



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Year C - Saturday 01 June/Sunday 02 June 2019

- First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11 – *Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*
- Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts the throne to shouts of joy. A blare of trumpets for the Lord. [Psalm 46]
- Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23 – *He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!
- Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53 – *While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*

### In One Hundred Words.....

I was recently reading the latest book by Jeffrey Archer, "Tell Tale". It is a collection of short stories, and as you know the author always has a twist at the end that often we don't see coming. The first tale is an interesting one. He says in the introduction that many years ago the editor of the Reader's Digest in New York invited him to write a story with a beginning, a middle and an end, but it could only be 100 words long! He also had to produce it in the next 24 hours. He says that his first attempt was 118 words, second attempt 106 words and his third was 98. He finishes by asking whether you can work out which 2 words he put back in? It is titled "*Unique*".

*Paris, 14 March 1921*

*The collector relit his cigar, picked up the magnifying glass and studied the triangular 1874 Cape of Good Hope. "I did warn you there were two", said the dealer, "so yours is not unique."*

*"How much?"*

*"Ten thousand francs."*

*The collector wrote out a cheque, before taking a puff on his cigar, but it was no longer alight.*

*He picked up a match, struck it, and set light to the stamp.*

*The dealer stared in disbelief as the stamp went up in smoke.*

*The collector smiled. "You were wrong, my friend," he said, "mine is unique."*

Today's celebration is the completion of Jesus' time walking the pathways on earth. It is time for the disciples to give thanks and "return to Jerusalem with great joy". These were his words in parting, interestingly just over 100 words. What words would you use to summarise the life of Jesus? Words are powerful when they are connected to mission and our attempts to gain meaning from life. Could you do this in 100 words? Take some time to reflect on which words of Jesus resonate with you – paint a picture of Jesus using words!

Like Jesus, as we all pass from this world to another, what is the wisdom you wish to leave with others. In sentences what are the 100 words of wisdom you would wish to pass on to others? Last Friday I celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Josie Vetter in Goondiwindi – a word for every year of her life! Yet her response was simple – it only took one word – SMILE!

Sometimes we don't need words to express the lived experience of our faith. Next week we take time to focus on the presence of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and are invited to remember the words of Jesus telling us not to be afraid! I remember as a newly ordained priest I was called to a home of a gentleman who had just passed away – my first time in this situation. In my rush out the door, I forgot my book with the prayers in them. As we stood around his bed we held hands and I said some words of comfort and hope, and then we prayed together. I remember it well for I had an amazing feeling that I was given the right words to say. Don't tell the Bishop, but I haven't used a book in that situation ever since.  
So be not afraid -

***May we trust the Holy Spirit to give us the right words to say in our loving relationships, and all situations in life.***



*God's Blessings on your journey, Father Michael*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Dorothy McKenzie (Yukana), Errol Howse, Tom Norris [brother of Sr Margaret and Joan]. *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:** Joseph O'Neill, Tom and Kath Whiteby, Fr Joseph McKey, Fr Kevin Noble.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** George Pardon, 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: Riley Peter Swalling** son of Damian and Tammie. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

**Reconciliation:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Sean Darvall, Sho Doherty, Olivia Dunlop, Harper and Jasper Eagleson, Sophie Everlyn, 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, Jordan and Joshua Trost, 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.

### WELCOME BACK TO FR. NANDANA AFTER HIS HOLIDAYS IN SRI LANKA!

**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.**

**HORIZONS** magazine – the latest issue is now available. Please take a copy.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm. Everyone is invited to be part of this event in Tom's life and the life of the Toowoomba Diocese.

**Date Claimer:** St Patrick's Cathedral and St Saviour's RACE DAY! Please mark on your calendar this date – November 2<sup>nd</sup>. If anyone would like to donate a prize for a multi-draw raffle, please contact the office. If you wish to sponsor one of the races on that day, please call Sam Hannant on 4637 1555.

**St Ursula's College Toowoomba Past Students:** All past students are invited to rejoin the Association. First function will be dinner at the College on **Friday 26 July 2019**. Contact college on 4632 7611 or via email on [stursulaspsaa@gmail.com](mailto:stursulaspsaa@gmail.com). Also on Facebook.

**Fr. Hal's Jubilee Morning Tea:** To celebrate his 60 years of Priesthood, Fr Hal will host a morning tea following the 9am Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> June. All welcome. Diocesan celebration of the Jubilee Mass [Bishop Bill Morris, Fr Brian Connelly and Fr Hal Ranger] will be held at St Patrick's on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am, to which everyone is invited to attend.

<b>Sunday 02 June</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	<b>10.15am Sacramental Preparation Cluster – Cathedral Centre</b> 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 03 June</b>	9am Mass at STM	10.30am Mass at Brodribb 5.30pm Choir practice
<b>Tuesday 04 June</b>	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	8.45am SSC Year 8 Mass [HR] 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
<b>Wednesday 05 June</b>	7am Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 06 June</b>	7am Mass	10am Mass at Numylo 11.00am Nursing Home Ministry Meeting - Boardroom <b>3.30pm Sacramental Preparation Cluster – Cathedral Centre</b> 6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
<b>Friday 07 June</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.15am St Mary's College Edmund Rice Mass in Cathedral [HR and RC] 9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 4.00pm Safeguarding Meeting – Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 08 June</b>	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of George Weber and Makenna-Rae Norris [HR]
<b>Sunday 09 June</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	<b>10.15am Sacramental Preparation Cluster – Cathedral Centre</b> 2pm Children's Rosary in Cathedral 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
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