

# 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.*



## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

**Sunday 19 September, 2021**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Let us condemn him a most shameful death.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord upholds my life.

**Second Reading:** James 3:16-4:3 Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37 The son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

### Who is in the Centre of *your* life?

This week we farewell one of our longest serving priests – Father Lino Anthony Valente. Fr. Lino has served in parishes such as Dalby, Stanthorpe, Mitchell, St. George, Wallangarra, Crows Nest, Annerley, St Patrick's Toowoomba and Inglewood. I first really met Fr. Lino when I was at St Joseph's Stanthorpe for my Pastoral year in 1996. It was a wonderful year of growth and understanding – both of my desire for ordained priesthood and knowledge of a new depth of pastoral and community life.

When I was at Stanthorpe I met a friend in Fr Lino that has remained a friend for the years that followed. I have enjoyed his time at the Priests lunches each week which he rarely missed. Throughout his life Fr. Lino has been a generous and kind man. No person who came to the presbytery at Stanthorpe looking for assistance ever went away empty handed. This could be anything from money to a piece of toast! This generous spirit flowed over to every aspect of his life journey. When I speak to longer serving Priests then myself, they speak of a man of great patience, kindness and amiability. When in Stanthorpe I remember his energy as being part of the community. Each Sunday we would have an amazing lunch with a local Italian family who gladly supported Fr. Lino. His generous spirit was bought home to me when I finished my year at St. Joseph's. The Diocese had just introduced the car scheme, and I didn't have a car at the time, so Fr. Lino let me know that there was a number of Italian business men who wanted to put some money together to buy me a car. The agreement was that when I am ordained I can pay back whatever I could. I was amazed when I suddenly had a new Holden Barina. It was a moment that I will always remember. What I will also remember is, when some years later I learned that there was no business men but it was Fr. Lino himself who had purchased the car for me. He had quite a bit of the Mary MacKillop spirit – “if you see a need, do something about it.”

When I was reflecting on today's gospel and the spirit of Fr. Lino, I thought about how Jesus took a little child and spoke gently and placed the child at the centre of what was happening. As you would appreciate in Jesus' time children had no voice. They were expected to learn about the culture and faith, but not be present for any significant public events, so when Jesus places a child at the centre of the action he is highlighting that those who society sees as unimportant or not relevant – until they have something of “value” to contribute, as being the **very** people we should be making the epicentre of our living.

Fr. Lino strove to place the community in which he served at the centre of his life. To be a presence not only to those in need but to all he came across. As we read in the gospel, Fr. Lino also tried to be a servant to those within his life in so many ways.

The gospel challenges us also to reflect on who we place in the centre of our vision when we look at being servant to one another?

There is a lovely blessing used at weddings – “May you reach old age in the company of your friends and be welcomed into eternal life with those you have helped on this journey”.

God Bless you, Father Lino, from one Administrator at St. Pat's to another!

*Father Michael*



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Fr. Lino Valente, Vince Rosenthal, Kim Ireland, 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:** Mary (Florrie) Ranger, Irene Mitchell

✠ **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, Graham McGovern, 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.

**Father Lino Valente's Funeral Mass** will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11.00am. There will be a Vigil Mass celebrated at St. Joseph's Parish Church in Stanthorpe, at 6.00pm on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

**RETIRED PRIESTS APPEAL-** You are invited to make a donation to assist the retired priests that have served our Diocese for many years. This appeal helps those priests with their day-to-day needs. You will find the envelopes on the welcoming table.

**CELEBRATING SAINT JOSEPH:** As you would be aware this year is dedicated to the life of St Joseph and his important place in the life of Jesus. You are invited to spend some time in prayer and adoration at St. Patrick's. The day will begin with 7.00am Mass using the Votive Mass for St. Joseph. This is followed by each hour beginning with a reflection and prayers for St. Joseph, finishing at 1.00pm. Adoration will occur throughout. Come for whatever amount of time you are able to commit to. Please put the 16<sup>th</sup> October in your calendar now to celebrate this Year of St. Joseph.

**ST PATRICK AND ST SAVIOUR'S RACE DAY** The event is on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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. See St Patrick's website for more details. Ticket prices: \$85 single, \$160 double.

**Australian Catholics** is available on the entrance table and the latest copy of this month's edition of the **Catholic Leader** now available. Feel free to take a copy and pay later – better in your home than sitting unread in the Cathedral!

**Horizons** magazine provides essential information about what's happening in the Toowoomba Diocese – get your free copy today!

**St Saviour's Primary School** presents "**Once upon a Fairy Tale crisis**", 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm, Mercy Centre, St Saviour's Primary School. Cost \$8.50 To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=809356&>



**Anointing Mass** – St Patrick's and St Thomas More's will once again combine to offer an anointing Mass on the 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at St. Thomas More's Church commencing at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome to take this opportunity for anointing and to enjoy morning tea to follow. God Bless.

<b>Sunday 19 Sept</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 20 Sept</b> <i>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and companions</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tues 21 Sept</b> <i>Saint Matthew</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>11.00am Funeral of Fr. Lino Valente</b> <b>6.30am Rosary SPC</b> 5.30pm Choir Practice
<b>Wed 22 Sept</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting Parish Centre
<b>Thursday 23 Sept</b> <i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	7am Mass SPC	<b>7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC</b>
<b>Friday 24 Sept</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 25 Sept</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	<b>8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC</b> 11am Baptism of Lilly Rose Cuskelly 12pm Baptism of Lewis Robert George 2pm Baptism of Hugo Cameron McInnerney
<b>Sunday 26 Sept</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving: \$1180; Loose: \$662; Paypoint: \$530. Wendy Heelan, Sam and Fina Ginardi. Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		