



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 26 October/Sunday 27 October 2019

Readings this weekend:

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor. [Psalm 32]

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

It seems quite fitting that this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal was moved to this particular weekend. Today the Sacred Scriptures point to a reality which goes to the very heart of the Gospel: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor." Indeed, Christianity embodies this reality insofar as the mystery of the Incarnation *is* God's loving response to our poverty. The Lord looked upon our fallen state with compassion, and as St Paul says elsewhere, "though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor 8:9). Far from referring to earthly riches, this pouring out of self gives us access to true riches – the divine life given to us in the person of Jesus Christ.

And so, given that God deigned to humble himself to share in our humanity, there should be no surprise that our First Reading asserts "the prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and it will not rest until it reaches its goal" (Sir 35:21). Jesus himself exemplifies this reality in our Gospel with the parable of the tax collector who admits his sinfulness and brokenness before God, and so finds mercy. In contrast, the Pharisee's boast blinds him to the fact that he too is poor and broken, leaving no room for mercy. One of the things about this kind of blindness, which can affect us all from time to time, is that it can also blind us to the plight of the poor. If we see the poor as "other", then helping the poor will also end up being something "other". But if we realise that each and every one of us is poor, broken and sinful, that each of us carries the crucified Christ in our bodies, then the poor become one of us. What more reason do we need to reach out and help? how much more will our own prayer then also 'pierce the clouds'?

Friends, this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal goes towards helping Sr Stan Mumuni in Ghana in her ministry to provide education, healthcare and a safe home for children rescued from life-threatening situations. As their prayers 'pierce the clouds', I encourage all of us to consider contributing towards God's response to the cry of the poor by making a donation, envelopes for which you will find in the Cathedral. Recognising our own poverty, like the tax collector, we create room in us for God's mercy. Almsgiving in the right spirit can be an act of identification with the poor, an admission of our own poverty, and therefore a means of making room for God's mercy in our own lives.

Fr Thomas Duncan

✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Nicholas Johnson, Vince Stephens. *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 Edmund O'Donnell, Gussie Mahony, Fred and Selina Betros.

✚ **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: James Jeffery Moloney and Jasmine Leonie-Joan Grahame.** *May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

✚ **For all those recently baptised: 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!***



A warm welcome to **Maureen Crowley Heil**, joining us for all the Cathedral Masses this weekend. Maureen comes to us from the Archdiocese of Boston, USA, where she has been the director of Programs and Development for the Pontifical Mission Societies for the past 11 years. In addition to her Boston responsibilities she has inspired and encouraged people in Ecuador and Peru, in Jamaica and the Bahamas to include in their lives a commitment to the Church's Mission to bring the Good News of the Gospel to the people of the world: bringing the Good News by word and practical projects, by financial support of Missionaries and through personal involvement.

She has important long standing links with the Rome based official Ministry to all those countries which have limited (if any) experience of Christian life.

Maureen will bring to life the wide varieties of needs and responses out there in God's world – and challenge us to share our gifts.

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] 12pm Baptism of George Manley (MC) 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 28 Oct	9am Mass STM	5.30-7pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 29 Oct	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 30 Oct	7am Mass	9.30am SPC Prayer Group in Board Room [except school hols] 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 31 Oct	7am Mass	All Souls' Day 6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
Friday 01 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	All Saints' Day 9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Board Room 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 02 Nov	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Chelsea McCleverty [FM]
Sunday 03 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1342; Loose \$2118 : Kevin and Judy Lindores, Jim Harris		



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Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Have I mentioned how wonderful your children are lately! I am in awe of the children and staff and what they have achieved in the past week. There are many moments throughout our week, that we as staff make comment about how lucky we are to be teaching the children we have here at St Saviour's.

Year 5 Camp

What an absolute pleasure it was to accompany the Year 5 children and their teachers on their camp to Murphy's Creek last week. The children were amazing in the way they engaged and participated in the activities. The staff at Murphy's Creek were equally impressed with our children commenting regularly, "The best kids we have had for a very long time." The children were encouraging of each other throughout every task. A true credit to their parents and teachers. Congratulations Year 5 on your positivity, courage and respectfulness shown towards each other and your teachers. Over the next few weeks these students will engage in nominating and preparing for 2020 Leadership positions. Students from Years 4 – 6 will participate in the voting process and the positions will be announced at the End of Year Mass in Week 8. In Week 4, our Year 6 students will head to the Gold Coast for their final Primary School Camp. I wish the students and staff a great time together and pray the weather is kind to them. I will be attending the Leadership Forum, next week and in my absence, Sam Hannant will be in charge whilst Judy Smith accompanies our year 6 students and staff on camp.

