



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 27 July/Sunday 28 July 2019

<b>First Reading:</b>	Genesis 18:20-32 – <i>Lord, do not be angry if I speak.</i>
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Lord, on the day I cried out for help, you answered me. [Psalm 137]
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Colossians 2:12-14 – <i>He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 11:1-13 – <i>Ask, and it will be given to you.</i>

### Lord – Teach us how to pray

The friends of Jesus and especially those who were becoming disciples through listening, experiencing and observing His way of living noticed how He often went away to a quiet place by Himself. He went off to PRAY... sometimes for the whole night. As loyal people of Israel they had many models of praying, many formulas of words, usually accompanied by ritual actions. We have many examples of their common prayers in the Psalms, sometimes quite “wordy” and often including a phrase to be said repeatedly. Hence the request: “Tell us how you pray”, “Teach us to pray as You do.” And the response from Jesus is much more about telling them “These are thoughts and life challenges you should bring before God in prayer” than simply providing them and us with another formula. Jesus is really sharing with us the pattern of His praying and He adds instructions about the confidence with which they [and we] should approach God in prayer. Prayer begins by acknowledging God as “Father”. We speak [and listen and reflect] as members of the family into which we have been brought through Baptism. The situation is very much about sitting down as daughters and sons with Dad [Dad and Mum combined]. In the Gospels we hear Jesus assuring His disciples of the blessedness we enjoy in the relationship with God that is now ours. We pray, sitting at the feet of God, addressing God as Father, our Father, the One to whom we owe life and all its gifts, the One who is continually loving us into life.

In the original language of Jesus [Aramaic] the requests that follow... ‘Hallowed be Your Name’, “Your Kingdom come” etc... were probably far stronger, in effect telling God... at least expecting God... to bring about what is proposed. As such they follow a distinct logic: from a focus solely upon God in the first [“Bring it about that your name is sanctified”], to what God ought achieve in the world [“Make your kingdom come”], to what the community needs from God – sustenance, forgiveness, rescue from overwhelming tribulation. The community that prays the prayer sees itself as a beachhead of the kingdom in the present world, reclaiming it for life and humanity. Since, like its Israelite ancestor of old, the community is on a journey, it looks to God for sustenance – that God will provide day by day the food needed for life [v.3].

Likewise, because it is a community not yet arrived at the perfection of the kingdom, it is a community that needs continual forgiveness – both from God and mutually among its members [v.4a]. The sense is not that God waits to see whether humans forgive before offering forgiveness, but that human beings block the flow of God's forgiveness if they do not themselves lead forgiving lives. The final petition acknowledges that the world in which the community lives is very frequently a place of trial, persecution and temptation. The community prays that such troubles will not prove overwhelming, causing it to fall away from its high vocation [v.4b].

The community that prays the Lord's prayer is, then, a community very conscious of its privileged closeness to God. But it prays the prayer in the world, as part of the world, on behalf of the world, to which it testifies the onset of the kingdom. It is praying for good, for reconciliation, for deliverance from evil, not just for itself but for the entire human family, whose dignity and destiny as children of God it tries to model and proclaim. In short, it prays that the entire human race may enjoy the hospitality it has itself received from God.

*Hal Ranger*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Joe Hanna, Dolly Gray [Dalby]. *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:** Bert Ranger, Annie Brady, Pat Seymour, Bishop Basil Roper.

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

✠ **For all those recently baptised:** **Jackson Henry Miller** son of Arron and Maree, and **Noah Darcy Harrison** son of Brayden and Janita. *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.

**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, 9 August 2019.**

**Office Space for Rent:** The building previously occupied by TRAMS located at the back of the Cathedral Precinct is available for rent. All enquires to Celia Waters at the Parish Office on 4637 1500.

**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.

There are limited copies of the **extract from the Catholic Leader of Fr Tom Duncan's Ordination.** Please feel free to take one.

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).

**Date Claimer: In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Pilgrimage:** The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123 or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.

<b>Sunday 28 July</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Bodhi Nothdurft [FM] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 29 July</b>	9am Mass STM	<b>29 July to 2 August – Catholic Education Week</b> 5.30pm Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday 30 July</b>	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	9.30am Mass SSPC including Grandparents 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
<b>Wednesday 31 July</b>	7am Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 01 August</b>	7am Mass	9am Mass SSC including Grandparents
<b>Friday 02 August</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 03 August</b>	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Jakob and Zahlee Hertzog [FM]
<b>Sunday 04 August</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11.00am Baptism of Bodhi and Nathaniel Welldon, Bonnie Herron and Archie Humphrys [HR] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$2456.90; Loose \$1855.90 : Sam and Fina Ginardi and Wendy Heelan		