council. During the last number of meeting in 2019 it was decided to look at another way of “doing” meetings. In other words we took some time to reflect on the process of decision making and the way in which meetings progressed. Instead of an agenda driven meeting with minutes, reports and time consuming procedures, we have begun to look at a more relevant, innovative, conversational and thoughtful process.

Meetings now begin with 5 minutes of silence – an opportunity to put aside the worries of the day, to be truly present to each other, to pray for the coming discussions within the group and so on. This is a valuable and fruitful way to begin by acknowledging the presence of Christ within each other. Each person at the meeting is responsible for their own notes and minute taking. If there is something of interest or an idea that comes to mind, they note it down. The beginning of this process started in October 2019. We started by listing all the prayer events/opportunities/social activities that were active in our parish currently. Then we added to this list some thoughts/ideas of what we would love to see happening within this community. From this list we aligned each activity - idea - hope under common headings, which were: **Liturgy, Youth, Outreach, Prayer, Adult Faith, Social Justice, Hospitality and Families.**

These became our key areas of focus. The question then arose, which one was the “pathway” to embrace each heading? We realised that all topics could not be acted upon at once. After much discussion we settled on **Liturgy as Pathway**. The reasoning behind choosing liturgy was because most people’s first or regular interaction with St. Pat’s is through liturgy of some kind, whether that is a baptism, wedding, funeral, Mass or anointing etc. Or simply coming to St Pat’s for a quiet prayer. Liturgy is not confined to Mass or simply the sacramental life within the Catholic church. Life itself opens us up to other “liturgical” experiences of God’s presence.

So in other words, how does liturgy, in a broad sense, speak to..... Youth.....to Adult Faith.....to Social Justice.....shows Hospitality.....stretches out to others through Outreach...and so on.

So at the moment we are looking at various ways to understand this concept to try to broaden our way of viewing the church’s gift through the ages of bringing Christ to each other, within and beyond the walls of the Cathedral itself.

We would value any thoughts or ideas or simply comments in relation to the direction we have set ourselves for 2020. We are sure there are many and varied ways to approach “Liturgy as Pathway....” Please pray for our council as we embark on this new direction. Feel free to approach any of the Parish Councilors. They will be wearing name tags at the Masses they attend. Hoping to hear from you! God Bless.

Father Michael, on behalf of the St. Patrick's Parish Council.



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

Guido Mattiazzi, Anastasia Lawless, Michael Roche. *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:** Fr Robert O'Shea, Fr Raymond White, Betty Roll.

✠ **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:** Abegail Renee Roccanello daughter of Dennis and Chane. *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 02/02**). 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!!

BISHOPS BUSH FIRE APPEAL: Thank you to all those who were able to contribute toward the appeal for those effected by bushfires in recent times. The collection for St Patrick's Cathedral came to \$3,424. We appreciate that are many appeals for this cause, and know everyone is giving as generously as they can. Thank you for your kindness, whatever form it takes!

SVdP St Patrick's Conference Report: The Conference has again experienced a busy year. Requests for assistance have increased due to the rising cost of electricity and gas for households. Food requirements, rental and utility arrears continue to make up most requests. For the calendar year 2019, Conference records indicate the following: **Children: 430** assisted; **Adults: 810** assisted; **Funds expended: \$ 43,040.** We express our heartfelt gratitude to our generous Parishioners' donations. We also appreciate the ongoing support from: Fathers Michael, Hal, and Thomas; Parish Office staff, St. Saviour's Primary School and St Saviour's Secondary College. A special thank you once again to Sister Mary Cleary MSS for her continued spiritual guidance. As you can see, we are a very active group and would be delighted if you would like to join our conference, contact Terry 0428582205.

BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY: Tuesday 11th February feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Healing Mass. For more information please phone Theresa on 0434 528 904.

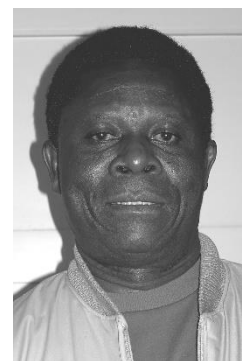
Sunday 02 Feb	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 03 Feb	9am Mass STM	10.30am Mass at Brodribb
Tuesday 04 Feb	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	[Father Hal returns] 12.30pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wed 05 Feb	7am Mass	9.30am SPC Prayer Group in Board Room [except school hols] 5.30pm SPC Liturgy Meeting at the Parish House 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 06 Feb	7am Mass	10am Mass at Numylo 6pm SVdP Meeting in Parish Centre
Friday 07 Feb	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am SPC Friendship Group in Board Room 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre 4.00pm SPC Child Safety Meeting
Saturday 08 Feb	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation SPC 3pm Wedding of Ben Eastwell and Michelle Gadsby [FM]
Sunday 09 Feb	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Mia Crawford and Johanna Minisale [TD] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving \$890; Loose \$2212 : Jenny Hurd, Helen Hoddle, Mick Cuskelly

