



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 24 August/Sunday 25 August 2019

First Reading:	Isaiah 66:18-21 – <i>They will gather all of your people from all nations.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. [Psalm 116]
Second Reading:	Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 – <i>The Lord disciplines those he loves.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Luke 13:22-30 – <i>From East and West they will come to take their place in the Kingdom of God.</i>

Food for Thought

This weekend we will hear these words from Luke's Gospel. Someone in the listening crowd asks Jesus: "Sir, will there be only a few people who are saved?" Jesus replies – dismissing this question as not important – "Try to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed." He continues: "Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door you may find yourself knocking on the door saying: "Lord, open to us;" but the master will answer: "I do not know you or where you come from." And you will find yourself saying: "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets." But he will reply "I do not know where you come from." **Jesus shifts the focus of the conversation.** He does not see any point in speculating... how many, how few... Rather he says God loves unconditionally but God wants action! God calls for a response from each of us in our genuinely living a particular kind of life. Think about these three stories:

- There were two monks walking beside a river. The younger monk kept on pestering the older monk with endless questions about the river. "Where does it come from? Where is it going? How fast is it flowing? How deep is it? What's it like? What's the temperature of the water?" The further they walked the more elaborate, the more searching, became the young monk's questions about the river. The elder monk became increasingly exasperated and finally turned to the young monk and pushed him into the river: "There! There you are! Now you know!" We can spend a lot of time looking at the river, asking questions about the river, but there comes a moment when we have to jump in. It is a moment of commitment, of awakening, a moment of enlightenment, a moment of conversion. Our journey of faith is like that. It's not enough to say "Lord, we once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets." In other words, "Lord, I went to a Catholic school; I attended Mass fairly regularly; I put money on the collection plate; I've read the gospels."
- An American priest was once accosted late at night by a robber demanding money, not far from a large church on 51st Street. It was cold, so the priest was rugged up in an overcoat and scarf. As he reached for his wallet the scarf fell loose, and the would-be robber suddenly noticed that his victim was wearing a clerical collar. "Oh, sorry Father", the robber said. "I would never rob a priest." And so the two men began talking. The priest, who was a heavy smoker, offered the man a cigarette. The would-be robber shook his head. "No thanks Father, I've given up cigarettes for Lent."
- We can be very devout Catholics, as long as it doesn't cause any inconvenience to our way of life. We want the warmth of the womb, but not the pain and travail of a new birth. Consider the example of the woman who listened avidly to all of her parish priest's sermons. She regarded him as the fountain of all wisdom, until one day he preached on the evils of alcohol. She immediately arose from her pew and stormed out of the church. A friend asked what had upset her. "Well, Father's marvellous when he's preaching" she said, "but now he's started meddling."

There are no claims to salvation, simply because of a passing acquaintance with Jesus. It isn't enough for us to be able to say "We've shared a meal with Him" – even a Eucharistic meal! It isn't enough that we've heard His preaching, even weekly through the Gospel. We are called into life to "do something", to play our part as agents, active agents in transforming God's world into God's kingdom. We make our journey not just as one of the crowd swept along through a wide open gate: but committed to the more difficult journey through a door that's often narrow!

Hal Ranger

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Vince Austin, Margaret Callaghan, Sr Judith Steer rsj, Majella Richmond, Helen Jabour [nee Betros] Sydney. *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:** Frank Irwin, Msgr Patrick Doyle, Fr Bryan Nolan, Msgr Stanley Skehan.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Merle Hunter, Graham McGovern, Jo Phillips, Fr Don Murray, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Michael Brady, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, 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:** **Darby Theodore Williams** son of Shawn and Cassandra, **Mabi Blake** daughter of Darren and Elizabeth and **Kip James Weston** son of Corey and Lana. *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.

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. **Due to the Carnival of flowers the next adoration time is 11/09.**

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.

St Patrick's Cathedral Spring Ball: St Patrick's Cathedral SPRING BALL – Saturday 21st September. \$40 per ticket. Tickets On Sale Now in Parish Office. If you would like to join our Parish Tables – Book Now!

Cent Sale: The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding their **Cent Sale** at 9.30am Wednesday 28th August at All Seasons Function Hall, cnr North and Tor Streets. Entry fee is \$5.00. Phone: 4632 1818.

Welcome to Fr. Tom Duncan and Farewell for Fr. Nandana Saparamadu: In a couple weeks we will have the opportunity to celebrate the ministry of both these priests within our community. On Sunday, 1st September, at the 9.00am Mass you are invited to bring a plate for a shared morning tea to say thank you to Fr. Nandana and to welcome Fr. Tom. Please mark this date on your calendar, as it is also the celebration of 90 years since the foundation of the Diocese and 20 years since the patronage of Our Lady of the Southern Cross.

Thank you to all those who took the time to suggest people for nomination onto our Parish Council. We are excited to announce the following new members: Ken Avenell, Sharon Collins, Michael Newman, Emilio Anteliz, Pennie Shearer, Charles Kitapindu, Rex Miguel and Louise Fitzgerald. Some further details will appear in subsequent bulletins. Thank you for offering your time and energy for the life of our community.

Pray for those needing rain: As we hear on the news the growing desperation nearby at Stanthorpe and district for life giving rain, please keep those affected by drought in your prayers and thoughts.

Applications are invited for the full time position of **Accountant with the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba**. For a Position Description please contact Tom Jolley on tjolley@twb.catholic.org.au.

Carnival of Flowers Display: Once again St Patrick's will host the annual Floral Display Thursday 19th to Wednesday 25th September. Please assist generously with the cost using the envelopes available on the tables. Kindly place these envelopes on the Collection Plate. Thank you for your kind donation!

Sunday 25 August	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Migrant and Refugee Sunday 11am Baptism of Savannah Bennett-Walker [FM] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 26 August	9am Mass STM	
Tuesday 27 August	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	8.45am Mass SSC [HR] 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 28 August	7am Mass	Fr Tom Duncan arrives at St Patrick's 9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 6pm STM – First Reconciliation 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 29 August	7am Mass	
Friday 30 August	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 4pm Safeguarding meeting – Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 31 August	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 10.30am Anointing Mass – Conference Room
Sunday 01 September	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Toowoomba Diocese Feast Day [est 1929] 9am Mass – Farewell Fr Nandana and Welcome Fr Tom followed by morning tea 11am Baptism of Patrick Gilliland [FM] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1963.60; Loose \$1411.00 : Sandra and Peter Daly and Jan-Nell and Errol Chase		