



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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 9 November/Sunday 10 November 2019

Readings this weekend:

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full. [Psalm 16]

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38 [What is heaven like?]

A Countess, the Power of the Printed Word and a Missionary Congregation

In a way, you could say our Congregation, the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, was founded by the power of the printed word. A printed brochure inspired Countess Mary Theresa Ledochowska to work against slavery, and Mary Theresa's own printed publication eventually led to the foundation of our Congregation.

MARY THERESA was born in Austria, the eldest of the seven children of Polish Count Antony Ledochowski and Countess Salis Zizers of Switzerland. She grew up in the magnificent surroundings of Austrian nobility.

In 1885 she accepted a position as Lady-in-Waiting to Duchess Alice of the Tuscan Court. When given a pamphlet written by Cardinal Lavigerie founder of the Missionaries of Africa, she was shocked to learn of the horrific slave trade: to realize that so many people created in God's image, were being treated worse than animals. She read and re read his words to women: "If God has given you a writer's talent put it at the service of this cause. You will find none more noble."

Mary Theresa had remarkable gifts as a writer and so, in her free moments at Court, began to write plays and letters regarding the slave trade as well as editing a few pages on the missions entitled *Echo from Africa* as an insert in a Catholic periodical.

Mary Theresa hoped that, like herself, once people knew of the terrible realities of the slave trade, they would want to help fight against it. Her hopes became reality – with an unexpected result. Those who watched her plays and especially those who read the 'Echo' wrote to her with donations requesting that she forward the money to "the most needy missionary". Soon, the number of letters became so numerous that she had to make a decision: discontinue the mission work, or leave her position at Court. Courageously she left the Court.

Once free of Court duties, she began to develop 'Echo from Africa' as an independent publication. With her writer's talent and her heart full of love and compassion for the slaves, the number of subscribers grew rapidly.

As young women asked to join her, Mary Theresa realised that the surest way of guaranteeing the continuation of the 'Echo' and the mission work would be to found a Congregation of women religious. She received approval for her Congregation from Pope Leo XIII on 29th April 1894. By 1896 there were seven members in the core community and 500 helpers in various towns and villages of Austria and Germany who were giving several hours

of their time each week to the Missions. A German edition of *Echo* begun in 1889, and a Polish edition begun in 1893 were soon followed by editions in Italian, English, Portuguese, Spanish, French and Dutch. Vietnamese and Indian editions have commenced recently.

Today our work is still the same as that of our foundress: mission promotion and mission aid. The 'Echo from Africa' – now entitled 'Echo from Africa and other Continents' – is still our primary medium for raising awareness of the missionary activity of the Church and also much needed support for "the most needy missionaries".

We have convents in most countries of the world and though our communities are usually small, our mission helpers constitute a gigantic force of women and men desirous of assisting the missions from afar.

Would you also like to join us? Needed: 'person-power' to help set up for functions; Mission Committee Members, *Echo* subscribers; and prayers for missionaries. Thank you!



Blessed Mary Theresa Ledochowska. From her desk she not only edited her mission publication 'Echo from Africa', but also wrote thousands of letters to missionaries in need, to collaborators and benefactors.



Sr. Miriam Lorenz, one of Mary Theresa's spiritual daughters, continues her work of editing, writing and organising functions on behalf of the missions.



Sr Eileen SSPC

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Fr Martin Doyle (Brisbane), Trevor Turkington, Doreen Bielefeld, John Leo (Limerick, Ireland). *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 Cornelius Cahalane, Mary Costello.

✠ **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.

✠ **For all those recently baptised: Vivienne Elizabeth Chase** daughter of Ryan and Lara. *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.

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Mission Church Appeal. 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.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghan

Limited copies of the **2020 Columban Calendar** are available in the Parish Office at a cost of \$10 each.

Blue books containing **Advent Reflections** are now available. Please use the Pay Point to make a donation or place a donation on the collection plate. If money is difficult for you at this time, please take one.

On Sunday, 17th November, there will be a visiting **African Choir** leading the singing at the 9.00am Mass. It will be a wonderful expressive singing opportunity! There will be a morning tea afterwards and it would be appreciated if you could bring a plate to share.

