

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

Sunday 1st August, 2021

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 24-35 Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

I always find it helpful and inspiring to go back to the writings of the early Church, to the very roots of Christianity, in order to learn what it means to be a Christian in our own day. What better way than to read St Paul's letters, which have the double weight of being written just a couple of decades after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, as well as being included in the Bible itself. In our second reading today, we hear an excerpt from St Paul's letter to the Christians in Ephesus. St Paul urges them not to go on living as the pagans live, that is, "in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart" (Eph 4:17-18). In other words, those who do not yet know Jesus Christ walk in a certain darkness of understanding and separation from God. Therefore, the Christian must never allow themselves to be influenced or to live by the practices and precepts that come from such a Christless culture or mindset. Rather, St Paul continues, the Christian is "to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph 4:23-24).

Although the Western world is founded upon Christian faith in many ways, it's clear that it is becoming more and more characterised by a rejection of that faith, becoming an increasingly pagan culture. We see this exemplified in the rise of new age and pantheistic religion, the increase of gender ideologies, the aggressive push for society to accept the various forms of simulating the marriage covenant, as well as the murder of unborn children and medically assisted suicide. It's at such a time as this that we Christians need to hear once again the words of Scripture and the mind of the early Church *not* to allow ourselves to be formed by the pagan mind, which is "darkened" and "alienated from the life of God". Rather, this is the precise time for us to allow the "spirit of our minds" to be "renewed" by putting on "the new self" which is "created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph 4:23-24). No one can do this by themselves! This kind of transformation can only happen if one has their gaze fixed firmly on Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who is that very "likeness of God". He has given us the Scriptures and the Sacraments – particularly that of Confession and Eucharist– which manifest and renew his grace within us and contain everything we need for this saving transformation.



Blessings for the week ahead, Fr Tom.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Kevin Booth (Beenleigh), Kade Handford 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:** Majella Richmond, Martha Betros, Fr Peter Schultz [2019].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Jenny Werth, 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, 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 TO RESUME: From Saturday, 31st July, the 1st Rite of Reconciliation will again be available at St Patrick's. This will be at the new time of **8.00am – 9.00am** on Saturday mornings. However in order to continue this practice you must sanitise your hands and check in using the Queensland Check in App. Should you not be able to do this you MUST leave your details on the sheet provided so that it can be entered later. If there is an obvious failure in these areas, regular reconciliation times will cease. Please keep in mind that these requirements are for the safety of all, and using the Queensland Check in app maintains confidentiality when attending reconciliation. Thank you for your cooperation, Fr. Michael.

CELEBRATING SAINT JOSEPH: As you would be aware this year is dedicated to the life of St Joseph and his important place in the life of Jesus. You are invited to spend some time in prayer and adoration at St. Patrick's. The day will begin with 7.00am Mass using the Votive Mass for St. Joseph. This is followed by each hour beginning with a reflection and prayers for St. Joseph, finishing at 1.00pm. Adoration will occur throughout. Come for whatever amount of time you are able to commit to. Please put the 16th October in your calendar now to celebrate this Year of St. Joseph.

Fr. Tom's Final Mass will be on Sunday, 29th August at 9.00am. This will be followed by a farewell morning tea. We will have the opportunity to wish him well in his new appointment as Parish Priest in Roma.

Morning Teas will resume at St. Patrick's! Each fortnight after Fr. Tom's farewell it is hoped we will have a morning tea after each 9.00am Mass. The first on the 12th September will incorporate the St Saviour's Primary School children singing and children's liturgy will be available, so please put this into your diary NOW! Morning teas are not just social events, but an opportunity to connect with people in the parish. These morning teas will be hosted by the Parish Council, so there is also an opportunity to share ideas, thoughts, suggestions and to identify things that are going well. See you there!

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.

ST PATRICK AND ST SAVIOUR'S RACE DAY: Please give this consideration! It contributes to our funds each two years. The event is on the 30th October at Clifford Park beginning at 4pm with entertainment, dinner and auctions. Tickets now available from St. Saviour's School Office or via direct debit. See St Patrick's website for more details. Ticket prices: \$85 single, \$160 double.

PLANNED GIVING: Thank you for continuing to support our Parish via planned giving envelopes. Should you wish to join our Planned Giving program to support the ongoing operations of your Parish, please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500 or email admin@stpats.org.au Thank you for considering joining our planned giving program. God Bless.

Sunday 1 August	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 2 August	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 3 August <i>Saint Dominic</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30pm Choir Practice
Wed 4 August <i>Saint John Vianney</i>	7am Mass SPC	
Thurs 5 August	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 6 August <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	Fr Michael away on holidays until 23 rd August. 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Sat 7 August	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism of Andrew Michael Shevlin
Sunday 8 August	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Cara & Kohen Roberts 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$918; Loose:\$809; Paypoint:\$710. Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		