



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

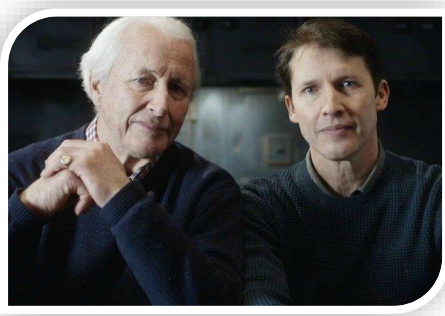


## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A Saturday 08 February/Sunday 09 February 2020

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58:7-10 [Your light will shine like the dawn]  
**Responsorial Psalm:** A light arises in the darkness for the upright. [Psalm 111]  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 [I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified]  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the one who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!  
**Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-16 [You are the light of the world]

### To Chase the Monsters Away.....

James Blunt released a beautiful and moving song, in October 2019, titled "Monsters". It is a song borne out of his own life experience involving his father, for it mirrors some of his own fears, but also his hopes for growth in the years to come. His father is suffering from a serious health condition and requires a kidney transplant urgently. Both James and his sister have offered but they are not compatible, so his father is waiting and due to his advanced age is not high on the transplant list. James fears that his father will die before he is able to receive a new kidney.



The words of the chorus are:

*"I'm not your son, you're not my father,  
we're just two grown men saying goodbye.  
No need to forgive, no need to forget,  
I know your mistakes and you know mine,  
and while you're sleeping, I'll try to make you proud.  
So daddy, won't you just close your eyes?  
Don't be afraid, it's my turn  
to chase the monsters away."*

In the context of the gospel today, it reminds us of what it means to have people who are the light for us in our lives. People that God has given to us to help fashion our lives. For some people, when asked, "Who lights your way?", they may immediately say their parents or family, but for others life is more complicated and their experience is different. However for everyone there is someone who God has gifted us with to guide our way and be that light for us in our dark times. The funny thing about life though is God can be quite subtle and often goes about inspiring us without us really noticing until we reflect back upon our living. When I was going to school at St. John's in Roma I would often be late home from school. The hospital was only a few blocks from St. John's and I had visited with my parents some of the senior people in the Nursing Home part, called Westhaven. So when I was in High School, I used to head up there once or twice a week. I can still remember those I visited – Mrs Hartley, who I used to take out in her wheelchair for a walk around the grounds, Mr. Gimbert who used to wait for me at the front entrance and was very deaf, Mr Parker who used to live down the street from our home and so on. These people used to regale me with stories of the past, have a laugh, a cry when things were tough and give me a wonderful sense of companionship and friendship. To me this is God providing light for my days, salt for preservation of spirit. When I look back now I can see that this experience over many years fashioned my character and faith in a way that still remains with me. So people who show us Christ's light can come in many different forms, over different times, and through different faces. For James Blunt, it is about acknowledging the mistakes that both his father and himself have made over a lifetime and saying "that's ok" we are at peace together now. It's about receiving enough love that when he's on his own, he can be the light for others so he can "chase the monsters away" too - even his own.

*Thank you God for all those people in our lives who have been -  
the light of Christ for us,  
and the salt that has helped preserve the knowledge of God's goodness within us.*

*God's blessing on your journey this week, Fr. Michael*



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**  
 Lucia 'Bega' Campbell. *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:** Betty Roll, Kathleen Mahon, Jacqueline Hoddle, Beryl Corder, Bishop James Byrne.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Jean Denison, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, 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.

✠ **Congratulations to these newly weds: Ben Eastwell and Michelle Gadsby.** *May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

**Reconciliation:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Recommencing on Friday 14th February 2020, then every Friday from 2pm at the convent of Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 71 Margaret Street, Toowoomba.

**Ash Wednesday Masses:** 7am and 5.30pm at St Patrick's and 9am at STM. If you wish to celebrate with the school community, 9am St Saviour's in the Callaghan Centre or 10am at St Thomas More's Parish School.

**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.

**LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS:** We are offering the opportunity for parishioners to share prayer and fellowship through the Lenten programme.

This year's programme from Brisbane is ***Be Opened – A Journey to New Life.*** If you are interested in joining a group, please write your name, phone number and preferred day/time on the forms that have been placed on the tables at the front door and eastern transept.

**Multicultural Choir:** Practice **every** Sunday after 9am Mass at 10.30am to noon in the Parish Conference Room. 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!

**St Saviour's College 2020 Alumni Evening:** Friday, 20 March 2020, 6pm–8pm, Callaghan Centre, cnr Neil and Perth Streets. \$10pp includes canapés and drinks. Tickets can be purchased online at Trybooking by February 28.

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| <b>Sunday 09 Feb</b>   | 7am Mass<br>9am Mass<br>5.30pm Mass | 11am Baptism of Mia Crawford and Johanna Minisale [TD]<br><br>4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre  |
| <b>Monday 10 Feb</b>   | 9am Mass STM                        |  |
| <b>Tuesday 11 Feb</b>  | 7am Mass<br>5.30pm Mass STM         | 12.30pm SPC Indoor Bowls<br><b>7pm Sacramental Program Parent Information Session - Cathedral Centre</b>   |
| <b>Wed 12 Feb</b>  | 7am Mass                            | 9.30am SPC Prayer Group in Board Room [except school hols]<br>7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre  |
| <b>Thursday 13 Feb</b>   | 7am Mass                            | 9am Mass at Yukana   |
| <b>Friday 14 Feb</b>   | 7am Mass<br>9am Mass STM            | 9.30am SPC Friendship Group in Board Room<br>7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre   |
| <b>Saturday 15 Feb</b>   | 7am Mass<br>6pm Vigil               | 9am-10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation SPC<br>11am Baptism of Ava and Billie Tait and Jasper Sutcliffe [FM]<br><b>6pm Enrolment Ritual for Sacramental Program</b> |
| <b>Sunday 16 Feb</b>   | 7am Mass<br>9am Mass<br>5.30pm Mass | <b>9am Enrolment Ritual for Sacramental Program</b><br>11am Baptism of Angus Hand and Zahra Cotter [HR]<br>4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre                           |
| Planned Giving \$1641.20; Loose \$2472.45 : Sandra and Peter Daly and Jan-Nell and Errol Chase |                                     |  |