



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C - Saturday 04 May/Sunday 05 May 2019

First Reading:	Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 – <i>We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. [Psalm 29]
Second Reading:	Revelation 5:11-14 – <i>The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!
Gospel:	John 21:1-19 – <i>Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.</i>

There were fewer Catholics in Australia in 2016 than in 2011, but they were more likely to have a higher education and more likely to have been born overseas than five years earlier.

The National Centre for Pastoral Research [NCPR] recently released the *Social Profile of the Catholic Community in Australia*, based on information contained in the 2016 Census. Census data already released outlines the drop in the number of people identifying as Catholic from 5,439,267 in 2011 to 5,291,834 in 2016. As a proportion of the total Australian population, the Catholic percentage dropped from 25.3 per cent to 22.6. But numbers are not the only change! The NCPR can and should be contacted for a copy of this report. Contact details are:

National Centre for Pastoral Research
GPO Box 368
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Email: pastoralresearch@catholic.org.au
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The data from this report has been fleshed out in many ways by the 17,457 submissions about Church life in Australia – representing 222,000 people - which have been received by the Plenary Council Office.

- a] *Highest Submissions numbered Melbourne 2,440; Brisbane 2,269; Perth 1,601; Sydney 1,550; 1,451 Wollongong; 1,038 Parramatta; 930 Broken Bay*
- b] *Individual Submissions came 49% from women, 29% from men; the remainder did not nominate their gender.*
- c] *Submissions came from people who identified as Catholics [9,195], Christian [364], non-Christian [114], non-religious [312] plus many who did not identify their affiliation.*

People in every corner of Australia and from various parts of the Catholic Church – and beyond – participated in the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council.

Right now, significant work is taking place to review and analyse the submissions and lay the groundwork for the second phase of the Plenary Council process – **Listening** and **Discernment**.

The National Centre for Pastoral Research is conducting qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes. The Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will then work with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment.

Those themes, to be announced on June 9, will become the focus for the Listening and Discernment phase and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda. Resources to help people participate in that phase will ensure that the process continues to involve as many people as possible.

The appeal and invitation is extended to EVERYONE to keep LISTENING, SPEAKING, SHARING experiences and insights : stay connected. Contact details with the Planning Office are: plenarycouncil@catholic.org.au.



Fr. Hal

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Kathleen Phillips....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:** Reginald Missen, Fr John Isaac, John Armstrong, Josie Hegarty, Neil Beasley, Fr Brian Moran, Fr Vincent Maher, Msgr Patrick McMorro, Fr Thomas Isaac.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Leo Ryan, 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 Pamulaklaklin.

✠ **For all those recently baptised:** **Levi Karl Bonell** son of Karl and Claire. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

✠ **Congratulations to these newly weds:** **Geordie Payne and Miller Glockner** and **Thomas Vonhoff and Courtney May.** *May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

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

Parish Council: As you would have noticed in the bulletin last weekend, it is time to give some thought to recommendations for new members on the St Patrick's Parish Council. Please give this some consideration by looking around and seeing who, through your experience, you believe would make a good representative of the community on our Council. On the tables you will find a form for recommendation. You do not have to approach the person as one of the current councilors will speak with them at a later date. This is simply a recommendation. Please place the form in the box provided, or hand it to a priest or current member. Please complete the form and return before the 3rd June. It is **all** our responsibility to give this due consideration.

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.**

Enrolment Mass: Our prayers rest with the 56 young ones who have enrolled for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.

St Saviour's College Boarders Car Wash: Sunday 12 May 10am. Sausage sizzle and drinks for sale.

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

St Ursula's College Open Day: Sunday 26th May 2019 Time - 10am to 2pm.

ALL THOSE ON ROSTERS: PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ASAP AND ADD TO LIST IN THE SACRISTY. THANKS

St Mary's College Open Day: Sunday 26 May 2019 from 10am to 1pm.

Catholic Leader: Sadly after 90 years as "The Catholic Leader" and 37 years before that as "The Age", due to financial needs, the paper will no longer be sent to Parishes. For many it has been the standard part of Sunday Mass – pick up "the Leader" on the way home! You are able to have a copy posted to you, or a digital copy both by subscription, via www.catholicleader.com.au, but unfortunately not at the parish Mass [from 25th May].

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.

Please note there will be no Choir practice until 27th May, thanks.

Sunday 05 May	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9am Mass – Presentation Ritual for Confirmation and First Eucharist 10.15am Sacramental Preparation Cluster – Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of Mikaela Sutton [FM] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 06 May	9am Mass at STM	Labour Day Holiday No Choir practice until 27 May 2019
Tuesday 07 May	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 08 May	7am Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 7.15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 09 May	7am Mass	3.30pm Sacramental Preparation Cluster – Cathedral Centre 6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
Friday 10 May	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am TCSO REAP Mass [Fr Ray Crowley] 9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 11 May	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation
Sunday 12 May	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	10.15am Sacramental Preparation Cluster – Cathedral Centre 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
St Patrick's weekly collection: Planned Giving \$1260; Loose Collection \$2561.		