

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

Sunday 4th July, 2021

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5. The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6. A prophet is despised only in his own country.

He was amazed at their lack of faith....

During this past week we celebrated the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. In days gone by this date was the date most Priests were ordained. This year we celebrate the Jubilee's of Fr. Mick Carroll (60 years) and Fr Michael Peters (50 years). A milestone in their priestly lives, and in September you are invited to celebrate with them and the Diocese.

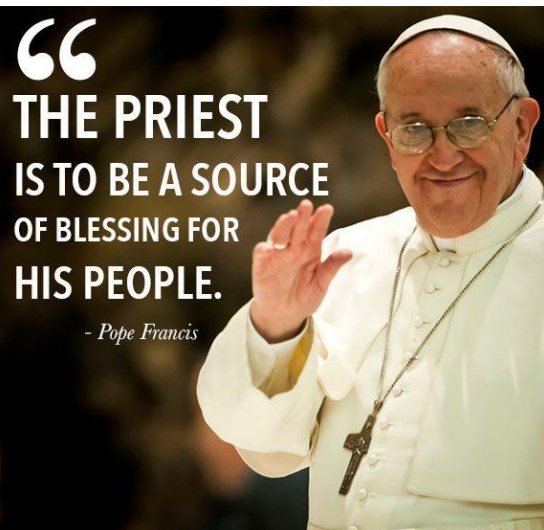
I always think that one of the beautiful gifts that newly ordained Priests bring to the Diocese is a renewed energy, excitement and spirit that brings alive the church's rich depth of prayer and spirituality. You can imagine (or perhaps you remember) when there were 4 or 5 Priests ordained each year, and the impact that would have in the life of the Diocese. In a real sense this kept the Diocese in touch with a changing church and world as young men came filled with ideas of how our faith could be expressed with new creativity as they put into practice what was learnt over the last seven years at the Seminary.

Another side of this process of returning to the Diocese is that many Priests challenged practices that had been in place for a long time, or they challenged the way some areas of faith were understood by people, or they challenged people by a renewed understanding of liturgy. This reminds me of a little story I heard years ago, I think from Fr. Tony O'Keefe actually – "As the Priest was standing in the sacristy, newly ordained and very keen after Vatican II to put into practice some ideas around liturgy that had changed the church and as he prepared for Mass, the lady sacristan of many years came up to him and said, "Just Mass today thanks Father!"

Today's gospel serves to remind us of those people who challenge our way of thinking and the practices we sometimes cling desperately to. Not everything new is right or indeed wrong, so we are called to discern the value of what is being challenged, rather than discount it immediately. Whilst they despised Jesus – someone they thought they knew, but now encounter a person that challenges their way of thinking and acting, they did recognise his wisdom and ability to perform miracles, but because they wouldn't let go of their past understanding of Jesus, he was amazed at their lack of faith.

When I remember the energy and creativity as I began in Dalby 22 years ago, I thank God for the people that encouraged me and shared my journey. The older people who embraced some change and the younger ones who walked with me offering further ideas and innovations - I am humbled by their support. So let us listen to those voices that challenge us in life, and not ignore them!

God Bless, Fr Michael



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Ron Ruthborne, George Matthew (India) 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:** Fr Simon O’Dea [1975], Fr Ralph Underwood [1988], Fr John Clancy [2015].

✠ **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.

PRIEST APPOINTMENT: Congratulations to Fr. Tom Duncan who has been appointed Parish Priest of Roma. His appointment will begin on 1st September, Feast of Our lady of the Southern Cross, patron of the Toowoomba Diocese. I’m sure you join me in praying that this experience will strengthen and deepen his ministry as he walks with the community of Roma and district. Please keep Fr. Tom in your prayers. There will be further announcements of Priest appointments next week. Fr. Michael.

PRIESTLY JUBILEES: Each year we take a moment to celebrate the life of Priests who have reached a milestone in their Priestly life. This year we celebrate two – Fr. Mick Carroll (60 years) and Fr. Michael Peters (50 years). Bishop Robert extends an invitation to you to attend the Mass and light lunch to follow. The Jubilee celebration will be on the 7th September at St Patrick’s Cathedral commencing at 11.00am. You will be required to have the Queensland Check In App ready to use to register your attendance on the day. If you are unable to use the app, provision will be made for your attendance. For catering purposes please call the Cathedral office on 4637 1500 or email admin@stpats.org.au if you wish to attend the light lunch which will follow the Mass. All arrangements subject to current Covid 19 restrictions.

