



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

Sunday 31st January, 2021

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 – I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command. **Responsorial Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 – The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she may be holy. **Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! *The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.* ALLELUIA!**

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 – This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Australian of the Year 2021

This year two amazing people received Australian of the Year Awards. Grace Tame, who has been a strong advocate for victims of sexual abuse, to enable them to have a voice. Grace herself proudly describes herself as a survivor and brings that encouragement and truth to the lives of others. The Senior Australian of the Year went to Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann AM. Miriam is well known for her gentle advocacy regarding the need to be understanding and as we strive to live in peace in two worlds. Miriam's foundation, as she works with children is based on four pillars to understanding and knowledge – Education, Opportunity, Arts and Culture.

Miriam-Rose
Ungunmerr-Baumann AM



Grace Tame

As I listened to both of their acceptance speeches I was amazed with the "authority", in the best sense that came through their words. They spoke with an "authority" that, I felt has at its core the seeking of truth, using that truth to help others, and to speak that truth to make change for the better.

Grace Tame spoke powerfully of the need for conversation. *"We're all welcome at this table. Communication breeds understanding and understanding is the foundation of progress. Lived experience informs structural change. When we share, we heal."*

Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann spoke of something similar from her journey. Miriam spoke of learning the white culture has often been a one-way street, now is the time for you to come closer to understand us. *"To understand how we live, and the needs of our communities....bring your wisdom and knowledge, but we ask you also to learn and understand how we live and function in our communities and listen to what our needs are."* Miriam went on to talk a little about Aboriginal Spirituality – Dadirri. *"It's not just an Aboriginal thing...you have it too...we have been smothered*

by layers and layers of stuff we face day in and day out...sometimes we forget who we are....we gotta slow down. Dadirri is a deep listening, silent, still awareness. You have to find your spirit, because if you don't you're just a being drifting through this life journey of yours."

We hear today that Jesus spoke with "authority". He spoke in both words and actions throughout his life. At this early stage in his life, I think it is important to remember that what he is saying isn't just something that has been preordained. What Jesus does and says comes from his lived experience with the people around him and his deep faith in a God who will never abandon God's people. Jesus speaks of the Good News of hope. **WOW! Imagine what it means to be given a new insight – a new freedom and new understanding.** Jesus offers this to everyone. It starts with a conversation. It starts with deep listening and awareness. Well done to our Australians of the Year 2021 for speaking passionately about what is in their hearts and lives. They both spoke with inner strength – one passionately and forcefully, the other quietly and gently, but the "authority" comes from their lived experience and spirit. Jesus spoke the same ways at different times, sometimes forcefully, sometimes gently when needed, and as we cannot hear Jesus speak today, we are called – each one of us – to give the words of Jesus the "authority" and passion that is needed in every place and in every time!

Be that voice today! Father Michael.

We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently; Joyce Keane, Dorothy Stocker 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: Betty Roll, Fr Howard Crowe [1936], Msgr Michael Potter [1944], Ven A/Deacon Robert O'Shea [1940]

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,** Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Graham McGovern, Madeline Gray, Richard Jones, 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.

THE TRYBOOKING SYSTEM FOR WEEKEND MASSES WILL NOT BE STARTING UNTIL MARCH, as we are waiting on labelling of seats. There have been a few queries from parishioners concerned about this system. **PLEASE DON'T PANIC**, our aim is to help everyone transition to this new system, there will be step by step instructions and we will be available to help over the phone where necessary. For now things will continue as they are, please be patient as you check in each week. **WATCH THIS SPACE, MORE INFORMATION TO COME ...**

Celebrating 50 Years of St Pat's Bingo: Wednesday 17 March – Sunday 21 March 2021

Part of our 50 year Celebrations is a **Reunion Lunch** for our current and former Bingo volunteers. If you have been involved with St Pat's Bingo over the past 50 years I would love to hear from you. Please email anthony@stpats.org.au



Sacramental Program 2021: Enrolments are now being taken for the Sacramental Program. If you would like to enrol your child, please phone or email the parish office for an information package as soon as possible admin@stpats.org.au. The program starts with a Parent Information session on **Tuesday 9th February**.

ADORATION will resume each Thursday during Lent 5.00pm – 6.00pm.
(18/2; 25/2; 4/3; 11/3; 18/3; 25/3; 1/4)

Lenten Programs: These will be made available in the coming weeks. There will be two opportunities this year. The "Little Black Book" will be available as usual. Also there will be the program from Brisbane, titled, "Look to Jesus. 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter". You are encouraged to join with family and friends to form a group for discussion and reflection. You may wish to make it a neighbourly gift too!!



I saw this cartoon during the week with the caption "Well, let's just hope 2021 is a lot less weird!" or maybe it should be "What could possibly go wrong?" Like every year, who knows what awaits us as the year unfolds, but with faith and a great sense of community we can make it the best year possible. God Bless.

Sunday 31 Jan	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live stream available SPC	11am Baptism of Connor Joyce 12pm Baptism of Peter Maloney 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 1 Feb	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 2 Feb <i>The Presentation of The Lord</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wed 3 Feb	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 4 Feb	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 5 Feb <i>Saint Agatha</i>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	
Saturday 6 Feb <i>Saint Paul Miki and Companions</i>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Joseph Wagner 12pm Baptism of Addilyn Cavey
Sunday 7 Feb	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am-Live stream available SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
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