



# 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Sunday 30 August 2020

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9 – The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. [Psalm 62]

**Second Reading:** Romans 12:1-2 – May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

**Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! *May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. ALLELUIA!***

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27 – Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

### ***The Disciple – Struggling to understand***

Let's go back for a moment to what we heard last weekend – read aloud at Mass or listened to in comfort from a live-streamed or recorded celebration of Eucharist – the Gospel highlighted Simon Peter's declaration to Jesus: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus responded to this expression of belief and trust in Him, by appointing Simon Peter to the leadership of this little group of disciples who became the foundation of the Church. He was obviously delighted that Simon Peter had come to this point in his relationship with Jesus: but the next sentence in Matthew's Gospel is also significant: "**Jesus gave the disciples strict orders NOT to tell anyone that he was the Christ.**"

#### **Why not?**

Clearly Simon Peter, and the others – and each of us in due course – have a lot to learn about "the Christ", about the way God operates, about how Jesus will redeem/save the world, about what believing in Him really means!

Jesus now begins to inform His disciples [and us] how He, the Christ, the Messiah, will lead the world to freedom and salvation. Not by leading an army of followers on a 'white charger' and overcoming the forces of evil by power and might, but by going to Jerusalem to continue healing and forgiving, gently but resolutely challenging their closed and unjust way of living - even if this costs Him His life.

"No way" says Peter! His belief in Jesus at this stage of his understanding leads Peter to want to keep Jesus safe. Peter "the Rock" has become "the stumbling block". Listen then to the words of Jesus to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan! Your way of thinking is not God's way of thinking or acting." Peter has much to learn – and so have all of us!

**First-steps:** Like Peter, Lord, I am inadequate. May I not allow my smallness obscure your attractiveness. Now more than ever may I believe in myself as a sign to people, that through me others can experience a new way of living.

**Heart-steps:** Lord, my heart too feels a mix of courage and fear, determination and doubt. In these troubled times for your church, may I not stick cautiously to the safe footholds I am familiar with. Give me courage to walk on the water to you. Grant me a heart willing to risk because it trusts in you.

**Mind-steps:** Your way, O Lord, demands from me a new way of seeing, just as it did of Peter. Breathe your Spirit of wisdom upon me, that I may understand and accept the far-reaching implications of following you. Never allow me to reduce my discipleship to manageable proportions.

**Foot-steps:** Like Peter, Lord, my footsteps falter. I follow close behind you, then my legs give way to tiredness; I keep a distance between us and then I turn away from you. I pray for a realistic sense of where I am weak and where I am strong, and of what I am able for. Grant me the humility to find my strength in you.

**Full-steps:** Lord, with both joy and shame, I gather up the moments of courage and conviction, of confusion and consternation, of commitment and cowardice, that have made up my life as your beloved disciple. Call me now a second time, as you did Peter, and allow me to begin again. Put a young vision into my old soul, that I may love you more than ever.

**Let's keep struggling together to embrace His way.**

**Hal Ranger**



*Congratulations to Camilla Grace Fleming, baptised last weekend.  
May the Holy Spirit continue to shine upon her always.*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Laurence Madden, Samantha Miani and those who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and beyond. *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:** Elizabeth Collins, Fr Merv Ziesing [2017], Bishop Edward Kelly [1994], Fr Sydney Kattie [2004].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Mary Twidale, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey

[Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

**Reconciliation:** Due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, this sacrament will be available only by appointment. This can be here at St Patrick's or in your home. Please contact the front office on 4637 1500 or email [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) for further information.

**COLLECTION BOX:** As you will have noticed there has not been any collections taken up during the Mass, due to Covid concerns around handling the collection plates. You will find a donation box located near the table for both cash and planned giving donations. **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE USE OF THE PAY POINT THAT IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE SAME PLACE.** Thank you for your generosity at this time.

**The Blue Room:** The Blue Room, as a place of community and private prayer, has re-opened. Alongside that very welcome good news, the "Blue Room", situated on the southern side of the Parish Centre, opposite the entrance to the toilets, will also open as a place of hospitality and friendship. Mondays through to Fridays, from 10am to 3pm, the welcome mat is out providing opportunities for reconnecting with people over a cup of tea or coffee, browsing through books and magazines, sharing stories and experiences of Life.

**Planned Giving:** Please contact the office on 4637 1500 regarding other options that are available when it comes to assisting with the ongoing expenses at St. Patrick's. Thank you for your kind consideration.

**Planned Giving:** Anyone concerned about their giving, there are options you may wish to consider. Please contact Celia at the Parish Office to discuss these options or you may simply like to do a bank transfer into St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 51289 1500, reference envelope number. We understand the difficult financial burden that everyone is encountering at this time, so please do not feel obliged or pressured to give. Thank you.

**The Swag:** The latest edition of *The Swag* is available so please feel free to take one.

**Father Michael** will be on annual leave until 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

<b>Sunday 30 Aug</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	<b>Social Justice Sunday</b> 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 31 Aug</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass SPC (New Time)</b> 9am Mass STM	Fr Michael on leave until 2 September <b>ADORATION 4.30pm - 5.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 01 Sep</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
<b>Wed 02 Sep</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>ADORATION 7.30am - 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thurs 03 Sep</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
<b>Friday 04 Sep</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	<b>ADORATION 7.30am - 8.30am</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 05 Sep</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Elijah Brown and Vincent Barnes [FM]
<b>Sunday 06 Sep</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am - Live stream available</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1553; Loose \$584; PayPoint \$310 : Sandra and Peter Daly and Jan-Nell and Errol Chase		