



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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*St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1700)
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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD [Year C]

Sunday 9TH January, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 0-11 – The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 – He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation: **ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!** *John said, "He who is to come is mightier than I: He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ALLELUIA!"*

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 – When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

The Art of Being a God Parent

I believe baptism to be one of the most beautiful sacramental moments of life. Maybe not always for the child, as they are usually too young to comprehend what is happening, but for those present it can be a wonderful moment of grace. This is especially true for godparents. They have been especially asked because of the role they have played in the parent's life, and the gift they will then be to the child. So what are some of the aspects of being a Godparent? It is a gift that maybe we take all too lightly at times. During the baptismal ceremony a candle is lit for the child from the Easter candle and the priest says:

“Parents and godparents, receive the light of Christ. This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He/she is to walk always as a child of the light.

May you keep the flame of faith alive in their heart.

When the Lord comes, may he/she go out to meet Him with all the saints of the heavenly kingdom.”

What an awesome responsibility. So what can a godparent do to show the sincerity of the task they are undertaking? On the day, they can show a willingness to be open to whatever the day brings accepting the Spirit as it comes, be present to the moment that is, choosing to receive the grace of the sacrament, support the parents in this endeavor, and be prayerful by leaving behind any hassles of the day.

Recently I read a book about baptism and it commented on godparents taking the day seriously even when it came to choosing the present. Apart from the straightforward gifts of Bibles, medallions etc. they suggested some accompanying gifts that add to the sense of connectedness to God and all creation. Here are some of those suggestions: **Gifts of light** – A candle with the details of the baptism on it; **Gifts of water** – A small fountain gives soothing sounds for a baby or music of the sounds of the ocean; **Gifts of nature** – New life and a connection to creation can be found in flowers or by planting a tree, or bulb in the garden or giving a goldfish; **Gifts of words** – A specially written poem for the day, a baptism record book, or a book about this new life of baptism with a special message inside the cover from you; **Gifts of music** – Some modern or traditional religious music; **Gifts to hold** – Something for the crib or rocker, squeezable toys of biblical characters, giving some every anniversary builds up an atmosphere of God's presence in their room; **Gifts of memory** – photo frames to keep photos of the baptism, an album to keep cards and photos for when the child is older.

Baptism of
Rory Eve Southern

at St Patrick's,
St. George.



*When was the last time you
contacted your God child
or your God parent?*

*Do it today -
they may need you!*

God Bless, Father Michael

Please keep the Bishop and Priests of the Diocese in your prayers this week as they attend their annual retreat. This year it is at the Santa Maria Retreat Centre at Ormiston. Fr. Michael Cooney is unable to attend the retreat and has kindly offered to celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's each day this coming week. Thank you Fr. Michael from all the Mass attendees at St Pat's and beyond. God Bless.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** we remember 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:** Jan Klimkowicz, Lyla Saide, Fr Thomas Concannon [1948], Fr William Hall [1995].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Lionel Stower, Fr Raymond Sweeney, Angelina Santa Lucia, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Peter Brennan, 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 are looking for someone to spray the church, as it is a legal requirement, after 6pm, 7am and 9am Masses each weekend, on alternate months starting in 2022. Remuneration of \$100 per week. Would suit school or uni students. Training and PPE will be provided. Enquiries: admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

Information Package for the **2022 Sacramental Program** is now available, please contact the Parish Office; admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500, we are happy to email the information package.

A big thank you to the generous gift \$2,500 from the community to our Christmas Collection appeal. The other \$2,500 will be split between the work of St. Vincent De Paul and our yearly gift to the far west parish of Quilpie. Thank you to all who were able to give to these causes over this Christmas time.



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 9 Jan	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 10 Jan	No Masses at STM's this week 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 11 Jan	7am Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary SPC
Wed 12 Jan	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting in Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 13 Jan	7am Mass SPC	No Adoration during January
Friday 14 Jan	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 15 Jan	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am 11am of Henry McVeigh & Peyton Jackson
Sunday 16 Jan	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Jensen Smith 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.
Planned Giving: \$1460; Loose: \$856; Paypoint: \$760. Helen Hoddle, Mick Cuskelly, Jo Meacle.

Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number.

Thank you