



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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 19 October/Sunday 20 October 2019

Readings this weekend:

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 120]

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

There are many things going on when we pray.

- We ask God to fulfil our dreams, often we tell God what we want for ourselves or for others based on our limited but urgent idea of what should happen: that's usually me-centred.
- Often our focus is on thanking God for what has happened or what is happening to ourselves or others: at its best that's God-centred.
- Often we are saying "sorry" to God for words and actions that one way or another involved turning our back on God or on other people. Failing to share with others by word and/or action the gifts of life and love God has given us.
- And sometimes our praying is totally God-centred: we stand [or sit or kneel] in awe, in adoration, in admiration, in worship of our God who is "All in All." And we listen!

Those "me-centred" prayers make little sense when we step back and consider. After all, God knows what we need without our asking, and God alone knows what is best for ourselves and for those for whom we are asking. Yet, prayers of asking are the kind that Jesus often recommends and what we call the "Lord's Prayer" includes this asking. So we should persevere with them. Whatever else may result from our telling God what to do [even if we phrase the words to look like humble requests] we do embrace the experience of turning to the "One Who Is", the God of all life and love, Our Father/Mother/Creator and opening our hearts.

Those who are blessed with self-confidence, and especially those in a position and of a mind to exercise power in this world, may see no need to turn to God in prayer. And, likewise, only those who can honestly acknowledge their lack of power, their "littleness" will turn to God. In that honest realisation lies the starting point for all listening to and speaking with God.

People from all walks of life, people in all kinds of situations come to realise their own littleness and then come to lay themselves open to the gifts God offers, whatever those gifts may be.

Opening our hearts to God's call, presence, gifts, challenges, opportunities, is the initial step in faith. And mysteriously faith and trust and confidence in God grow the more we allow God to be in charge. Listening to what God is saying to us, of course, will always be more important than what we say to God!

Hal Ranger

✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Vince Stephens, Patricia Bailey, Helen Smith, Shahid Islam, John Weatherall. *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:** Harry Moses, Fr Roger Burke.

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Maria Brown, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Annie Makim, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Leo Ryan, Tina Hobson, Michael Cuskelly, 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, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

✚ **Congratulations to these newly weds: Mathew Til and Saskia Pabsch.** *May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

✚ **For all those recently baptised: Amelia Rose Menhinnitt** daughter of Luke and Daniella, Hallie Beth Case daughter of Nathan and Fiona and **Florence Chae-A Park** daughter of Byungtae and Carmen. *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: 20/11.**

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.

At church without any change for the plate? You will now find a **Pay Point** located on the table at the Neil Street entrance. Simply tap your card – credit or debit – and you will donate \$10.00 to St. Patrick's Parish Community. Please consider an ongoing donation to assist us in our good works as a community.

St Patrick and St Saviours' Race Day – Saturday, 2nd November – *Derby Day* at Clifford Park, 3pm to 10pm. Tickets available from St Saviour's Primary School office, or through the parish office. \$75 each or two for \$140. Your ticket entitles you to free entry to Clifford Park, free drink on arrival, continuous food throughout the afternoon/evening and live entertainment. ***This is a wonderful opportunity to join with the parents and friends of St. Saviours to enjoy a day at the races. It would be lovely to have a good representation from the parish at this day. It is a fund raising day for the parish also!***
Look forward to seeing you there.



The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding their **RARE AND BEAUTIFUL variety sale** on Saturday 26 October at 71 Margaret St TOOWOOMBA, 6.30am to 12 noon. All funds go to assist the missions. For more information contact the Sisters on 46321818.

Sunday 20 Oct	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 21 Oct	9am Mass STM	Pupil Free Day 5.30-7pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 22 Oct	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 23 Oct	7am Mass	9.30am SPC Prayer Group in Board Room [except school hols] 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 24 Oct	7am Mass	
Friday 25 Oct	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Board Room 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 26 Oct	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Florence Park [PD] Combined World Mission and Propagation of the Faith Appeals
Sunday 27 Oct	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Combined World Mission and Propagation of the Faith Appeals 11am Baptism of Euna Algallar and Frederick Barclay [TD] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1458.00; Loose \$2535.70 : Sam and Fina Ginardi and Wendy Heelan		