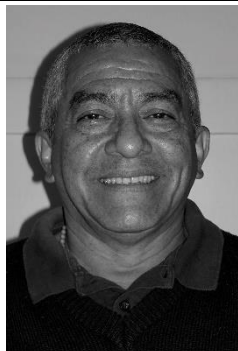
Introducing our new Parish Council Members in 2020

CHARLES KITAPINDU

Husband and father of 3 children, all into university. Australian citizen originally from DR Congo. True community hero, very passionate about helping others. Has made an invaluable contribution to refugee settlement, social cohesion and community diversity in the Toowoomba region. Has supported members of Toowoomba's refugee communities in their settlement, engagement and community connectedness, both in his work capacity and privately as a community elder. As a spokesperson for African humanitarian entrants, has worked collaboratively with government and non government agencies, employers, businesses and faith based organisations on refugee settlement and engagement outcomes, service provision for new arrivals and provide cross-cultural support for agency staff, being a multilingual resource person highly educated and skilled. Involved in the Parish life as a reader, starting at St Anthony's.



EMILIO ANTELIZ



Venezuelan citizen, living in Australia since Christmas 2018, however has been a regular visitor to Australia for 23 years. Single, coming from a Catholic family. No relatives in Australia, however my friends here are like my blood family. Regularly attending the Sunday 9am Mass and the Church festivities. Hydrometeorological Engineer, background in environmental management and continuous education. Would like to support the community and the activities organised by the church.



REX MIGUEL

Born in the Philippines, moved to Adelaide in 2009. Recently moved to Toowoomba and is looking to execute knowledge and wisdom. Rex is a deacon of light powered by those around him including you!



PENNIE SHEARER

I have been happily married for almost 18 years and have 2 children, a daughter and a son. I am an Accountant by trade but currently working in the Cotton Industry. I am a passionate New South Welshman (state of origin wise) and love most sports. I look forward to being part of the Pastoral Council to help wherever needed and hopefully bring all the skills I have learned over the years and put them to good use.

SHARON COLLINS



I am the current Principal of St Saviour's College. I regularly attend Eucharistic celebrations with our residential students and encourage our own College community to actively support the thriving community of St Pat's. Prior to becoming Principal, I worked at St Mary's College, Toowoomba, Xavier Catholic College, Hervey Bay, and St Monica's College, Cairns, as an Assistant Principal: Religious Education for a total of 11 years. I also spent 4 years working for the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office as the Education Officer: Faith and Life. I have a great passion for adolescent and adult formation, and creating engaging liturgies and prayer celebrations that deepen young people's connection to the sacred.

MICHAEL NEWMAN



My name is Michael Newman. I am presently the Principal at St Mary's College, Toowoomba. I have a wife Lauren, and three children, Gabrielle, Noah and Finnian (who you may have seen running around the Church at times – hopefully not disturbing your prayer). I am very interested in being a member of the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Council and am willing to commit myself to this important undertaking. My interest is in the area of including young people in the Parish of St Patrick's Cathedral. How can we do this in an authentic, engaging and meaningful way? There are so many wonderful young people in our Catholic Schools today who I believe are as spiritual as any time in the Church's history and I feel committed to finding a way to make them more engaged, participating and at home in our Parish.

LOUISE FITZGERALD

Louise has been a parishioner at St. Pats for a few years, more recently as part of the communion ministry. Louise looks forward to extending her commitment to the parish of St. Pats through the Parish Council, and is interested in hearing the views of the other parishioners to progress their ideas and suggestions.

KEN AVENELL



I am the Director of Formation and Identity for Toowoomba Catholic Education. I grew up as the son of a shearer in Longreach and learnt to read and play chess from a host of post-war migrants. This multicultural mix gave me a passion for tolerance and inclusivity but also gave me a love of literature, poetry and music. I am a proud grandfather, a Camino walker and the grateful recipient of Gillian's love and superb cooking. During my 43 years of service to education, I have worked in every Queensland Diocese. My passion is for ensuring the relevance of church and ministry in the lives of our children.