



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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 21 September/Sunday 22 September 2019

Readings this weekend:

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. [Psalm 112]

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor; to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 [Parable of the Shrewd Manager]

The Joy of Creation

Growing up in Roma, nearly every year we would head to the Carnarvon National Park for an annual holiday with the Bruton family. The Brutons and ourselves had families that grew up together. It was a cheap camping holiday, with eight in the O'Brien family and six in the Bruton family. There are wonderful memories of gathering around campfires and allowing the local wildlife, mainly possums, approach the campsite and accepting food from us – the goanna's were another story! Each day would be filled with walking treks, seeing such sights as the Moss Gardens, the Amphitheatre or climbing such "mountains" as Bulimba Bluff. Actually one of the family stories involves Dad and Ray Bruton heading off to climb the Bluff well above the campsite, which took about an hour up and back. When they got back they said to their wives that the kids must have played up when they were away. The wives said, "How would you know?" They said that they could hear Mum and Viv yelling at the kids from the top of Bulimba Bluff. And they believed them.....for a while, anyway!

Camping is a wonderful opportunity to connect to nature. To take the time to walk and be still, surrounded by the great creative spirit of God. Nature can be at times harsh, difficult, unpredictable and merciless, but it is an exquisite wonder when it is in harmony! Today in the Cathedral you are surrounded by a splendid display of the gift of nature. The beautiful flowers that become animated by the ingenuity of the human mind that can envisage the ways they are displayed around us. Well done to all those who have put so much effort, energy and imagination into this year's floral display at St. Patrick's.

Last week, at the Diocesan In service, we explored the ways in which we encounter people. One of these ways is to meet them as "guest". In other words to be aware that you encounter people not as them coming to you, but rather they have invited you into their lives and you simply come as guest to them. When we think of what it means to be a guest of someone, we come slowly, gently, compassionately, thoughtfully, with silence, as stranger, respectfully, ready to listen, quietly..... When we come as guest we are looking for a relationship and we hope will develop as the connection deepens.

What does it mean to us than to think about coming to creation as "guest"? As, "only fellow travellers along the road", we do not really master the earth, or rule it, or even act as stewards – we are really just guests of God upon this earth. So we ask ourselves what does it really mean to be a guest on earth – a guest of God's? In what ways should this colour our view of living on our planet? Today's gospel finishes with the instruction, "You cannot serve two masters – God and wealth". It is easy to see the mining companies, logging industry and the oil merchants as some of those who appear to recklessly ignore our environment for large profits. But what of ourselves. There are different ways of counting wealth. It can simply be measured in our selfishness – our desire to do whatever we like with the environment without thought! So to love the God of creation might mean making the effort to recycle, to be aware of our carbon footprint, to be mindful of the amount of water we use, to be aware of the packaging that comes with the products we choose and so on.

To act as a guest on this earth and to be mindful of this great gift of God, is to be rich of heart indeed.

So you are invited this weekend to renew your commitment to God's creation and to honour it with gentle love.

Peace be to all life, Father Michael



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Ron Whyte, Cecily McDonald, Tom Browne. *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:** Fr Clarence Leahy.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Annie Makim, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, 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.

✠ **For all those recently baptised:** **Alex John McInnerney** son of Christopher and Tameeka and **Scarlett Wynter Russon** daughter of Scott and Casey. *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. **Next Time: 16/10.**

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 and St Saviour's Race Day – Saturday, 2nd November – *Derby Day* at Clifford Park, 3pm to 10pm. Tickets available from St Saviour's Primary School office. \$75 each or two for \$140.

St Mary's College Old Boys Dinner. Saturday 19th October. Contact the College on 4631 7333.

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.



PLEASE NOTE: Due to an incident during the setting up of the floral display – PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR CARS!

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic? Each year people are invited to be part of a program that introduces them to the Catholic faith, leading to Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please encourage anyone you know that is interested to call the parish office on 4637 1500.

Thank you to Heritage Funerals for their kind donation each year to support the Floral Display at St Patrick's.

Police Remembrance Day Service: Everyone is welcome to attend this service to pray in remembrance of those police officers who have given their lives on duty and also to commend those who currently serve. The service commences at 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, 27th September 2019.

Thank you to all those wonderful creative people who have contributed to the beautiful and colourful display of flowers in St. Patrick's – Well Done!! Special thank you to Mary Schwartz, Sue Bauer, Michael and Janelle Petrie for overall coordination.

Sunday 22 Sept	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 23 Sept	9am Mass STM	5.30-7pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 24 Sept	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 25 Sept	7am Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Board Room 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 26 Sept	7am Mass	7.00pm Deanery Meeting
Friday 27 Sept	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Board Room 9.00am STM Anointing Mass 10am Police Remembrance Day Service in Cathedral 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 28 Sept	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Amand and Imani Mandikiza [FM] 4pm Wedding of Isabella Creed and Levi Power [FM]
Sunday 29 Sept	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Amy Schubel and Beau Beveridge [TD] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre

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