

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

Sunday 11th July, 2021

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15 Go, prophesy to my people.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13 He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Every now and again I like to indulge in reading a book that is translated from another language. There is always a sense of a different mind approaching the art of storytelling in a unique way. We can get a bit used to only one style of writing or one particular approach to understanding. With this in mind I read the book called "The Memory Police" by the Japanese author, Yoko Ogawa. Recently I had also read one of her books called, "Klara and the Sun", so I had a bit of an idea of what to expect, and basically that was to expect the unusual. The Memory Police is about an island where the concept of certain items disappear. This is not in reference to individuals' memories but a collective failing to remember particular items. The mother of the main character, talks of what happens on the Island, "...you'll feel that something has changed from the night before, and you'll know you've lost something, that something has been disappeared from the Island...if it's a physical object that has disappeared, we gather the remnants up to burn, or bury, or toss into the river. Soon enough, things are back to normal, as though nothing has happened, and no one can even recall what it was that disappeared." The item just no longer exists as a concept – the meaning and the word is forgotten by everyone. As you can see this idea is something that comes from a mind that interprets the world differently and from a different cultural understanding. I think this is the gift of books translated from another language.

As you would see now, this book is one long metaphor for a changing world that encourages us to forget. An anthropological attempt to ask the question, "What causes values/ideas/concepts/hopes/beliefs to disappear from our everyday lives?" In its own way it points to our struggles with caring for the environment and the effect of pollution on our world, as if the past has no effect on where we are now. Does society ask us to forget the generous giving of self from the past that is often replaced with a self-centered approach today? What is it that we have been convinced to forget by the media or due to political expediency? Interestingly we don't get to know the name of the main character in the novel, it is never revealed. Do we forget those of our past that have helped make us who we are today?

This book was written, originally in 1994 well before COVID, but in this current context we are invited to ask ourselves what we need to remember regarding our way of living prior to COVID? Our relationships, our faith, our community life. I had to think a little hard the other day to recall whether I opened the front doors to the Cathedral or not during the week, prior to COVID – its been 2 years since I have, it's easy to forget!

With this novel in mind I reflected on the gospel for this weekend. The disciples are sent out to proclaim the good news. They have strict instructions to take only the absolute minimum with them, in other words – leave your baggage behind, take only that which is important into the world. Remember the words and actions of Christ – these are the most important thing you need. If you could only take with you your memories, which ones would you take? Which ones have particularly fashioned you? What words and actions of Jesus make your journey complete in this life? What, from your younger days do you hope you never forget? – the hospitality you can offer to others, the love and care of those important, valued people in your life. The forgiveness that lets go of past hurts? **Let's be like the disciples – keep hold of what is important! Shake off the dust from our shoes that which is not needed for the fullness of life.**

God Bless, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Peggy Jones, Ryan Washington, John O’Dea (Gatton), John Camilleri, Ronald Rusbourne, Lorna Bryant, Elzbieta Kowalska (Poland) 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:** Kev Dorge Fr Patrick Campbell [1997].

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

PRIESTLY APPOINTMENTS: The following appointments for the Toowoomba Diocese have been announced by Bishop Robert: Fr. Tom Duncan moving from St Patrick’s Cathedral to Roma, Fr. Gerardo Tubis PACEM, moving from Roma to Chinchilla, Fr. Gonzalo Garcia Duran MG from Chinchilla to Stanthorpe, with Deacon Brian Redondo. Fr. Sean Lynskey CSSp has been appointed to Miles, Taroom, Wandoan. Fr. Shane Carr MSC, from outside the diocese will be in Cunnamulla. Fr. Brian Connolly in Stanthorpe has announced his retirement from working in a parish. Mr John Briffa begins as Parish Leader, St Thomas Mores. May God’s blessing be in all these new beginnings.

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.

St Vincent’s Care Services (Lourdes Home) in Spring Street is looking for kind-hearted parishioners who may wish to contribute some time as a volunteer with our residents here at SVCS Spring Street in the following areas: Communion Ministry; and Rosary Groups.

If you are willing and available on a Tuesday morning, please contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604 or email paul.howard@svha.org.au or ursula.watson@svha.org.au

Calling for a volunteer For many years there has been in our Diocese a group of people supporting sick and /or retired Priests. All the basic structures are in place for providing accommodation, professional health care, necessary but limited financial assistance. Overseeing this important ministry through the Priest’s retirement Foundation is a Management Committee which is currently seeking some “new blood”. **If you have any interest/willingness in being part of this valuable ministry please contact Father Hal on his mobile number 0412 825 164.**

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 11 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	Bishop Robert celebrates 9 years as Bishop of Twba. 11am Baptism of Dawson Rogers 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 12 July	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 13 July	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30pm Choir Practice
Wed 14 July	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting in Parish Centre
Thursday 15 July	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 16 July	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 17 July	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	
Sunday 18 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$1342; Loose:\$869.50; Paypoint:\$610. Jim Harris, Kevin and Judy Lindores Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick’s.		