



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 OF EASTER – Year C - Saturday 18 May/Sunday 19 May 2019

- First Reading:** Acts 14:21-27 – *They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*
- Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise your name forever, my king and my God. [Psalm 144]
- Second Reading:** Revelation 21:1-5 – *He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!
- Gospel:** John 13:31-35 – *I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

Creative in Spirit!

One of the things I love about life is the wonderful creative spirit of others, especially when someone thinks a little more laterally and sees a new way of looking at life. On the radio this morning there was a news article about “Intergenerational Living”. The idea emanates from the University of the Sunshine Coast and is beginning a trial very shortly. The University is located next to the Coorinda Aged Care Centre. The trial is centred around providing 6 nursing students with accommodation at a reduced rate in some newly renovated units on the grounds of the nursing home. The requirement would be for them to commit to a number of hours of volunteer work within the nursing home. It wouldn’t be part of their course work but rather an opportunity to spend time socialising and spending quality time with the residents. Immediately there are wonderful benefits for those involved. For the students - to get to understand, just by observing what life is like within these residential facilities – sense of connection and value – greater insight into nursing in a caring environment. For the residents – interaction with students who are studying, as they may be academics themselves – young energy - connections and interaction. What a lovely new way of looking at interaction between young and old that could have some wonderful flow on results for all involved.

The article put me in mind of the early church experience, of how the Spirit drove them to be as creative and engaging with everyone they met in telling the story of Christ and what it means for the future. *“When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done **with** them, and how he had **opened** a door of faith for the Gentiles.”* Like the article above it drives us to see what God is doing **with** us, not **for** us and how God helps us to **open** the eyes of those around us in a new way through our joy and gift of self. Imagine being part of that early church – hearing for the first time the amazing story of Jesus’ life and death and resurrection. Imagine **for the first time** – the possibilities that the story evokes – the creation of a whole new way of looking at life – no longer tied to being told what faith is by the rich and powerful temple officials who control through rules and rituals – freedom from slavery – to simply praise God and ultimately the gift that is life eternal.

Can we catch something of that excitement and creative energy in our lives - for that same calling in the early church is the calling we receive today from God – to walk through the open door of faith?

Much like the people in the Coorinda Nursing Home and the students of USC, we live our faith in a joyful way which brings goodness to not only everyone we meet, but also leaves us knowing the presence of God who opens doors of faith! There once was a story told by an old monk who was asked why he continues to have faith in Jesus while so many others don’t? He told a story in reply, *“Last evening my dog saw a rabbit running for cover among the bushes and he began to chase the rabbit, barking loudly. Soon other dogs joined in the chase, barking and running. They ran a great distance and alerted many other dogs. Soon the wilderness was echoing the sounds of their pursuit but the chase went on into the night. After a little while, many of the dogs grew tired and dropped out. A few chased the rabbit until the night was nearly spent. By morning, only my dog continued the hunt. The reason my dog continued the hunt is because he **saw** the rabbit. And I too would give up chasing the rabbit, but every now and then I swear I catch a glimpse of Him!*

Let’s keep chasing Jesus and trusting every little glimpse we see!

Have a joyfilled weekend! Fr. Michael



✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** members of Quane family.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Rita Avenell, 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 Pamulaklak.

✠ **For all those recently baptised: Deborah Garbin Gopio** daughter of Joao and Virginia. *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.

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: 19/06.**

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.

Gospel of Luke: On the tables you will find copies of Luke's gospel for anyone to take. This coming year the readings are taken from this gospel.

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 from 10am to 2pm.

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].

Unit for Rent One bedroom unit for an elderly person at St Patrick's Community Village is available for rent. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office. Applications close on Monday 31 May 2019.

Welcome to St Saviours Primary School students who join us today at the 9am Mass in the choir. Thank you for being part of our liturgy this day. Please keep in your prayers those preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Bishop Robert will celebrate Confirmation this Friday (24th) at 7.00pm.

Rosary St. Patrick's Cathedral Sunday 26th May 2.00pm, to honour Our Lady Help of Christians. All Welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Wednesday, 5th June at 7.00pm at St Mark's Anglican Church, Rangeville

Sunday 19 May	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	10.15am Sacramental Preparation Cluster – Cathedral Centre 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 20 May	9am Mass at STM	10.30am Mass at Brodribb No Choir practice until 27 May 2019
Tuesday 21 May	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	8.45am SSC Year 10 Mass [HR] 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 22 May	7am Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 7.15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 23 May	7am Mass	3.30pm Confirmation Preparation Cluster – Parish Centre 6.00pm SVdP Meeting Parish Centre 6.00pm SPC Parish Council Meeting
Friday 24 May	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 1.30pm & 3.30pm Confirmation practice 7pm Sacrament of Confirmation – Bishop McGuckin 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 25 May	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation
Sunday 26 May	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Riley Swalling [HR] 2pm Rosary Crusade in St Patrick's Cathedral [FM] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
St Patrick's weekly collection: Planned Giving \$4253; Loose Collection \$2044		