



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [Year C] Sunday 28 November, 2021

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

Responsorial Psalm: To you O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 When Christ comes may be strengthen your hearts in holiness.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Your redemption is near at hand.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Yes, that's right we enter into another liturgical year on the church's calendar. As we enter Year C we will encounter predominantly the Sunday gospels of St. Luke. As you will discover, Luke has a great interest in Jerusalem as the centre of Christ's destiny and place of our salvation. Unlike the other gospels, Luke begins and finishes the story of Christ in the great city. We will journey through the eyes of Luke in his unique telling of the message and footsteps of Emmanuel – "God is with us".

Advent brings to us a challenge and an opportunity. Firstly an opportunity to take a moment in the busy-ness of our everyday lives. It's not like Lent – we are not called to stop and reflect inwardly, but rather to look outwardly. To do this successfully though, we do need some time to pause and gather our hopes and dreams close to us. It is a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. A time to be sensitive to those who may be celebrating a different Christmas than previous years due to the loss of a loved one, a job or other immense change during 2021. Advent invites us to call to mind the sense of not walking alone. It reminds us that we are all on a common journey, we all walk this earth together.

During the month of November you were invited to write the name of a loved one who has died onto a memory stone, then to place that stone into the large vase on the table. There is something very tactile and practical about writing the name of someone we love – such as the padlocks of love on the bridge over Pont des Arts in Paris, symbolising a connection that can never be broken. I remember when I was in Jerusalem at the church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place Jesus was buried and noticing all the crosses carved roughly into the pillars and posts of the church entrance. They had been placed there by crusaders as they returned to give thanks to Christ for their safe return.



When people travel the Camino trail in Spain they never travel alone. They are invited to pick up a stone to remind them of someone they love, who could not be with them on this journey. They carry that stone with them as they walk the trail. Each day they hold the stone and remember the person who spiritually walks with them. At the end of the trail they are invited to cast the stone away as an indication of completion of a journey, but also in some cases a little of letting go and giving that person's life into God's hands.

The liturgy group thought this was a wonderful understanding of the common journey we are on, with not only those living but those who have gone before us into God's kingdom. With that in mind you are invited to take a stone from inside the vase during this week and next weekend and take a moment to pause and pray for the person who is named on that stone. Then take it home and cast it into your garden somewhere, giving that person into the everlasting care of a God who knows everyone by name.

So may God bless your Advent journey, for you never travel alone – God and the everlasting witnesses travel with you.

God's blessings on your week, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Ellen Klease, Richard Jones, Ernesto Ngo, Barbara Jimmieson and those who have died from Covid-19. 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:** Bryce Bird, Mickey Conlan.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Addison McEwan, Jenny Werth, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, 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, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering from Covid-19.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

AS A THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS at ST PAT'S there will be a Christmas Party on Monday 13 December at 6pm in the Cathedral Centre. Please advise the office if you would like to attend: admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500 before 6/12/21.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION will be available at St Patrick's at 10.00am on the 8th December, and at St Thomas More's at 6.30pm on the same day.

SVdP CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL: Collection boxes at the front of the church until Sunday 5 December.

A Christmas Cent Sale run by The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver is being held at the Cathedral Centre 123 Neil on Saturday December 4. Doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Great prizes on offer as well as a raffle including a homemade Christmas cake, ham, fruit tray and more. A pre-packed afternoon tea will be provided. Entry is \$5.00 including a free sheet of tickets. Sisters can be contacted on 46321818. All proceeds go to the missionary poor.

St Pat's are looking for someone to spray the church, as it is a legal requirement, after 6pm, 7am and 9am Masses each weekend, on alternate months starting in 2022. Renumeration of \$100 per week. Would suit school or uni students. Training and PPE will be provided. Enquiries: admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

Information Package for the **2022 Sacramental Program** is now available, please contact the Parish Office; admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500, we are happy to email the information package.

THANK YOU from the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver! We enjoyed meeting so many more parishioners last week-end. Several families subscribed to the 'Echo', and please remember it is never too late to do so! We also received \$700.00 in donations for which we are very grateful, as are missionaries working in countries where there is no government assistance during Covid lock-downs. Thank you again for your welcome and generosity.

ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you are able to assist with any of the ministries over Christmas, please put your name on the roster available on the table near the Neil Street entrance. **Please note:** there will be two venues for the Christmas Eve 6pm Masses **ONLY** – Cathedral and Cathedral Centre. Thanks from the Liturgy Committee.

ST PAT'S WORKING BEE. We need help to clean the "sticky" pews in the Cathedral. If you are available on Sat 11 December 9am–12pm and/or Tuesday 14 December 8am–12pm. Masks and gloves will be provided. Even if you can only give an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Please advise the parish office if you can help; admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500

Sunday 28 Nov	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Walter Deacon & Grace McCarthy 12pm Baptism of Mabel Bateman 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 29 Nov	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 30 Nov <i>Saint Andrew</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7.00pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 1 Dec	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 2 Dec	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 3 Dec <i>Saint Francis Xavier</i>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 4 Dec	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	8-9am Reconciliation SPC 10am Baptism of Patrick Bauer 11am Baptism of Ruby Seaniger
Sunday 5 Dec	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Ollie O'Donnell 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving: \$762; Loose: \$554; Paypoint: \$540. Helen Hoddle, Mick Cuskelly, Joanne Meacle Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's. Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number. Thank you		