



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1555)

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



BAPTISM OF THE LORD [Year B]

Sunday 10TH January, 2021

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 – Come to the waters; listen to my words and you shall have life.

Responsorial Psalm: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Second Reading: 1st Letter of St. John 5:1-9 – The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! John saw Jesus approaching him and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11 – You are my beloved, in whom I am well pleased.

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. George.



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

*Do it today -
they may need you!*

God Bless, Father Michael

We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Dennis Healy, Esme Machin, John Conway, John Kneipp, Phyllis Murray 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: Gladys Norris, Caroline Flohr, Mary Keenan, Jan Klimkowicz, Lyla Saide, Fr William Hall [1995].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,** 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.

*As you are aware everything seems to ebb and flow with COVID in our communities. Notwithstanding the current case/s in Brisbane we hope to be able to make some changes to the amount of people allowed in the Cathedral in the near future. If the situation of no cases in Toowoomba doesn't change then we would hope to return to full capacity seating at St Patrick's. To do this though, it requires your assistance in following certain guidelines to ensure compliance with the legislation. These changes would not come into practice until early February (all things being equal). Much like seating in a theatre, cinema or stadium we will need to have every seat numbered. You will be required to sit in the seat allocated. However to make it easier you are urged to make use of trybooking to confirm your attendance and provide your details. This will also allow you to choose your seat. So if you take note of the number on your seat, then you will be able to book that particular seat. To make the system quicker and easier to administrate we URGE you to take advantage of trybooking. Should you not have trybooked then you will be allocated a seat on arrival. As you may have noticed the system for registering at the door can be a slow process, trybooking will make it much quicker and easier. **PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES WILL BE HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY, SO THIS IS JUST TO GIVE YOU SOME INFORMATION AND TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT WHAT IS AHEAD.***

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



St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul Report for 2020

The past year provided many challenges for our conference to be able to assist people in need in our area. All our interviews have been by telephone due to Covid. We have been able to assist a total of 898 people during the year with total assistance to the value of \$24 400 as well as Christmas hampers for 32 families. We are grateful to the generous support once again, from our parishioners for the Christmas collection, the poor-box and our Christmas hamper appeal. Without this help we would be limited in our ability to assist. Thank-you also to Fathers Michael, Hal, Nandana and Tom for their support. We really need more people to join our group, so if you can spare a couple of hours a week to serve Christ in the poor please consider joining our conference. **Contact Terry 0428582205**

Sunday 10 Jan <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live stream available SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 11 Jan	5.30pm Mass SPC	NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY
Tuesday 12 Jan	7am Mass SPC	
Wed 13 Jan	7am Mass SPC	NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 14 Jan	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 15 Jan	9.00am Mass STM	NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY
Saturday 16 Jan	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Ethan Edwards 12pm Baptism of Cooper and Charlie Cronin
Sunday 17 Jan	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am-Live stream available SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1825; Loose \$868; PayPoint :\$580 Pat Power, Leo & Maureen McMahon, Eileen Stephen Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		