COMBINED SCHOOL MUSICAL

WOW! What a spectacular show by the talented students of SSPS and SSC in the musical: Wizard of Oz over the weekend. Thanks to everyone involved for their dedication and hard work in ensuring a great few nights of entertainment. Many thanks to Mrs Anita McVeigh and Mrs Anne-Maree Spalding for teaching the students the songs and dances, to Mrs Emma Daniels for organising and sorting those incredible costumes and the many staff who helped out with supervision. Congratulations to all!

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (QCEC) VISITORS

Last Tuesday, we were fortunate to host visitors from QCEC, they came from as far as Townsville, Cairns, Rockhampton and Brisbane dioceses. Our school leaders accompanied me on a tour of our school where together we told the story of learning happening here at St Saviour's. Following is an email from one of the visitors:

To The Principal, Ms Madonna Sleba.

Thank you for inviting us to St Saviour's and allowing us to experience the quality students, staff, curriculum and culture of this fine school. We all agreed that each of us would love our own children and grand children to be part of your community.

I really enjoyed the interactions with students and staff and loved your innovative curriculum and caring whole school environment.

The school is a credit to your leadership and your staff's professionalism and dedication.

Forty years' experience in teaching and principalship enabled me to enjoy all the small things and great projects you are undertaking.

My warmest regards,

Kevin Garland,

Cairns Diocese QCEC rep

CONSISTENCY OF TEACHER JUDGEMENT (CTJ) DAY

On Monday 21st October, we joined with three other schools at Sacred Heart Primary School. I commend our teaching staff who organised and presented their teaching and learning journey of our STEM lighthouse project throughout the day. Staff were also able to engage with the other schools to see and hear about their Numeracy and Well-being projects. The sharing of ideas was greatly appreciated by all involved

Thanks for reading

Madonna Sleba

APRE News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has settled well back into the school routine, despite the many and varied interruptions, (camp/ musical/ Prep orientation etc) that is typical of Term 4. I wanted to just highlight a couple of key dates/ events coming up this term, particularly for our Year 5s and 6s.

Wednesday Nov 27 @ 9am:- Our end of year, **whole school Mass** at which all our current **Year 5s will be presented with their Leadership Badge and the elected positions will be announced.** This Mass will be held in the Cathedral Centre (Bingo Hall), and all family members are very welcome to attend. At this Mass we will also be farewelling staff and students who are leaving, including Mrs Liz Poulton who is retiring.

Friday Dec 6 @ 9am:- Year 6 Graduation will be held in the Mercy Centre. The ceremony will be followed by a light morning tea (traditionally supplied by Year 5 families), after which the 2019 school year concludes for the students.

We certainly look forward to sharing these special ceremonies with you and the students and they will be here before we know it.

THANK YOU:

While our weekly choir gatherings will continue on Wednesday mornings before school for the next few weeks, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our committed choir members who have turned up regularly to help lead the singing at 9am Mass. Last Sunday was our last such commitment for 2019 and once again we were amazed at the number of students in attendance on such a busy weekend. I realise that behind everyone of these students is a parent (or two) who has given up their Sunday sleep in so that their child can help out at Mass. Please know that your support is very much appreciated.

We could not do what we do without our wonderful staff, so again, sincere thanks to Miss Jo Cosgrove, Mrs Anne-Maree Spalding and Mrs Anita McVeigh. SSPS is truly lucky to have such people of talent who are so generous with their time.

THE ROSARY:

You may have had your child ask you or mention, The Rosary as during October each year we do make it a focus, as a special type of traditional prayer. This prayer looks different from Prep to Year 6 however, our hope is that our students will become familiar and use the Rosary at some time. This may be in conversation with grandparents or other family members. It is a good time too, to get out the Rosary beads if there are any at home and learn how to use them.

In the past, many students, parents and staff have said that the saying of the Rosary as a class group has been a positive experience.

DISCO for DROUGHT:

For your information, we are planning on holding a school disco on Thursday of Week 7, Nov 21 both to have fun and celebrate the coming end of the school year, but also to raise funds for drought affected communities. Please date claim this as there will be further information coming in the next few weeks.

Enjoy the rest of your week,

Judy