



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 20 July/Sunday 21 July 2019

- First Reading:** Genesis 18:1-10 – *Lord, do not bypass your servant.*
- Responsorial Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of God. [Psalm 14]
- Second Reading:** Colossians 1:24-28 – *The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!
- Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42 – *Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

### Mary, Martha and Pope Francis

In the story we hear this weekend concerning the activities of Mary and Martha we are drawn into a certain tension that is evident. The tension between prayer and action. With a very clever literary twist this story is placed between two significant signposts – last week we heard the story of good actions – the parable of the good Samaritan – next week we learn how to pray when Jesus introduces the prayer we know as the Lord's Prayer. Mary and Martha act as a literary segue between the two instructions. This tension we identify within the story – prayer and action – we know deep within ourselves. There is a great interplay in our lives between the two, and each has an influence upon the other. Our actions are authenticated by prayer and our prayer is authenticated by action. The tension is about living truthfully God's calling of each of us. In a recent homily, Pope Francis said *"There are many people around Jesus who search for God, but the most prodigious reality is that, long before that, in the first place there is God, who is concerned about our life, who wants to raise it, and to do this, God calls us by name, recognising the individual face of each person. Each person is a love story that God writes on this earth. Each one of us is God's love story. God calls each of us by name: God knows us by name; God looks at us; God waits for us; God forgives us; God is patient with us"*

Today we are simply challenged the think about our actions and how deeply we authenticate them with prayer. Recently, as you can see below, the Bishops of Australia were invited to the Vatican. This occurs every four years throughout the world. Bishop Robert was keen to share the beauty of this visit. To me, Pope Francis is leading with example which is borne simply from experience and prayer leading to practical and loving action. Bishop Robert was saying that the Bishops were told before they entered the room that there was to be no genuflecting, no kissing of the papal ring, and they could leave their Zucchetto's on. Now for those who are unfamiliar with Bishop's fashion the Zucchetto is the cap that Bishops wear to signify their position within the church hierarchy. As you can see the Pope wears a white zucchetto. So in essence the Pope is simply saying *"Today we meet as equals – I just happen to be Bishop of Rome"* Protocol normally requires Bishops to remove their zucchetos in the presence of the Pope.

Pope Francis spent two and a half hours in audience with the Bishops of Australia – he invited them into a conversation. He didn't dictate or demand anything from them. The time was spent listening and asking questions, and I am sure encouraging the Bishops. Bishop Robert said at one stage Pope Francis got up and poured a glass of water and gave it to the translator. A very authentic act! The most significant, and I am sure unheard before, is Pope Francis saying, *"If you have any criticisms of me, or of what I do – say it now to my face, don't say it out there, say it now!"*



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*God Bless, Fr. Michael*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Jean Mullins, Carmel Fuller, Joe Hanna.  
*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:** Val Murphy, Noel Gainey, Daniel Byrnes, Leo Parker [Dalby], Anne Fox, Fr Robert Flynn, Msgr John Bennett.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Fr Kerry Costigan, Fr Don Murray, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Michael Brady, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Rita Avenell, Leo Ryan, Tina Hobson, Michael Cuskelly, 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, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Antony Dunbarr, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

✠ **Congratulations to these newly weds: Michael Boiteau and Lorren Sellwood.**  
*May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

✠ **For all those recently baptised: Joseph Brian Davidson** son of Timothy and Teagan, **Molly Jessica Gillam** daughter of Cameron and Jessica and **Tyson Ross McKandie** son of Jade and Amy. *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.

**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: 21/08**

**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.

**Special Thank You** to all who assisted in the celebration of Tom Duncan's ordination on Thursday. It was a great celebration for the Diocese. Thanks goes especially to the Choir and Musicians – Vicky Cocozza and Anne Thomas. Also thank you to Kathy Pingel and Vince Donovan for the Audio/Visual component. Thank you to the Cathedral Staff and helpers that made sure everything was ready on time.

**Farewell** to Wayne Davis, who has been the cook/cleaner for St Patrick's for the last 16 and half years. We have appreciated his good natured approach and flexibility in the changing demands of parish life. We wish Wayne every joy in the years ahead. God Bless.

**Unit for Rent:** A one bedroom unit for an elderly person at St Patrick's Community Village is available for rent. Applications to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062 Toowoomba 4350 or dropped in at the Parish Office. Applications close on **Friday, 26 July 2019.**

**Many, Many Thanks**

The past few weeks are somewhat of a blur – but a blur that has been filled with gratitude, with so many memories of people and experiences, with laughter and tears with a new awareness of how fortunate we are, I am, and how blessed we all have been. With all my heart I thank God for the long journey of life so far and for the thousands of faithful companions on that journey. In particular through this weekend's Newsletter, a special word of gratitude to all of you members of our Cathedral and St Thomas More's communities for your congratulations, prayers, gifts, good wishes and continuing friendship.

Please God the future holds more of the same: let's go on, in faith, together. **Hal Ranger**

Everyone is invited to join the **Missionary Sisters of Service** at a Diocesan Mass celebrating the **75<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of their foundation. Bishop Morris will be the main celebrant at St Anthony's parish, Memory St, Harristown on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm. Also their coffee table commemorative cookbook "Food for the Highways and Byways" will be on sale at \$40 (cash). Afternoon tea will be provided. Please RSVP by 27<sup>th</sup> July. Contact Sr Mary Cleary, (07) 4634 9786 or email: [marycleary5@bigpond.com](mailto:marycleary5@bigpond.com).

**Money Counters Needed.** Anyone who is able to spare an hour, usually once a month, to assist in the counting of the collection monies, please contact the parish office on 4637 1500.

<b>Sunday 21 July</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Jackson Miller and Noah Harrison [HR] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 22 July</b>	9am Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice 5.15pm SSPS Board Meeting
<b>Tuesday 23 July</b>	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	11am Funeral Ministry meeting in Boardroom 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
<b>Wednesday 24 July</b>	7am Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 25 July</b>	7am Mass	6pm SPC Parish Council meeting 6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
<b>Friday 26 July</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 27 July</b>	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation
<b>Sunday 28 July</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11.00am Baptism of Bodhi Nothdurft [FM] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving \$2,533.00; Loose \$1,945.30; : Pat Power, Leo and Maureen McMahon, Eileen Stephen