



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 17:22-24. I have made the small tree great.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34. The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

### **Confirming – Affirming each other!**

Every now and again we all need to re-examine ideas and practices that we have taken for granted: to “pull back the veil” a little and come to new awareness and fresh understanding.

During the past two weeks I talked with two grandmothers who were really worried about their grandchildren, neither of whom had been baptised. For both of them the baptism of newly born infants was central to opening up the gates of Heaven for them and launching them into a Christian life.

One grandmother actually confessed that she has resolved her concerns (in part) by quietly baptising her grand-daughter one morning when she was “baby-sitting”. She had not yet even told the child’s parents about this.

Well our discussion progressed to a lengthy discussion about the practice of Baptism through the centuries and the different understandings and practices across various Christian traditions today. We found ourselves sharing ideas about Limbo, about God’s all-embracing love, about initiation into the Christian community, about the various implications and consequences of Baptism and Confirmation ... all of which are worth revisiting in more depth.

A few thoughts about Confirmation are shared in this short article – topical because there have been celebrations of Confirmation very recently in St Patrick’s Cathedral and in St Thomas More’s Church.

The word “Confirmation” is full of meaning, indeed a number of important meanings.

- News that something has happened often remains private, a bit like a rumour, until it is confirmed. The news then becomes accepted as truth, it is taken seriously, it’s implications are for real, it changes the way things were.
- **So the formal visit of the Bishop, the Church family’s ordained leader, to confirm the membership of young women and men within that Church community, is meant to change things. Membership, presence within the community is affirmed, is to be taken seriously with real implications. A question and challenge for all of us is inherent in the recent Confirmation celebrations.**
- As well as it being a Sacramental experience there is a broader meaning of Confirmation. All too easily we take one another for granted – at our worst we “knock others”, cut them down to size, put them in their place. Being part of a Christian community places on each of us a responsibility to confirm the value, the dignity, the God-given gifts of each other – calling and enabling the inherent goodness of every creature – and to especially rejoice and affirm the presence and action of God in and through our newly confirmed members.

I intend to send a message of encouragement and confirmation to our young sisters and brothers. You might consider doing this as well.

Hal Ranger

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** 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:** George Saide, Fr Thomas Sweeney [1995], Fr John Sinnott [1989].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,** Mary Johnston, Regina Albion, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Graham McGovern, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), 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.

**TRY BOOKING:** On the parish website ([www.stpats.org.au](http://www.stpats.org.au)) you will find TryBooking is now available for the month of June. **YOU MAY BOOK ALL OF THESE EVENTS IN ADVANCE.** Any queries please phone St Pat's office on 4637 1500.

**Unit for Rent:** One bedroom unit for an actively independent person around 60 years of age or older at St Patrick's Community Village is available for rent. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office. [Single unit rent \$162.50 per week].

**Anointing Mass:** St Thomas More's will be celebrating an anointing Mass on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.30am. This will be combined as an anointing Mass for St. Patrick's as well. Please feel free to come along for anointing.

**St Patrick's Choir** are looking for new members. Come to practice on Tuesdays 5.30pm – 7pm, (access choir through back door of church from Lawrence St carpark) or phone Vicky 0428 781 209.

**CATHOLIC LEADER** now available for this month on the welcoming table. Please feel free to take a copy and pay another time. Better in your home than on our table!

**Please note change to Adoration during the winter months – 7.30am – 8.30am on Thursdays.**

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:** Please find envelopes to contribute to this collection on the welcoming table. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

**The St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul** is holding a **WINTER APPEAL** to raise money to purchase blankets and weatherproof jackets for those in need at this time. Demand for help is particularly high due to the rising levels of homelessness in this area. Envelopes are available on the table in the Eastern Transept and can be placed in the **SVDP Poor Box**.

Thank you for your generous support. *Terry Ryan, St Vincent De Paul Conference President.*



<b>Sunday 13 June</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	11am Baptism of Haddie Lax & Nash Kuhl 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 14 June</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tuesday 15 June</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>6.30am Rosary SPC</b> 5.30pm Choir Practice
<b>Wed 16 June</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting in Parish Centre
<b>Thurs 17 June</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>7.30am – 8.30am ADORATION at SPC during the winter months.</b>
<b>Friday 18 June</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 19 June</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Hugh Pauli & Leo Almaas
<b>Sunday 20 June</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	10.30am Baptism of Maya & Archie Horsfall 11.30am Baptism of Frankie Horner & Flynn Nissen 12.30pm Baptism of Harper Acquisto 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$1459; Loose:\$532; Paypoint:\$670. Helen Huddle, Mick Cuskelly, Jo Meacle Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		