



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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*St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1555)*

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



## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A Saturday 22 February/Sunday 23 February 2020

**First Reading:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 [You must love your neighbour as yourself.]

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful. [Psalm 102]

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 [All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.]

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48 [Love your enemies.]

### Seminarians – Formation Discernment – Reality

Over the twenty centuries of Christian history, a central challenge around leadership for communities who seek to follow the way of Jesus and share that way with the world at large, has been tackled in many different ways. Jesus Himself, on the evidence of the Gospels, called some ordinary people, some very unlikely people, to accompany Him in His wandering ministry of healing, of including outsiders into a sense of belonging, of understanding the power of the Father's merciful love in themselves and commissioning them to share this Good News. He not only taught them about His own relationship with God, but He also drew them by example and invitation to experience that same boundless unconditional love; and also to experience, with Him, the cost of living that out and sharing that dream in an often self-centred, unjust and unforgiving world.

**They – men and women – were initiated into His way of living and commissioned to inspire and lead others in transforming the world, by walking daily with Him through life and death. The mission continues; people and leaders being encouraged, formed, supported and sent forth throughout history.**

Since the early 1940s one of the important ways of preparing leaders for the Catholic communities across Queensland has been centred upon Banyo Seminary. There are, thank God, lots of other houses and communities for Christian leadership formation within Religious Congregations of women and men, many lay community programs and most non-Catholic Christian Churches. But for the last eighty years the centre for educating, forming, preparing men for ordained ministry and leadership in local communities across Queensland, has been at Banyo on the northern edge of Brisbane. It was originally named after the Pope who was elected at the time of its foundation – Pius XII - and more recently re-named Holy Spirit Seminary. Importantly the site and grounds are now shared with the Queensland campus of the Australian Catholic University and Seminary students receive much of their academic education at the University. There are also opportunities for seminarians to take part in sporting and cultural activities at ACU.

Balancing the essential work of preparing young [and older] men for ministry through study of Philosophy, History, Theology and Liturgy, nurturing physical, emotional health through daily participation in the spiritual and liturgical life of the Church, balancing this with preparation for the "nitty gritty" realities of life among people of all ages, beliefs and ways of living in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Australia is a big and important challenge. Students spend quality time each weekend engaging with people in various parishes. There's a four week parish placement at the end of each year and a full year pastoral internship towards the end of the seven year Seminary course. And there are many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of pastoral ministry initiatives "outside" the Seminary week by week.

**I was privileged to spend quality time last Tuesday and Wednesday along with a dozen or so older priests in formal and informal conversation with the current seminarians. It was a most enjoyable experience sharing our journeys within the "highs and lows" of human lives, amidst the uncertainties and contradictions of human relationships, endeavouring to listen to and understand the pain and excitement, the faith and struggle to believe of human beings, including ourselves.**

Hopefully we affirmed the goodwill and commitment "to the journey" of the current twenty-one seminarians and established foundations for ongoing sharing of the story. The initiative in which I was privileged to participate is ongoing.

**Hal Ranger**

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Alice Kathleen Tindall, June Denison, Sue Chard. *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:** Catherine Rogers, Rebecca Betros, Joan Byrnes, Fr Michael Sheehan.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Matt Vlietstra, Jean Denison, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, 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:** **Angus Coen Hand** son of Brendon and Sarah, **Zahra Esther Leigh Cotter** daughter of Jeremy and Monique and **Lucy Joan Weber** daughter of Anthony and Suzanne. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

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

**Holy Hour at the Cathedral:** You are invited to spend an hour in quiet reflection each Wednesday of Lent between 5pm and 6pm in the Cathedral. **Please note our first time of adoration is at 5pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 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 St Thomas More's. If you wish to celebrate with the school community, 8.40am at St Saviour's in the Mercy Centre (Primary School) or 10am at St Thomas More's Parish School in the Multi-purpose building.

**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.

**Return of Palms:** Anyone who wishes to return their palms from Passion Sunday last year, you will find a container at the Neil Street entrance. These will be burnt to become the ashes for Ash Wednesday this year.

**PowerPoint Operators:** The Parish Liturgy team are trying to build up a bank of people who can operate the PowerPoint at Sunday Masses and with Easter approaching, we will need extra people. It is important to have back up people in the event of the normal operators being absent on any particular Sunday. It is not a hard task and training will be provided. Please contact the parish office on 4637 1500 if you are able to assist.



**Project Compassion:** As you can see, this weekend is the launch of this Lenten campaign to assist those in need within our borders and beyond. Please take your envelopes to give to these causes. Each week has a particular story related to people's journeys, so that we can "go further together" as we support each other in need. May you have a fruitful and life giving journey through Lent to the joys of the resurrection. God's blessings.

