

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 16 November/Sunday 17 November 2019

Readings this weekend:

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. [Psalm 97]

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19 [The End Times]

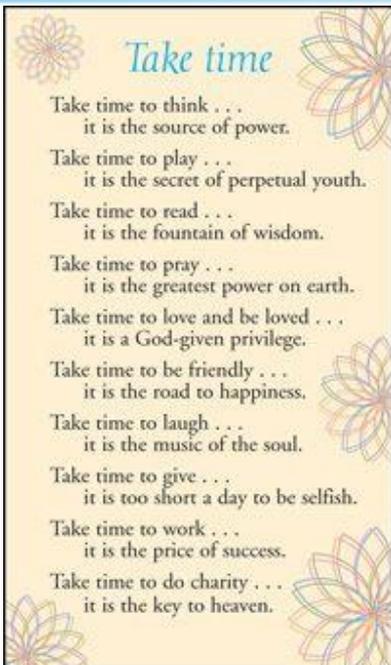
Take/Make Time.....

This lovely prayer card was held lovingly in my mother's Mass book for many years. It was a little reminder to take a little time each day to consider the beauty of living. To remember what is important and what our actions evoke in us. When reading today's gospel we might think that the end times are upon us already – wars, earthquakes, famines, violence and oppression! We are challenged to not give into these thoughts, but rather trust in a God that will not abandon us. We are invited rather to turn to prayer – for strength of faith, to see the goodness that is sometimes hidden, to strive to be that goodness for others.

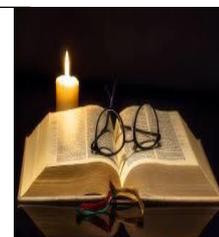
As we approach Advent we are invited to commit ourselves to a deeper search for our relationship with God that is beyond the disturbances of the world today. That requires us to "TAKE TIME" or in our busy world it really means to "MAKE TIME". I invite you to seriously consider what you will do during this Advent to walk with a God that is already by your side – to build a place in your day to see God in all things. This is an opportunity not to be missed, for you may not get another.

Challenge yourself to commit to a "way of prayer" this Advent!

Here are a couple of starting points.....



Lectio Divina is a way of contemplating and internalising a scripture passage. After taking a moment of quiet, read slowly and attentively a short piece of scripture, such as a parable. Then spend a little time meditating on what you have read. This doesn't mean analyzing the text, but rather simply holding it gently and ponder the words inviting the Holy Spirit to speak a word to you, which you then hold on to. Then use the word or phrase as a prayer. Ask yourself, what does this word or phrase ask of me at this time? Then lastly is simple contemplation asking the Holy Spirit to lead you driven by your prayer.



Scriptural Meditation invites you to open your imagination to being present with Christ at any time and experience of his earthly life. Find a passage from scripture, read it carefully and thoughtfully, noticing such details as - who is present, where the action is happening, what is being said, how people are reacting to Jesus. Then close your eyes and take a moment to listen to your breathing, imagine yourself in the scene you have just read. Watch, listen, and encounter Jesus. Talk to Jesus about what you need to learn.

TAKE TIME when you are in a queue, stopped at lights, sitting quietly to be aware of the prayers and worries that reside within you. Bring them to God, *let God in on your day*. Wake up in the morning and think about something you look forward to today – a cuppa with a friend, a quiet moment, a walk in the park, time with family. Always take the time to find something to look forward to each day. **MAKE TIME!**

Walk with God, Fr. Michael



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Joy Dingle, Marie Dare, Iris Upton, Margaret [Maggie] O'Shea, Olga Krazniewicz, Max Gobbert. *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:** Bernadette and Tony Aboud, Trish Cantwell [nee Lunney], members of the Klimkovicz family, Margaret Missen, Eddie Keenan, Fathers Charles Daly, Leo Hayes, Francis Leonard, Peter Murphy, John Dowd and William McCormack.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Eric Moloney, 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 Pamulaklak.

✠ **For all those recently baptised:** **Simon Francis Todd** son of Macallister and Louise and **Theodore George Benvenuti** son of Christopher and Kimberly. *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.

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.

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 2nd December at 6.00pm in the Cathedral Centre.

Please note change of date: Communal Reconciliation will be on 18th December, 9.00am at St. Thomas More's Parish and 6.00pm 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 Race day. 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.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL SPONSORS AND THOSE WHO DONATED PRIZES!

Horizons copies are now available. This issue features a tribute to Fr Peter Schultz.

Copies of **Australian Catholics** are also available.

St Patrick's conference of SVdP is seeking the generous support of parishioners for our Christmas hamper appeal. We are seeking non-perishable items such as canned hams, Christmas puddings and cakes, canned fruit and sweets. Collection boxes will be left at the front of the church **from 30th November to 15th December**.

Sunday 17 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9am *Welcome to the African Choir* followed by Morning Tea 11am Baptism of Phoenix Humphries and Archer and Ryder Cannon [FM] 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 18 Nov	9am Mass STM	5.30-7pm Choir Practice 5.30pm SPC Finance meeting
Tuesday 19 Nov	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls 6pm Parish Council meeting – Micah Centre
Wednesday 20 Nov	7am Mass	9.30am SPC Prayer Group in Board Room [except school hols] 5-6pm Holy Hour SPC 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 21 Nov	7am Mass	11.15am Anointing Mass in Cathedral Centre – <i>All Welcome!</i> [For catering purposes, please advise the Parish Office if you're attending.]
Friday 22 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Board Room 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 23 Nov	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Archer Kelly [TD]
Sunday 24 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1418.00; Loose \$2131.80 : Sandra and Peter Daly and Jan-Nell and Errol Chase		