Each year the St Patrick's community takes a moment to say **thank you** to all those who contribute on a volunteer basis to the life of the parish. So, whether you helped at Carnival of Flowers, or read at Mass, or sing in the choir, YOU are invited to a dinner on the 2nd December, at 6.00pm in the Cathedral Centre.

Communal Reconciliation will be on the 4th December, 9.00am at St. Thomas More's Parish and 5.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. A wonderful way to prepare for Christmas.



A big thank you to all those who attended the St Saviour's and St Patrick's Raceday. It was a fun filled and enjoyable day. Great opportunity for our communities to come together to celebrate. We are happy to announce a fundraising profit of \$5,500 to both the school and ourselves.

Sunday 10 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Theodore Benvenuti and Simon Todd [FM] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 11 Nov	9am Mass STM	5.30-7pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 12 Nov	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 13 Nov	7am Mass	9.30am SPC Prayer Group in Board Room [except school hols] 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 14 Nov	7am Mass	9am Mass at Yukana 10am Mass at Numylo
Friday 15 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Board Room 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 16 Nov	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation
Sunday 17 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Welcome to the African Choir! Followed by Morning Tea. 11am Baptism of Phoenix Humphries, Archer and Ryder Cannon [FM] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$2354; Loose \$2338 : Jenny Hurd, Helen Huddle		



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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

St Saviour's Primary and St Patrick's Cathedral RACE DAY

What a fantastic event. Thanks to our Race Day Committee for their organisation and hard work over the past months in making this day such a great success. We were privileged to have the generosity of several sponsors and donations that helped to support such a successful day.

Big shout out to our major sponsors, we couldn't do it without you!

Major Sponsors – Fortress Financial Solutions (Chris Black), Luke Brookman Electrical (Luke and Erin Brookman), SWIN (Peter Jackson), Vision Exercise Physiology (Adam and Bee King), Millmerran Flyash (Peter Dennis), Fix and Clean (Damen and Heidi Phillips), Blake Leifels Painting and decorating (Blake and Caitlin Leifels), Victoria Hotel Goondiwindi, Royal Hotel Goondiwindi, Maskill (Kim Maskill).

Raffle Sponsors – Christine Cosgrove, SWIN, Blake Leifels, Helen Moloney, Janelle Wann, Dan Eagleson, Cave Gym, Harvey Norman, Cake House (Katrina Allan).

Over 210 parents and parishioners were entertained and won fabulous prizes whilst mingling and enjoying each others company. Click on the link to the many photos taken of the fashions and fun on the day.

2020 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Next week, students from our Year 5 cohort who are considering a role as School or Vice Captain in 2020 will deliver their leadership speech. Each year I have been most impressed by the standard of delivery and level of confidence of the Year 5 students and I'm sure this high standard will be once again on show. Following the speeches, all students from Years 4-6 will vote. I thank them all for their interest and effort in being a leader and wish all candidates the best of luck next week. The announcement of next year's School and Sports Captains will be made at the end of year Mass on Wednesday November 27th 9:30a.m. at the Cathedral Centre.

Thank you for reading.

Regards,

Madonna Sleba

APRE NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Catholic Church in Australia has dedicated the month of November 2019 as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain. The initiative is called the National Prayer Campaign for Drought. There is a specially dedicated prayer as well as prayer slides and other prayer resources available on this website.

<https://www.catholic.org.au/drought>

SSPS students and wider schol community are supporting this initiative in at least three ways. We are sharing and saying the prayer during class time, we are communicating about the Prayer Campaign to our families and we are holding a fundraising Disco for Drought in two weeks time (Thursday of Week 7).

YEAR 5 VISIT to SALEM

Year 5LJ visited Salem nursing home on Tuesday of week five. These have been regular visits between both year five class every two weeks. The students have had a huge impact on the residents whose spirits are lifted during and after their visits. The students tell stories, sing songs and make arts and crafts with the residents. Mrs Wagner, Mrs Jarrett, Mrs Jackson and Mr Luck have been so proud of the compassion shown by the year fives during this service activity.



Enjoy the rest of the week,

Judy