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| <b>Sunday 23 Feb</b>  | 7am Mass<br>9am Mass<br>5.30pm Mass            | <b>9am Mass – Launch of Project Compassion – Bishop McGuckin</b><br>followed by Morning Tea in the Conference Room<br>4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre |
| <b>Monday 24 Feb</b>  | <i>9am Mass STM</i>                            | 5.30-7pm Choir Practice   |
| <b>Tuesday 25 Feb</b>   | 7am Mass<br><i>5.30pm Mass STM</i>             | 8.45am SSC Mass [HR]<br>12.30pm SPC Indoor Bowls  |
| <b>Wed 26 Feb</b>   | 7am Mass<br>5.30pm Mass<br><i>9am Mass STM</i> | <b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>9.30am Prayer Group in Board Room [except school hols]<br>7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre                                     |
| <b>Thursday 27 Feb</b>  | 7am Mass                                       |   |
| <b>Friday 28 Feb</b>  | 7am Mass<br><i>9am Mass STM</i>                | 9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Board Room<br>7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre   |
| <b>Saturday 29 Feb</b>  | 7am Mass<br>6pm Vigil                          | 9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation SPC<br>11am Baptism of Sadie Bottrell [FM]<br>2.30pm Wedding of Patrick O'Connor and Danielle Brazel [FM]       |
| <b>Sunday 01 Mar</b>  | 7am Mass<br>9am Mass<br>5.30pm Mass            | 11am Baptism of Rylan McPhee [TD]<br><br>4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre  |
| Planned Giving \$1425.50; Loose \$2481.10 : Sam and Fina Ginardi and Wendy Heelan |  |   |

# Today is the official launch of PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

Dear Friends, On behalf of Caritas Australia and those we help, I would like to thank you for your generous support of Project Compassion 2019. Together we gave 100% to change the lives of those that need it the most. At this time of increasing global change and tense dialogue, the idea of the 'common good' is more important than ever. This is one of the reasons Project Compassion 2020 takes the theme of Global Community – Go Further Together. Today, the number of people fleeing war, persecution and conflict exceeds 70 million, more than at any other time in human history. The World Bank informs us that 10 percent of the world's population live on less than \$2.75 a day and the majority of the global poor live in rural areas, are poorly educated, employed in the agricultural sector, and under 18 years of age. The work to end extreme poverty is far from over, and many challenges remain. Access to an education, basic health care, electricity, safe water, and other critical services remains elusive for many people and is often determined by socioeconomic status, gender, ethnicity, and geography.



Unjust structures perpetuate and re-enforce the cycle of poverty. Pope Francis has spoken of the power of the Christian message to combat injustice and uphold dignity: "It is communion in Christ and in the Church that animates, accompanies and sustains the service of charity, both in communities themselves and in emergency situations throughout the world." (Pope Francis, Private Audience to the Caritas General Assembly, May 2019) In this collective spirit, which counters the individualism that causes people to suffer isolation, Caritas Australia is sharing six stories for Project Compassion 2020. Shirley from the Philippines, a mother of four, faced poverty, discrimination and exclusion as a Manide indigenous woman. Thanks to Caritas Australia's supporters she is now actively leading her community in taking a stand against discrimination, helping them to get healthy, educated and paving the way for a better future. Phany from Cambodia faced water and food insecurity and was struggling to earn a living for her family or provide an education for her daughter. The generosity of Caritas supporters has enabled her to learn productive farming and irrigation techniques and she is now a role model for her farming community and is able to send her daughter to school.

Barry from Australia grew up in a tough environment. As a child he didn't have his parents around to help him navigate life's challenges. He struggled as a young father, using drinking to take away the pain of his past. But today thanks to the Red Dust Healing program he's a changed man - an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community. Sakun from India developed polio as a child and because of her disability was unable to earn a livelihood and was very isolated. Through the support from Caritas Australia, she learnt how to access a custom-made tricycle and establish her own thriving business. As Sakun's confidence has grown, she now participates in village decision making and is motivating other community members to success. Dominic from Papua New Guinea a father of six, has struggled for years with violent behaviour. His marriage was unhappy and his family were fearful. The support of Caritas Australia has turned his life and relationships around. Now a community trainer himself, he works with other men to help them to change their behaviour and to build more harmonious family lives. Tawonga from Malawi, is a 10-year-old girl, living with a disability in a remote village, a region plagued by food insecurity. Tawonga often had to miss school because she was too sick. The family also faced discrimination in their community due to her disability.



Thanks to the Supporters of Caritas Australia, her parents have been able establish a small business, provide food for their family and Tawonga can go to school. Their community has also learnt more about living with disability and as a result Tawonga and her family are not as isolated. Caritas Australia invites you to participate in the service of charity, working to support communities to support themselves in spite of every challenge, and to thrive in this union of love and compassion. Let's all - Go Further Together. Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Saunders".

Bishop Christopher Saunders  
Chairman of Caritas Australia



Congratulations to the Year Six Leaders at  
St. Saviour's Primary School -  
commissioned at their first 2020 Mass.

