



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 07 September/Sunday 08 September 2019

### Readings this weekend:

**First Reading:** Wisdom 9:13-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. [Psalm 89]

**Second Reading:** Philemon 9-10, 12-17

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33 [The cost of being a Disciple]

### The Call to Discipleship

Today's gospel is a little like the old ad on TV some time ago. A man is walking past a construction site that has high walls up so people can't see what is happening with the building. As he walks along he hears this chant of "Fourteen, Fourteen, Fourteen....Fourteen". So as he goes past he notices a hole in the wall and puts his eye up to the hole to see what's happening and someone on the other side pokes him in the eye, and the chant goes "Fifteen, Fifteen, Fifteen...." Today's gospel is a poke in the eye to remind us how important our task is in being disciples of Jesus. It reminds us that it takes determination and single mindedness to not only follow but announce to the world your love of God in what sometimes seems a 'Godless' place. For some cultures and some families it can be as though you hate your brothers and sisters to choose to declare your faith before so many doubters. Yet we do, and we do it boldly. Maybe not much has changed when we look at the gospel through this lens today. Jesus set the bar very high in this gospel, but does he truly believe we are up to the task – I'm guessing yes and no. Perfection is found only in heaven, and when Jesus chose his disciples he knew that they would only do what is humanly possible. Below is a comical look at what may have come back from an employment agency if Jesus recruited his disciples today. For Jesus sees in us much more than we can ever understand!

**Memo**  
**To:** Jesus, Son of Joseph, Woodcrafter Carpenter Shop, Nazareth  
**From:** Jordan Management Consultants, Jerusalem

Dears Sir,  
Thank you for submitting the resumes of the 12 men you have picked for management positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that tends to undermine morale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success with your new venture.  
Sincerely yours,  
Jordan Management Consultants.

Jesus thrives in our understanding of our weaknesses and struggles. He lives within us, not to bring us to perfection, but to bring us closer to knowing the best of who we can be – **"Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me, cannot be my disciple"** So let us take up our cross, as the disciples did and boldly follow, and allow the Spirit to energise and transform us each day!  
*Together, as disciples, Fr. Michael*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Patricia Mason, Joy Seccombe, Antony Dunbar. *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:** Carmel McGahan, Cama Rolls, Peter Stephens, Barbara Bou-Samra, Angela Matta, Anthony Hoddle, Fr Myles Smith, Bishop William Brennan.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Susie Rolls, 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, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

✠ **Congratulations to these newly weds: William McVeigh and Sarah Cawkwell.** *May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

✠ **For all those recently baptised: Patrick Thomas Gilliland** son of Trevor and Therese and **Lincoln John Peacock** son of Christopher and Rebecca. *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.

**Due to the Carnival of flowers the next adoration time is this Wednesday, 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.

**Carnival of Flowers Display:** Once again St Patrick's will host the annual Floral Display Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Carnival of Flowers – Welcomers:** We would love to have parishioners available to welcome the many visitors to our Cathedral during this time. If you have two hours or more to spare please put your name and details on the rosters at the front door and in the eastern transept. Your help will be very much appreciated.

**Disney Trivia Night** at the MacKillop Centre at St Joseph's College on Saturday 14th September at 6pm. All profits will go to Caritas Project Compassion. To register phone the school on 4631 8500.

**St Mary's College Old Boys Dinner.** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Contact the College on 4631 7333.

**St Patrick's Cathedral Spring Ball:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. \$40 per ticket. Tickets On Sale Now in Parish Office. If you would like to join our Parish Tables – **Book Now as only 16 tickets left!**

**Are you interested in learning more about the scriptures and reflecting more deeply on God's Word?** St Patrick's will be forming a Bible Study group, meeting fortnightly on Sunday evenings after Mass, beginning on 29 September at 6.45pm in the Parish Centre. **The program is an approved Catholic Bible Study.** If you are interested, please email Anna Rees on [annamariarees@gmail.com](mailto:annamariarees@gmail.com)

Please keep in your prayers all those areas desperate for the gift of rain. May they not give into despair, but keep ever hopeful.

Thank you to John Smith for the repainting of our statues of Jesus and Mary. Well Done, they look great!

<b>Sunday 8 September</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Chester Blinco, Raphael Appleby and Jaylee Ridley [HR] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 9 September</b>	9am Mass STM	
<b>Tuesday 10 September</b>	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>Frs Hal, Tom and Michael attending the Diocesan in-service 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> September.</b> 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
<b>Wednesday 11 September</b>	7am Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom <b>5-6pm Holy Hour SPC</b> 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 12 September</b>	7am Mass	9am Mass at Yukana
<b>Friday 13 September</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 14 September</b>	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Layla Flory and Henry Bauer [FM] 11.30am Baptism of Pacita Quiroga [FM]
<b>Sunday 15 September</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Alex McInnerney and Scarlett Russon [TD] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
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