



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C]

Sunday 16 January, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ALLELUIA!

Gospel: John 2:1-11 The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

As we are now well and truly into 2022, it's probably a good time to ask you, "How are your New Year's resolutions going?" One that I make every year is to aim to read 26 books through the year – roughly one a fortnight. I managed to achieve it last year – reading the final pages of a book on New Year's Eve! Just for your information here they are: *Someone Like Me*, by M.R. Carey, *The Angel of Waterloo*, by Jackie French, *Still, Olive*, by Elizabeth Strout, *The Constant Rabbitt* by Jasper Fforde, *Earthsea*, by Ursula K LeGuin, *A Traveller at the Gates of Wisdom*, by John Boyne, *Klara and the Sun*, by Kazuo Ishiguro, *Sweet, Sweet Revenge Ltd*, by Jonas Jonasson, *Eleonor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, by Gail Honeyman, *The Bookshop of Yesterdays*, by Amy Meyerson, *The Memory Police*, by Koko Ogawa, *The Titanic Secret*, by Clive Cussler, *The Monogram Murders*, by Sophie Hannah, *The Starless Sea*, by Erin Morgenstern, *First Singular Person*, by Murakami, *Girl in the Walls*, by A. J. Guse, *Bye, Bye Baby*, by Fiona McIntosh, *The Shut Ins*, by Katherine Barbon, *Nocturnes*, by Kazuo Ishiguro, *Beautiful Death*, by Fiona McIntosh, *Ariandne*, by Jennifer Saint, *The Crimson and the White*, by Michael Faber, *Of Mutts and Men*, by Spencer Quinn, *The Heart of Barkness* by Spencer Quinn, *Mirror Man* by Fiona McIntosh, and *The Story of Echoes*, by Christine Dabos.

As you can see there is a fair variety of authors and genres and themes. I like to find a book that opens my mind, and heart to something inviting and maybe a little challenging. Some also are simple murder mysteries and the like. These I call my "sorbet" books – a light book to cleanse the palate between serious ones! Some I like the authors' way of writing so like to return to their style and characters – like visiting a place you know well or putting on your favourite comfortable shoes. Some are just for fun – the Spencer Quinn books feature a dog who does the narration! But they all bring insight and joy – and the odd challenge to my year. There were a couple of other books that I couldn't finish even though I tried a couple of times to get into them – life's too short to worry about that! Like many things in life, they are let go of, and time to move onto something new.

The book I have begun 2022 with is the new book by Trent Dalton - *Love Stories*. It's a wonderful telling of people's love stories. Trent explains that he sat in various popular places around Brisbane's CBD with a sign that simply said, 'Sentimental writer collecting love stories. Do you have one to share?' His main premise was that due to the pandemic people have become more aware of those things that are important, and remembering what we love and why, is one of those focussing points. He had no trouble getting material. The stories will make you laugh, and cry – they will make you ponder and hope – they will bring you to a comfortable place that reminds you that everyone has a love story – what's yours?



We know our faith love story which is Christ's birth, so we can know how much God loves each one of us. So as we move into 2022 what is your love story? Have you ever told anyone? Would you – could you? At least tell God! The divine with us knows it already but wants to hear us articulate it in prayer and quiet, gentle discovery of the love that exists around us. Much like today's gospel, we are reminded that sometimes Jesus keeps the best wine to last! Drink deeply of that wine this year.

God's Blessings on telling your love story..... Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**, Cassan Cowman, Lynette Hafey, Marlene Green, Dr Anthony John Koop [Sydney], Basil Morrissy 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:** Paul James Sullivan, Jacinta Amalemba, Michelle Gulavic.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Fr Raymond Sweeney, Angelina Santa Lucia, Addison McEwan, 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.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY.

St Pat's 2022 Sacramental Program is due to start in Term 1. If you would like an information package please contact the Parish Office; admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

World Day of Prayer will be held at St Theresa's Parish Centre, cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Friday 4 March commencing at 10am. The guest speaker for 2022 will be Elaine Morzone. Morning tea will be served following the service. The 2022 prayer service has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme "I know the plans I have for you", based on the passage from Jeremiah 29: 1-14. "Bibles for Bubs", an initiative of The Bible Society, is the project for this year. Any further enquiries, please contact: Mary Otto office@sttheresas.org.au

Unit for Rent: We have a one bedroom unit available for rent, which would suit an actively independent person. 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 to the Parish Office.

Holy Name class of 1952 Reunion has been postponed due to COVID. It was to be held on Saturday 5th February. Hopefully the reunion will be rescheduled later in the year.



100 Years of the St Joseph's Church, Dalby – GEM OF THE WEST

Anyone who would like to delve into the history – the people and the place, copies of the centenary book is available from the St. Patrick's Office for the cost of \$35.00. Both Fr. Hal and Fr. Michael spent some years at Dalby – time to spill the beans.....

Sunday 16 Jan	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Jensen Smith 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 17 Jan <i>Saint Anthony</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 18 Jan	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC
Wed 19 Jan	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 20 Jan	7am Mass SPC	No Adoration during January
Friday 21 Jan <i>Saint Agnes</i>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 22 Jan	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am 10am Baptism of Marco Suman 11am Baptism of Georgia Gough 12pm Baptism of Sophie Brennan 1pm Baptism of Alec Brown
Sunday 23 Jan	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Eleanor & Freya Vink 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.
Planned Giving: \$1171 Loose: \$616 Paypoint: \$580. Sandra and Peter Daly, Jan-Nell and Errol Chase.

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