

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [Year B]

Sunday 2nd May, 2021

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31. He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24. His commandments are these; that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8. All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Year of St Joseph (December 8th 2020 to December 8th 2021). [Part Two]

We continue the summary of Pope Francis' proclamation, "Patris Corde" [With a Father's Heart], with the final three insights from his personal reflections on the life of St. Joseph. Pope Francis describes him as a *creatively courageous father*. "If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage." As we read the story of Christ's birth we may wonder why God did not act more in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Through several trials St. Joseph gives life to the new born child – finding a stable to sleep in, escaping Herod because of a dream. "God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage." We are challenged to do the same. Pope Francis goes on to describe Joseph as *a working father*. "Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour." Pope Francis reminds us all that whatever work we do we participate with God to become creators of the world around us. "How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living?....The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!" Finally, St Joseph is *a father in the shadows*. "Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking responsibility to care for that child." To love a child is to give it all the possibilities the world can offer. It means allowing freedom of decisions. St. Joseph "never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focussed instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus." Ultimately fathers offer the gift of freedom – like Joseph who, "found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. His patient silence was a prelude to concrete expressions of trust. The world today needs fathers." At the beginning of this section Pope Francis quotes from a book by Jan Dobraczynski, "The Shadow of the Father", who uses the image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship with Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way." At the end of this reflection Pope Francis says, "In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust". And a shadow that follows his Son."

So I invite you to spend some time over this year to reflect on the message and life of St. Joseph. To pray for his help in our everyday lives. May God be with every father, strong or struggling this day.

Don't forget a copy of this proclamation is available from the parish office.

God's Blessings, Father Michael

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.



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catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Garry Hanson (Sydney), Malcolm Dann 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:** Tom Whiteley, Kath Whiteley, John Armstrong, Martin, Collins and Logan families, Fr William Murphy [1983], Fr Brian Moran [1997].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,** 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

Please make sure you have a **GREEN** sheet to explain the process of TryBooking and the other options that are available. Extra copies are available on the table. Thank you for your cooperation. A huge thank you to Celia and Melissa in the office for all their work on this future approach! Much appreciated. Fr. Michael

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

DATE CLAIMER: St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Saviour's Race Day will be held on Derby Day, Saturday 30th October. Featuring free entry to the Twilight races and musical entertainment. Dinner included. More information and pricing will be revealed later. If you would like to be a sponsor on the day please contact Sam Hannant at St Saviour's school on 4637 1600. **Please put this date in your calendar NOW!**



Unit for Rent: One bedroom unit for an elderly person 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.

Some updates from the Dean.....

You may have noticed that there isn't much going on regarding the refurbishments to the Cathedral presbytery! Currently further discussions are occurring between the Heritage office and the engineers. Hopefully a compromise and understanding of the proposed work can be reached. It was always the intention to maintain the outside exactly as is keeping its age old look. So hopefully some progress will be made soon. The St Patrick's grounds committee met again last week with the input from a local landscaper. Due to the area on Neil Street side of the Cathedral, where many people park will be eventually fenced for the vehicles connected to the refurbishments in the presbytery the focus was on the front fence line and the western side of St. Pat's. We would like to install some display garden beds along the front fence line in August for planting in September, so those passing will see some floral display. The hope for the western side is the creation of a restful reflective and prayerful place. Any ideas or thoughts you have, feel free to pass them on! God Bless, Fr. Michael

Sunday 2 May	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Bonnie Case 12pm Baptism of Isaac Pickersgill 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 3 May <small>Saint Phillip and James</small>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 4 May	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary
Wed 5 May	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting in the Parish Centre
Thurs 6 May	7am Mass SPC	5pm – 6pm ADORATION at SPC
Friday 7 May	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 8 May	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Bobbie Weston
Sunday 9 May	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Harrison Venz 12pm Baptism of Greeny Perera 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: \$1054; Loose: \$740; Paypoint: \$710 Helen Hoddle, Mick Cuskelly and Joanne Meacle.
Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.