



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C – Saturday 25 May/Sunday 26 May 2019

- First Reading:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 – *It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*
- Responsorial Psalm:** Let the peoples praise you, O Lord. Let all the peoples praise you. [Psalm 66]
- Second Reading:** Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 – *He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
- Gospel:** John 14:23-29 – *The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

Who writes your final chapter?

[Spoiler Alert, if you are waiting to watch the last episode of Game of Thrones you might like to stop reading!]

It's taken 8 years with much struggle and pain, joys and triumphs, friendship won and lost but finally it has come to an end, yes that's right Game of Thrones has come to a conclusion – of sorts! If, like a lot of people, you found the final ending less than enthralling, then you are not alone. To think after all that struggle and despair to gain the Iron Throne [Spoiler Alert] nobody really ends up with it in the end! Sure the last 2 series have been full of our favourite characters and action galore, but even when the opportunity was there they still didn't get rid of any significant people. If you follow Game of Thrones then you would be aware that the original writer, George M. Martin only wrote the first 6 books and has not written the ending of the story, so the final two series have been written by someone else, who very clearly wasn't of the same mind as George Martin, and to be honest who could be! Martin was fond of getting rid of characters that you thought were significant.

While I was reflecting on the gospel today, which speaks of God sending the Holy Spirit, our Advocate to be with us always, it occurred to me that we are sometimes a bit like the Game of Thrones authorship. Maybe we think that God has written our lives for us, that the way things are, somehow God has already decided for us. But in reality, the gospel reminds us that we are only guided by the Holy Spirit and that the final chapters of our lives are not written yet, and they are written only by ourselves through God's gift of free will. It is in choosing the path of our journey, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, that we are able to complete these final chapters of our lives.

[Now you really need to stop reading if you are waiting to watch the final episode of Game of Thrones – take the bulletin home and read it later!]

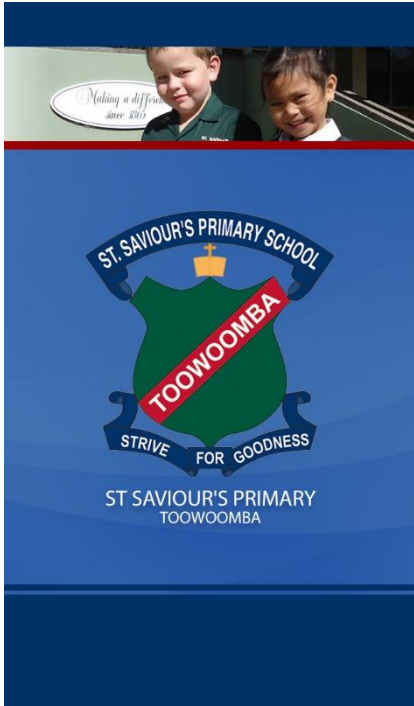
Someone made a comment to me that at the end of the final episode the four main characters that remain, Arya, Sansa, John Snow and Bran are left in such a way that they can easily have further "spin off" adventures. This is very true and I'm sure many people will be wanting to see how their favourite character continues the style that they exhibited in the series. It's pretty much the way a lot of shows are left these days – to make more money – cynical me!

Again it's a bit like our life's journey! When we complete the final chapters of our life story, we know that there is a "spin off" waiting for us, which hasn't been written yet but we anticipate it. The continuing adventure of life after we complete the book of life here.

The gospel today speaks of a peace the world cannot give. This peace we encounter here and now as we deepen our relationship with God in Eucharist – in community – in hearing the Word of God – in listening to each other. But there is another peace – the peace of eternal life – the "spin off" from this life. May our hearts rest in the promise of **this** peace!



God's Blessings on your journey, Father Michael



Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you read this newsletter I am travelling to Belgium to embark on an intensive two week study immersion in Leuven, Belgium with six of my colleagues. From there I will travel through France and Spain for four weeks and return to school in Term 3. It is pleasing to know that the school will be in safe hands with Mr Hannant as Acting Principal and Mr Roland (Roly) Poulton as Acting APA. I look forward to sharing with you all my learnings from the Catholic University in Leuven and my journey of St James Way through France and Spain.

Welcome Mr Roly Poulton

Welcome to Mr
Roly Poulton who



joins us at St Saviour's Primary for the remainder of Term 2. Roly has taught in the Toowoomba Diocese for 40 years in the capacity of teacher, APRE and Principal. As a young aspiring educator he was a class teacher here at St Saviour's Primary. We are very fortunate to welcome him back to our school community as Acting APA. Welcome Roly!

St Saviour's Primary staff and students have been incredibly busy over the past two weeks with 2020 PREP interviews, Athletics, NAPLAN and Eisteddfod performances in Speech and Drama, Instrumental Music and Choir. Several of our Speech and Drama students performed exceptionally well bringing home the Trophy. Thanks to the staff who guide our students through all of these events and parents for your support. On Monday evening, SSPS staff engaged in further professional development after school with STEM PUNKS. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of our teaching staff embracing topics such as:

- Design Thinking Approach
- Team project with the Codey Rocky STEM Tool (Level 2)
- Introduction to eLearning Resources

Early next term during Catholic Education Week, SSPS will extend an invitation to surrounding schools to attend our showcase STEM day. The students and staff in six of our classes will display and present their team projects to interested schools across the region. Further details will be shared with parents closer to the time of this event.

Also, on Monday evening, members of the school board met to begin discussions on creating our strategic plan for the next three years. Dr Judy Smeed outlined the process of creating a Strategic Plan. Judy has many years experience in working with School Boards across the country. We are excited about planning the future of our great school. Parents will be kept up to date via the newsletter in the weeks to come.