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.

BANNERS IN THE SANCTUARY: Thank you to the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office for supplying these banners depicting scenes from our schools, as Australia celebrates 200 years of Catholic education. They remind us of the wonderful gift that Catholic Education is to Australia through its many talented teachers and students. May we continue to bring faith and knowledge to all those involved for many years to come.

PLANNED GIVING: *Thank you for continuing to support our Parish via planned giving envelopes. Please collect your envelopes from the side entrance table. Should you wish to join our Planned Giving program to support the ongoing operations of your Parish, the options are:*

Direct Debit–from your bank account / Direct Debit–via credit card / Envelopes

However, if you are unable to commit to the above, your continued support via cash or Paypoint are greatly appreciated. To pursue any of these options, please contact the Parish Office on 4637 1500 or email – admin@stpats.org.au Thank you for considering joining our planned giving program. God Bless.

Sunday 4 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Hayden Duffus 12pm Baptism of Raphael Nguyen 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 5 July	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 6 July	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30pm Choir Practice 6.00pm Parish Council Meeting SPC
Wed 7 July	7am Mass SPC	
Thursday 8 July	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 9 July	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 10 July	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Maria McKie 12pm Baptism of Luka Sheather
Sunday 11 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$1370; Loose:\$632; Paypoint:\$610. Sam & Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick’s.		



As from 9th July the Queensland QR App is **compulsory** in all places throughout Queensland. This includes places of worship. We will be introducing the use of this app from next weekend, **3rd/4th July.**

Firstly a HUGE thank you to all those who have assisted with the process of signing people in for Mass. It has been a big task and we thank you as a community for your commitment to this!!

This means:

- No more need to use trybooking;
- The use of parish numbers will no longer be valid;
- We can have capacity seating – you may sit wherever you wish;
- You will need to check in using the Queensland App on your phone or Ipad;
- Should you not have a phone, **we MUST** check you in. However it will be much quicker and easier for you to use your own device;
- If you have trouble downloading the app, please contact the parish office for assistance.

The following advice has been provided by the Queensland Government:

When using the new Check In Qld app to help keep you COVID safe the next time you visit St Patrick's Cathedral all you need to do is -

- ✓ Visit www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld for links to download the app from Google Play or Apple App stores;
- ✓ Enter you details once when you first open the app;
- ✓ Open the app when you next visit us;
- ✓ Select “Check in Now” and scan or enter our code.

Using this digital check in means your details will be stored securely by the Queensland Government for 56 days to assist with COVID – 19 contact tracing (if needed)

The Check In Qld app is safe, secure and private. By using it, you are helping Queensland's Churches to stay open, and you can visit us with confidence, knowing you can be contacted quickly and easily if there is any risk of exposure to the virus.

Parking during Renovations to St Patrick's Presbytery

Fencing will be in place from Monday, 28th June

Renovations to the Cathedral presbytery will begin on the 19th July.

This will mean the area on the Neil Street side of the Cathedral will become the work site for Buckley Constructions and fencing will be erected.

There will be **NO** parking in this Neil Street area once the fencing is in place.

The driveway into the Cathedral will become **ONE WAY** – in Neil, out James.

The only exceptions will be the use of the disabled car parking, drop off and pick up **ONLY** entering Neil St and exiting onto James St via front of the Cathedral.

ALL PARKING is to occur in three available places:

- Behind the Cathedral (entrance Lawrence Street);
- TCSO carpark (Entrance Lawrence Street and walk through using the path beside the bell tower);
- Carpark located on the corner of Neil and Lawrence.

Street parking and pedestrian access via Neil Street is permitted.

The Neil Street Cathedral entrance will remain as the single entrance to the Cathedral.

These renovations will take between 6 and 8 months to complete.

These instructions apply to weekday and weekend Masses.

I thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

Father Michael.