



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C - Saturday 27 April/Sunday 28 April 2019

- First Reading:** Acts 5:12-16 – *The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*
- Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. [Psalm 117]
- Second Reading:** Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19 – *I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!
- Gospel:** John 20:19-31 – *After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

Living with the Joy of Easter

Today, and over the coming weeks we hear stories of the disciples grappling with coming to terms with the message of the life and death and life of Christ and how to live that out in a divided world. Our thoughts move to a similar experience after the uplifting and thoughtful journey of Lent and Easter. It is now that our minds move toward the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and to consider how we might welcome the direction that that same Spirit may lead us today. One of the ways of living in the Spirit is to make yourself available for the service of our parish community. This maybe being available for one of the ministries – reading, Eucharist, welcomer and so on. Another is to nominate for the Parish Council. When I joined the parish last year it was time for 3 parish council members to be replaced, however they kindly remained to help me settle into the parish. I thank them for their generous gift of time and commitment, it has been much appreciated. It is now time though for you to be considering the possibility of being part of the parish through membership of the parish council.

Parish Councils are a representative body from within the community that share the feelings, thoughts and actions of the whole community. In a real sense they are the voice of the community to assist in identifying the needs and also the joys of the life of our community. They are one of the important ways in which the priests in a parish work closely with the people to set direction and focus for our community. Last year Bishop Robert launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan to offer as a guide to each parish in helping to be aware of the areas that should be a focus within the life of the community. This plan is of assistance to our council's deliberations and we look at the local interpretation of "Family Engagement, Spiritual Development, Parish Leadership, Liturgy, Creating a Safe and Welcoming Church, Social Justice", and we add, Ecumenical endeavours!

The first step in the process for membership of the Parish Council is to recommend a name. Attached to the bulletin this week is a Recommendation Form. It is an invitation to take a moment to think of people you believe would be an asset on the Council. It is not necessary to ask the person whether they wish to be recommended, as the current members of the Parish Council will approach them at a later time. You may like to recommend yourself for membership. The completed recommendation forms can be placed in the boxes located on the tables, handed to the priest/current council member, returned to the Parish Office or posted. Once these recommended people have been approached if they accept, they become nominees and depending on the number of nominees there will be a time of discernment and if necessary a parish vote to help decide. At each stage the parish community will be part of the process. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak with any of the priests or the current Parish Council members – Paul Howard, Basil Dass, Freda Coorey, Andrea Braithwaite, Roberta Cooke, Peter and Julie Ramsey and Sam Ginardi. Please give this some serious consideration for the benefit of our Parish Community.



God Bless, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Christine Bethel, Mervyn Kasmer....and all those who died in the tragedy in Sri Lanka. *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 John Concannon, Fr Reginald Prior, Fr William Murphy.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Kate Allen, Tina Hobson, Michael Cuskelly, John Smith, Vince Stephens, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Mr Rene Perla, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Robert Badger, Stephanie Shine, Susie Rolls, Andrew Supple (Robina), Mary-Ann Hine, Antony Dunbarr, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

✠ **For all those recently baptised: Henry and Winnie Eakin** children of Paul and Samantha and **Gloria Wei Zhen Ching** daughter of Kelvin and Felicia. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

Reconciliation: 1st Rite available every 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: 15/05.**

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.

SOME SPECIAL THANK YOUS: Kathy Pingel for creating the Power Points that have assisted in making our Easter celebrations visually compelling! A great and sincere thank you to all those who generously gave of their time and skills for reading, setting up for Masses, ministers of Eucharist and the numerous tasks that occur in the background that subtly add to the wonderful experience that is Lent and Easter. To Mary Schwartz, Tony and Vicky Coccozza and choir/organists, John Neylon, Gabrielle Saide, Melissa Stevens, John Smith, Fr Peter Dorfield and all those who have "volunteered" to help with preparation for these celebrations – thank you.

TCSO parking: As the new building has been opened and blessed, please feel free to make use of their carpark on the weekends. There is a concrete path near the bell tower for access from the carpark.

