



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

Sunday 17 October, 2021

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11 If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you!

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16 Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! **The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

Synod of Bishops in Rome 2021

Last weekend the Synod of Bishops was formally opened with an inclusive Mass with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica followed by a time of reflection and direction for the Synod. The Synod is being called to look at "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." This Synod will convene for 2 years with a final document produced for Pope Francis in October 2023. There will be many different levels of consultation throughout the world. The process is a little reminiscent of our own Plenary Council Process.

We begin with the question "How does the "journeying together," which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?"

What does a Synodal Church look like, you may ask? In some ways it is referring to the ways of governance within the church. A synodal church is one that listens to everyone's views/ideas/reflections/conversations/visions and allows the Spirit to help discern movement into the future. In real terms it attempts to address the, perhaps ignored desire of Vatican II – PARTICIPATION. A truly synodal church moves away from hierarchal approach and attempt to combat clericalism.

In his homily at the opening Mass, Pope Francis spoke of the need in this process towards a truly synodal understanding to contain the following. We need to -

ENCOUNTER: In the Gospels, we often see Jesus on a journey, open to encounter with those He meets along the way, present to them, and concerned about their questions. Like Jesus, we too are called to become experts in the art of encounter. This involves an openness to God, taking time for prayer and adoration, and listening to what the Holy Spirit tells us. It also requires openness to others, as well as courage and a willingness to allow ourselves to be challenged by the presence and the stories of others.

LISTEN: True encounters only come through listening to others, noting Jesus listens not just with the ears, but with the heart. When we follow Jesus in listening with the heart people feel they are being heard, not judged, they feel free to recount their experiences and their spiritual journey. We need to ask ourselves are we good at listening if we allow others to express themselves? Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. Let us listen to one another. *(Continued over page)*



DISCERN: Encounter and listening are not ends in themselves, but must lead to discernment. Whenever we enter into dialogue we allow ourselves to be challenged, to advance on the journey. As with the rich man, Jesus helps us to discern – to look within, and to discover what God reveals to us, to discern in the light what our hearts truly treasure. The synod journey is a spiritual discernment that takes place in adoration, in prayer and in dialogue with the Word of God. For more regarding the Synod <https://www.synod.va/en.html>
You will hear more of this journey over the coming months, as Dioceses throughout the world are invited to contribute. God Bless, Fr. Michael.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Marjorie Harney, John Hudson, Denis Davey, Gloria Jackson (Warwick) 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:** Maureen Ryan, Fr Roger Burke [1948]

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Terry McMahon, Addison McEwan, Jenny Werth, 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 – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

ST PATRICK AND ST SAVIOUR’S RACE DAY This event is on the 30th October at Clifford Park beginning at 4pm with entertainment, dinner and auctions. Tickets now available from St. Saviour’s School Office or via direct debit. Ticket prices: \$85 single, \$160 double.

Toowoomba Hospice is in need of volunteers, especially in the garden. If you can give any time please contact the Volunteer Coordinator on 4637 1500 or visit their website www.toowoombahospice.org.au

COLUMBAN CALENDARS – Now available from the office we have the Columban Art Calender for \$10. Please call in during office hours to purchase yours.

SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE– “One Slight Hitch” Monday 8th November 2021. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$20.00 includes wine and snack on arrival, and raffle will be drawn. Tickets available at SPRED office Cnr. Hume & Jellicoe St. 9am – 3.30pm Mon – Thurs Ph: 4632 8427 / spred@twb.catholic.org.au

URGENT Sacristans needed: The Ministry of Sacristan is an important role in the parish. The duties are not onerous or heavy. If you can give one hour a week on a Friday to assisting with light cleaning, dusting etc please contact Gabrielle Saide on 46324778 (AH) for more information.

Sunday 17 Oct	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	9.00am Morning Tea at St Pats. 11.00am Baptism of Georgia Kate Hooper 12 Noon Baptism of Ayce Swain 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 18 Oct <i>Saint Luke</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tues 19 Oct	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC
Wed 20 Oct	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting in Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 21 Oct	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC 5.30pm Parish Liturgy Board
Friday 22 Oct	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Sat 23 Oct	7am Mass SPC 8-9am Reconciliation SPC 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Annabelle Peacock 12pm Baptism of Hamilton & Parker Harvey
Sunday 24 Oct	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Remi & Ivy Ferguson 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving: \$1116; Loose: \$713; Paypoint: \$640. Helen Hoddle, Mick Cuskelly and Joanne Meacle. Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick’s.		