Many blessings to you all and I look forward to sharing my experience with you all in Term 3.

Madonna

APRE NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

UNIFORM REMINDER:

As we approach the middle of the term and the cooler weather, please ensure that your children are now dressed appropriately. This means that we should not be seeing any girls (Yrs 1-6) in short white socks with their dress. From now on, they should be wearing either NAVY tights or knee length NAVY socks, with the red stripes. Boys should be in long navy trousers. Everyone needs a formal blue jumper to wear on the days that the Sports Uniform is NOT worn. The zip-up spray jacket is usually worn as part of the sports uniform. Thank you for assisting us with maintaining a good, consistent standard of uniform.

WELLNESS WEEK:

Next week is Wellness Week. As we did in Term One, across the school we will have a few simple activities during the week to encourage students, parents and teachers to be mindful of our health: our physical, social, emotional and spiritual health.

Parents, please be on the look out for a notification each day next week for an activity for yourself or something to do as a family. These will be simple tips or activities that will help you be mindful of your health and wellness and give a simple example of something you can do to support wellness at home.

We will once again be having a shared picnic lunch. This will be on **Thursday 30th**. This was well received by the students and staff last term and celebrates the community that we are. We are once again going to try and go zero waste or package free to decrease our rubbish, in gratitude to our beautiful earth. If possible, on this day when packing lunch, be mindful of how to send a lunch that has less packaging. Every little bit of plastic wrap that we do not use, is a benefit.

After the picnic we will also be offering a variety of different simple games and fun activities for the students to play together across year levels and learn from each other.

If you have any feedback or suggestions as to what we can do for Wellness Week later in the term, please contact the WELLBeing Team, via the school office. We thank you for your support of this initiative.

BEFORE SCHOOL:

Please be mindful that there is NO SUPERVISION prior to 8:05am each school day. It has been disappointing and concerning to see the number of students arriving prior to 7:45am. Any student arriving early will be expected to sit close to the main school door and will be asked to bring a book to read. No iPads or handballs, games etc are allowed at that time.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: This Friday night at 7pm, over 50 students will be confirmed by Bishop Robert. The candidates and their families have been preparing over the last few weeks. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

After Confirmation, the program has a week break, before Cluster Groups for First Communion begin again on Sunday June 2.

EISTEDDFOD Photos:



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** John Costello, Ethel Izzi, Maurice Klein. *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:** Jack Costello, John Heeney, Sadie Moses.

✠ **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 Pamulaklakin.

✠ **For all those recently baptised:** **Genevieve Lucy Walters** daughter of Peter and Jessica. *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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATED CONFIRMATION LAST FRIDAY

James and Milly-Rose Allan, Chloe and Emma Barram, Emily and Madison Blair, Erin Coetzee, Abby Coffison, Leilani Collins, Grace Connole, Annie Costigan, Bridgette Cowley, Sean Darvall, Sho Doherty, Olivia Dunlop, Harper and Jasper Eagleson, Sophie Evelyn, Bianca Flanigan, Catherine and Addison Guy, Abigail Hardy, Hallie Hogan-Buckingham, Isabel Hoole, Jackson Horne, Dara Javier, Belle-Sharee Jeffries, Louis Keen, Charles Killen, Edge Luck, Kye McHugh, Mikayla McLachlan, Sienna and Logan Morrish, Olivia Omotosho Oyindamola, Aiden O'Reilly, Jolie Osborne, Joe Phillips, Niklas Raeth, Mia Ragh, Emma Ramsay, Emilia Reuter, Olaya and Pedro Santonja, Lara Schultz, Matilda Shoebridge, Maya Smith, Molly Standing, Simon Tam, Carter Wicks, Tobias Willey and Kaelee Wilson.

May the Holy Spirit continue to grow, inspire and invigorate each of you throughout life's journey, God Bless.

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.

Parish Council: Please take the time to consider who you would recommend for a position on the Council, then complete a form on the table and place in the box, so that person can be contacted. Thank you.

Ordination: Deacon Tom Duncan will be ordained Priest at St Patrick's Cathedral on 18th July at 5.30pm. Everyone is invited to be part of this event in the Tom's life and the Toowoomba Diocese.

Date Claimer: St Patrick's Cathedral and St Saviour's RACE DAY! Please mark on your calendar this date – November 2nd. If anyone would like to donate a multi-draw prize please drop it into the office. If you wish to be a sponsor on the day please call Sam Hannant on 4637 1555.

Anglican and Roman Catholic Covenant Reaffirmation Service: St John's Anglican Cathedral on Wednesday, 29th May at 7.00pm. All very welcome to attend this 10th Anniversary service.

St Ursula's and St Mary's Colleges – Open Day - Sunday 26 May from 10am.

Sunday 26 May	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Riley Swalling [HR] 2.00pm STM Rosary Crusade in Cathedral [FM] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 27 May	9am Mass at STM	11.00pm SPC Funeral of John Costello [FM] 5.30pm Choir practice
Tuesday 28 May	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	8.45am SSC Year 9 Mass [HR] 11.00am SPC Funeral Ministry Meeting 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 29 May	7am Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 7.15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 30 May	7am Mass	
Friday 31 May	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 1 June	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 10.30am SPC Anointing Mass
Sunday 2 June	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 \$1726.80; Loose Collection \$2175.65 Money Counters: Jenny Hurd, Helen Hoddle, Bob Ryan		