



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C]

**Sunday 23 January, 2022**

**First Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10 They read from the book of law and they understood what was read.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Together you are Christ's body, but each of you are a different part of it.

**Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! *The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. ALLELUIA!***

**Gospel:** Luke 11-4; 4:14-21 The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

As you would know earlier in January the Bishop and most of the priests spent a week at Santa Theresa, Ormiston on retreat. The environment was beautiful with views overlooking the bay, two doors down from the Carmelite Convent, which sadly has closed its chapel and grounds to the public from 2019 due to Covid. The retreat director was Bishop Emeritus Eugene Hurley, retired Bishop of Darwin. It was the typical modern day retreat, Bishop Eugene came to us via zoom! Thankfully the technology worked perfectly – a miracle in itself!

The beginning point of the retreat, and the place which Bishop Eugene returned often to, was the simple premise in life that the way we see things (events, people, places, experiences, tasks) determine how we will react or respond to them. I guess a simple example that he gave was that if we priests, see writing a homily a chore, then in some way it will come across like that, however if we see it as an opportunity of bringing joy and hope and God's love into people's lives through our own lived faith, then the outcome will be different. So sometimes the question we need to ask ourselves is, "How do we see?" and do we need to change the perception of the way we view some things, so our response will be different?

I was reflecting on this when considering today's gospel. This story of Jesus unrolling the scroll in the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He speaks of healing, freedom and release from burdens in this year of God's favour. If we see or hear this gospel of something that Jesus had the power to do – perform miracles, bring about social change and so on, then they might as well be simply words on a page and our reaction is one of admiration of Jesus, but inaction in our time. However if it is the end of the gospel that we see as the place of our response, then the first part comes alive for us. ***"This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."***

So when Jesus speaks of blind with new sight, our response relates to TODAY – do we need to see things differently, giving everyone the right to their own opinion and point of view? Can we bring a word of encouragement to uplift "to bring good news to the poor"? Do we have the courage to gently move people to see life more positively through our love and compassion? Are we able to give "liberty" to those we hold "captive" due to our judgments or assumptions? Can we have the courage to forgive those who we have "downtrodden" or been "downtrodden" by?

If we can, then we are seeing with eyes that want to respond in the current world and times. Our "seeing" is transformed and our response is enlightened.

May the God inspire in us a way of seeing that brings new life to all, to bring a year of God's favour.

*God Bless,  
Fr. Michael*



View from dining area to chapel.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Vera Stephens, Myron McKewin, George 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:** Peter Saide, Shane Rice and Rev Fr William Behm.

✠ **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** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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, 10am. The guest speaker will be Elaine Morzone. Any further enquiries, please contact: Mary Otto [office@sttheresas.org.au](mailto: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.....

The **Presbytery** is nearing completion and we intend to move in during the first full week of February. As it is Diocesan finances that are being spent we wish to be a little accountable, so invite you to view the renovations after the 6pm, 7am and 9am Masses over the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Feb weekend. There is only one stipulation – **NO SHOES!** Looking forward to showing you the new improved St Patrick's Presbytery! God Bless.

<b>Sunday 23 Jan</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	11am Baptism of Eleanor & Freya Vink 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 24 Jan</b> <i>Saint Francis de Sales</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tuesday 25 Jan</b> <i>The Conversion of Saint Paul</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>6.30am Rosary SPC</b>
<b>Wed 26 Jan</b> <i>Australia Day</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 27 Jan</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>No Adoration during January</b>
<b>Friday 28 Jan</b> <i>Saint Thomas Aquinas</i>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 29 Jan</b>	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am
<b>Sunday 30 Jan</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	11am Baptism of Levi Ryan 12pm Baptism of Jacob Bryant 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.  
Planned Giving: \$892 Loose: \$480 Paypoint: \$480. Pat Power, Leo McMahon and Eileen Stephen.

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