Invitation for singers and musicians to join St Patrick's Choir or play keyboard at Masses. Instructions will be given and choir practice is Monday from 5.30-7pm. Contact Vicky- 0428781209 or Parish Office 4637 1500.

St Saviour's College Open Evening Tuesday 21 May 3.00pm - 6.00pm. All families are welcome to attend. For more details please phone the College on 4637 1600 or visit our website: www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au

Expressions of interest are sought for the part-time position of Office Assistant at Holy Name Parish, Toowoomba. To apply please register your interest with a CV, contact details, and a covering letter outlining your skills to almamater1@rocketmail.com. **Applications close 29th April 2019.**

St Ursula's College Open Day: Date - 26th May 2019 Time - 10am to 2pm Location: St Ursula's College, 38 Taylor Street, Toowoomba Come along and discover why our students love it here! Our student leaders will personally show your family around. Website: <https://www.st-ursula.qld.edu.au/>

Fr Nandana wishes to thank you for your prayers for the people of Sri Lanka and for attending the Ecumenical Prayer service. Please continue your prayers for a peaceful world.

Sunday 28 April	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Levi Bonell [HR] <i>We wish Fr. Nandana safe travels during May while he visits his family in Sri Lanka.</i> 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 29 April	9am Mass at STM	5.30-7pm Choir Practice 5.15pm SSPS Board Meeting
Tuesday 30 April	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 01 May	7am Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 02 May	7am Mass	9.00am Mass Yukana 10.00am Mass Numylo 7pm Confirmation and First Eucharist Parent Information session – Cathedral Centre
Friday 03 May	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 4.00pm SPC Safeguarding Meeting 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 04 May	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 3pm Wedding of Thomas Vonhoff and Courtney May [HR] 6pm Mass - Presentation Ritual for Confirmation and First Eucharist
Sunday 05 May	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9am Mass – Presentation Ritual for Confirmation and First Eucharist 10.15am Sacramental Preparation Group – Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of Mikaela Sutton [FM] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
St Patrick's weekly collection: Planned Giving \$1485.20; Loose Collection \$4091.10		

**RECOMMENDATION FOR NOMINATION -
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL, St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Toowoomba**

I wish to recommend the following member of our parish community as a candidate for selection to the Parish Pastoral Council

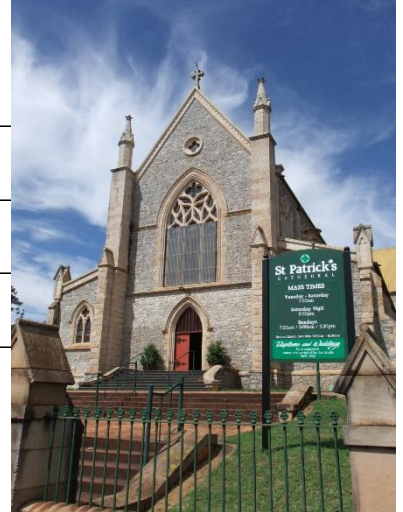
RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE

First Name _____

Family Name _____

Address (if known) _____

Phone No. (if known) _____



I believe this person would bring to the Parish Pastoral Council the following qualities, talents, experience etc... [see thoughts on reverse side of this form]

Recommendations close on **Monday, 3rd June, 2019.**

This form may be returned in any of the following ways:

- a) place it in the special boxes in the Cathedral (front door; east door)
- b) hand it (folded) to any member of the current Parish Pastoral Council
- c) drop it in at the Office in the Parish Centre any weekday
- d) mail it to St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, P O Box 7062, Toowoomba MC 4352.

Parishioners recommended for nomination will be contacted personally by members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Many thanks from the members of the current Parish Council!

Some Qualities When Considering A Recommendation for Parish Council Membership

- ☺ Commitment to Christ and His church,
through Parish Community;
- ☺ Ability to work in a team;
- ☺ Ability to listen and evaluate;
- ☺ Respect for the efforts of others;
- ☺ Willingness to include others in action;
- ☺ Sufficient time and energy;
- ☺ Enthusiasm, reliability, loyalty.

