



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – Year C Saturday 23 November/Sunday 24 November 2019

Readings this weekend:

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. [Psalm 121]

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 22:35-43 [Story of the Good Thief]

Recently I completed the first book of a trilogy, originally written in 1995, called "Northern Lights", part of the "His Dark Materials Trilogy" by Philip Pullman. Some may remember the movie, "The Golden Compass", which was from this first book. HBO has just launched a mini-series of the trilogy. It's an intriguing fantasy story of a little girl Lyra, aged 12, who is the key to finding the solution to what is happening and will end up being the hero of the story – much like just about every fantasy book I've read! However the way her character has been portrayed is interesting. Each person who lives in this place has a dæmon connected to them. A dæmon is an animal that reflects the person's core character and will be the best companion for them throughout life. This dæmon talks to them giving them advice and assistance, however they are also a source of vulnerability – for if your dæmon dies, then so do you, this is the intimate connection that is both gift and curse. The actual animal changes until a certain age and then it remains the same once life has chosen a path for the person, and their true character is revealed!

When I connected this to the upcoming period of Advent it made me wonder what animal would God choose for me as companion and assistant? Of course it is a totally philosophical question and one that perhaps opens a little window of reflection. It also invites us into a space that gets us to consider – what is my core character trait? – Why did I choose that particular animal? – What is it saying about me and the way I see myself in the world? It is simply a bit of fun, but it's interesting how different analogies and inner traits are mirrored back to us when we take the time to use this as a tool for reflection and meditation.

Last week I had the privilege to celebrate the Year 12 Graduation Mass at St. Ursula's. This particular class, when they began High School in Year 8 reflected on a symbol for their year which they would take with them throughout their schooling time. They chose the Hummingbird. At the Mass they reflected on the reasons for this choice:

*"Hummingbirds are among the smallest of all birds. Their incredible aerobatics means that they can fly up, down, backward and they can change direction in an instant and effortlessly shift from full speed to practically standing still in the blink of an eye. This is in part because of how light-weight they are, with some hummingbirds weighing no more than a 10 cent piece. May this remind us of our power of adaptability...being willing to step back, observe, look at things from a new perspective, and then quickly shift into action as needed. Their physical lightness is also a beautiful reminder for us too, to lighten up! If we let ourselves release the weight of doubt, fear and worry...like the hummingbird, our spirits can begin to hover and soar as we follow our path of joy. The way that hummingbirds hover is very symbolic in and of life itself – because they move their wings in a figure eight pattern – the symbol of infinity! In this, the hummingbird has a special way of teaching us to move beyond time, to heal what has happened in the past, and to fully center our presence and awareness in the moment that is now. We must remember that God's love for us is infinite and that God accompanies us on our journey. May our hearts light up and help us to transcend perceived barriers and limitations to awaken our spirituality as infinite spiritual beings created in the image and likeness of God. The hummingbirds drink from the nectar of flowers....they are always searching for the sweetness of life, teaching us to do the same. The humble hummingbird has much to teach us: **be a nectar collector and be sure to sip the sweet moments** ✨ **let your true colours glow** ✨ **don't get your feathers ruffled over the little things, be adaptable and agile** ✨ **be messengers of hope and jubilation** ✨ **to let our hearts be filled with the infinite love of the spirit** ✨"*

Have a wonderful hope filled week, Fr. Michael

✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Phillip Heffernan, Eric Moloney. *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:**

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Juanita Umipig, 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 Pamulaklakin.

✚ **Congratulations to these newly weds: Mitchell Lamb and Natalie Lancuba.** *May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

✚ **For all those recently baptised: Archer William Kelly** son of Matthew and Montana. *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.

ADVENT Holy Hour at the Cathedral: During Advent there will be adoration at St. Patrick's each Wednesday from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Why not take some quiet time to prepare for the celebration of Christmas! **(from 4/12)**

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.

Communal Reconciliation will be on 18th December, 9.00am at St. Thomas More's Parish and 6.00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral (following Adoration). A wonderful way to prepare for Christmas.

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.**

Charles Kitapindu would like to begin a **St. Pat's Multicultural Choir!** This choir would meet regularly to practice and enhance our celebrations from time to time. Anyone who is interested in being part of this exciting and enriching endeavour, you will find a folder on the table at the Neil Street entrance. Give it some thought!!

Ministers' Roster: A new Ministers' Roster will be drawn up this week. If you have any changes for the roster, please contact Gabrielle Saide after hours on 4632 4778. Blank rosters for Christmas will be available next weekend so please give some thought to your availability over this period or please advise if you will be absent.

Church Cleaning: A working bee will be held before Christmas – more on that soon! In the meantime the seats need dusting regularly. If you can help, please add your name to the blank sheets on the tables and bring your own dusting cloths.

Sunday 24 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 25 Nov	9am Mass STM	5.30-7pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 26 Nov	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls 11am Funeral Ministry meeting, Parish Centre
Wednesday 27 Nov	7am Mass	9.30am SPC Prayer Group in Board Room [except school hols] 9.30am St Saviours End of Year Mass in the Cathedral Centre 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 28 Nov	7am Mass	6pm SVdP meeting in Parish Centre
Friday 29 Nov	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Board Room 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 30 Nov	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Aurora Linke [TD]
Sunday 01 Dec	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	First Sunday of Advent – Year A 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1179.00; Loose \$2850.80 : Pat Power, Leo and Maureen McMahon and Eileen Stephen		