



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 2 November/Sunday 3 November 2019

Readings this weekend:

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22 -12:2

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever. my king and my God [Psalm 144]

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 19:1 - 10

REMEMBERING all those who lived before us

At the beginning of November each year and in many traditions throughout November we are invited to revisit the lives of family members, friends and occasional companions whose lives we have shared.

What we have and who we are today flows from the gifts and experiences we have inherited from those who have been "companions on our journey" and ancestors to whom, through God, we owe our lives. So these are days of thanksgiving, days of re-visiting their life stories, re-living their struggles, successes and decisions, their heroic goodness and their failures.

Every one of them, like every of us was a saint and a sinner.

I invite you, in these days, to find a quiet place and do some remembering: literally re-living, re-claiming the names of family, friends and companions on your life's journey. Recall their gifts, their influence, words of inspiration and encouragement, the hurts and disappointments associated (and still "alive"!) within your heart and memory. Do this in the faith and knowledge that the living God of truth, faithful love and mercy was and is touching your life through all of them. **Then talk with God about all of this.**

The final sentences of St Luke's Gospel record a conversation about life and death, memories and questions, the past present and future. Two followers of Jesus have decided after His death to go back to where they came from and begin again; there's a suggestion in the report that many hopes and dreams they had developed now seemed to be dashed by his death. It seemed to be "All over"!

As they walked the eleven kilometres from Jerusalem to their home village of Emmaus they are joined by a stranger who encourages them to talk more openly about their experiences of life and death ... what actually happened, what they thought should have happened, their hopes and their regrets. This expanded conversation, entered into in the light of the Sacred Writings that were the foundation of their Faith, brought new light and understandings about life and death. They began to see the bigger picture, especially when they invited the stranger to share a meal with them.

So I invite you, in these coming days, to expand your remembering, your sharing of stories and experiences about the saints and sinners of your family history to include current family members and friends.

In the sacredness of this remembering together we will, both within our family community, come to experience anew the Presence of God – profound love, mercy and new life!

Hal Ranger

✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Neil Barron, George Keryk, Bob Watson, Joan Phillip (Dalby), 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:** Fr William McGovern, Kathleen Hennessy, Rose-Mary (Jill) Ryan.

✚ **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, 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: Jack Anthony Bevis and Emma Kate Hintz.** *May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

✚ **For all those recently baptised: Chelsea Jade McCleverty** daughter of Christopher and Brianna. *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.

Children's Rosary St. Patricks Cathedral Sunday 10th November 2pm, international group, school ages.

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.

The **Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver** will be visiting us Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th November to tell us a little of their role in the mission of the Church. They wish to invite us to accept copies of their family mission publication *Echo from Africa & other Continents* and to consider subscribing. Subscription is by donation, suggestion only: \$20.00 annually (10 copies). Thank you.

SPRED...because no one should feel like a stranger in their own house. *SPRED aims to support the religious, spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of people with an intellectual disability by offering appropriate spiritual and religious experiences for faith development. Being a part of a SPRED group provides a bridge for persons with an intellectual disability that facilitates their full participation in the liturgical life of the Church.*

INVITATION TO FIND OUT MORE... Wednesday, 6th November 2019, 6:30–7.15pm. SPRED Centre, 34 Hume Street Toowoomba Ph. 4632 8427

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Mission Church Appeal. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations. If you are yet to return your Appeal envelope to the Parish, please do so over the coming weekends and the Parish will pass it on to Catholic Mission. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or the Extraordinary Missionary Month this October, please contact our friendly team on the number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact.

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Sunday 03 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 04 Nov	9am Mass STM	10.30am – Mass at Brodribb 5.30-7pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 05 Nov	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 06 Nov	7am Mass	9.30am SPC Prayer Group in Board Room [except school hols] 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 07 Nov	7am Mass	10am – Mass at Numylo
Friday 08 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Board Room 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 09 Nov	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Vivienne Chase [HR]
Sunday 10 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Theodore Benvenuti and Simon Todd [FM] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1030; Loose \$1828 : Jabour Hanna, Kate Gilloway, Craig or Amanda Hogan		



Principal

Year 11 Leadership Camp

At last Sunday's Gospel, we heard the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector who are both praying in the temple area. The Pharisee prays in thanksgiving that he is not like all the sinners, and proudly lists all his pious achievements. The Tax Collector stands to the back, and prayed, using the words, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' Jesus challenged those gathered, "whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted".

Leadership is not dissimilar. It's not a call to prestige, rather a 'handing over' of yourself to service. Over the past weeks, several of our Year 11 students have stepped up to nominate themselves for leadership positions, and have undergone speech making, interviews and voting in an effort to form our Student Leadership Team for 2020. This process was consolidated this week, with the Year 11 leadership camp to Cooby Dam. It was a time of great challenge and collaboration. I thank Mrs Hagemann and Mrs Doherty for working with the girls in the leadership process, and to Mrs Kim Murray, Mrs Mary Conaghan and Ms Lucy Leicht for supporting the girls over the three days. We look forward to the great contribution this group will make to the College in 2020.

College Sport

Last week, we gathered as a College community to celebrate the many achievements of our students in their sporting pursuits throughout 2019. It was wonderful to welcome Jackie Weatherby, to the College as guest Presenter. Jackie is an avid sportswoman, despite her daily struggle with Multiple Sclerosis. Many thanks to our Sport Middle Leader, Mr Greg Leathart, and Assistant Principal Administration, Mrs Linda Creedon, for their efforts in putting this celebration together.

Our Junior and Open girls are currently involved in a Rugby 7s competition on a Tuesday afternoon.

It really is wonderful to see the girls opening themselves up to these competitions in order to broaden their sporting experience and competitiveness. Well done to all players and coaches!

Year 12 'Last' Days

This time of year for our Seniors brings with it many 'lasts'. On Friday we celebrate our last assembly together, and their last ever day of full classes. Next week is their last school exam block. And the following week is their very last week of secondary school. We wish them well as they enter into this time of reflection and celebration and give thanks for the gift they have been for the College. I am sure there will be many memories to embrace over the coming days as you share these 'lasts' together. I look forward to celebrating this group with our community throughout the course of next week. Many thanks to all the staff working above and beyond to make these 'lasts' memorable.

And special prayers for our Graduating Class of 2019 as they experience their many 'lasts', including the preparation of exams next week.

Blessings for the coming week.

Sharon Collins
Principal

Assistant Principal - Mission and Wellbeing

Faith and Mission

Jesus himself was a teacher, for adults and for children. In fact, Jesus attested that there is much that adults can learn from children and welcomed them readily when others tried to send them away. This is evident in the reading from the Gospel according to Matthew;

Jesus Blesses Little Children - 'Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs. And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.'

We give thanks for all those who teach us and lead us closer to becoming our best selves.

World Teachers' Day

Acknowledgement and thanks - the College Student Representative Council, led by Mrs Juanita Doherty, gifted every teacher the floral gift of life on Friday, symbolising each person's contributing to student growth. Mrs Doherty is someone whom I hold in high regard. Every day, Mrs Doherty demonstrates an endless and selfless passion for student growth, development and pastoral care. Not one for the limelight, Mrs Doherty quietly and compassionately ensures each student in the College is supported and feels like a contributing and valued member of the College community.

Stay safe, and God bless,

Heather Hagemann
Assistant Principal - Mission and Wellbeing