



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 October 2023

First reading: Ezekial 18:25-28 The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 In your mind you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32 He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Sometimes life can seem like this cartoon – more complicated than simple! The scribes and Pharisees who were listening recognise today's story as understanding family relationships. The first son, the rude rebel, declares that he would not go and work. In doing this in a society that holds fast to saving face, the son by refusing, wounds his father's dignity and the family's reputation. In contrast the second son immediately honours his father even using the word, "Sir" and shows great respect. Yet then comes the twist in the tale, the one who rebels goes and works in the field, and the one who superficially shows honour does not. So the underlying message shows how important it is for us to exercise orthopraxis, which the Scribes and the Pharisees fail to do. In other words, doing what we say. To understand the message of Christ and to follow.



If we were to recontextualise this for our twentieth century world it would be the same message but there are deeper questions to ask ourselves. It involves knowing ourselves so well that our actions follow our words correctly. This takes time, prayer and inner reflection.

When we think about it, this has been a common theme throughout these last couple of weeks. Jesus spoke of the need to forgive and repair our relationships with our brother (and sister) and with our communities when we have wronged them, or been wronged by them. To do this well and with lasting effect we need to spend time journeying with our pain and hurt and choose to make a change to bring peace to ourselves and those around us. Then last week we had the grumblings of workers because the employer (God) wants to be generous. The greatest enemy of knowing ourselves well is when we compare ourselves to others because when we waste time comparing we lose sight of how God has been generous to us personally. Opportunities for a fuller life have been lost because we don't know our inner spirit well enough.

Today's gospel opens to us the possibility that we know ourselves so well inwardly that our words and actions will flow without hesitation. Life is never as clear cut as that though, is it? We all experience life differently at different ages and stages as we grow in age, wisdom and spirit. The irony of the satirical cartoon above assumes everyone is at the same stage of life when changes occur – young, Tech savvy, and able. Yet as I said to someone last week maybe it's time you "acted your age." I didn't in any way mean this in a negative or nasty way but believe it or not in a positive and life giving way. When we take the time to love ourselves and reflect on the depth of God's generosity than we can see that God is active and alive in our present moment. If we spend too much time grumbling about how we can't do what we used to do or such like, we lose the opportunity in front of us to see God at work. "Acting our age" is about being in the present, not lamenting the past, but remembering it with joy, and it's not about worrying about the future, it's about experiencing the joy filled generosity of the present.

Let this gospel seep into your life. If you know yourself well enough and respond accordingly and say YES to God's loving presence in your life, than you will know how to live for today. God's promise of being in the Kingdom can become true for you this day.

May you recognise God this week, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Marilyn Mulkerin.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Maureen Ryan, Christopher Bermingham, Fr Michael Skehan [2016], Fr Clarence Leahy [1996], Fr Neil O'Donoghue [1980].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Kath Smith, Angela Frank, Mary Vandersee, Freddy Nield, Bev Smith, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner. *Just be aware we have taken off anybody who has been on for an extended period of time, if you would like them added back on please contact the office.*

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF FATHER TERRY HICKLING (60yrs) and BISHOP ROBERT MCGUCKIN (50years)

You are invited to celebrate the milestones of ministry for these two esteemed members of our Diocese with a Mass at 11.00am on Wednesday, 11th October, 2023. Come and celebrate with the priests of the Diocese and beyond.

Understanding the Voice: you are welcome to respectful and open conversation on the Voice on any of the Wednesday evenings between now and the Referendum on Saturday 14 October. These Voice conversations will be held in St Pat's Parish Conference Room between 6pm and 8pm on each Wednesday evening, beginning on Wednesday 06 September. Fr Peter Dorfield and Mr Phil Armit will host each occasion.

Friday Friendship Group – Please come along and enjoy a hot cup of tea and conversation with ladies. Every Friday in the Parish Board Room located in the office.



We invite you to attend our ecumenical service – **"Pastoral Care. An Ecumenical Approach"** at **St Patrick's Cathedral Centre, 9.00am – 3.30pm on Tuesday, 10th October, 2023.**

Join us for a day dedicated to exploring Ecumenical Pastoral Care, a compassionate response to the challenges of grief and illness that draws on the collective wisdom and resources of Christian denominations. This event promises an exploration of the history, spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of providing care to those in need. There is no cost connected to this event, but for catering purposes if you wish to attend please use this QR code or go to www.trybooking.com/CLRIV to register for the day.

Members of **St. Patrick's Cathedral Junior Choir** of the late 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s are invited to a REUNION on Saturday 7th October at 4.00 p.m. Please contact Sr Margaret 0427 623 598 or Wendy Brown 0410 653 871 for more details. If you know of anyone who was a member of the Choir during those years, please let them know and ask them to make contact.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are hosting a Rare and Beautiful Variety Sale on Saturday October 14 from 7.00am - 1.00pm at 71 Margaret St Toowoomba. Antiques, Collectables, Books, Craft, China and much more are available. There will also be a sausage sizzle and cake stall operating. All proceeds go to the missions. Contact number for Sisters is 07 46321818.



By using this QR code, or calling St Patrick's office you can secure your ticket for an afternoon of entertainment and fun in enjoyable social company! We invite you come along to the Cathedral Centre and have a fun Derby Day on Saturday, 4th November, from 2.00pm. Cost only \$25. Come along for the whole time, or partly on your way to 6pm Mass.
Be a winner, come to the race day!!!!

Sunday 1 October [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	12pm St Lorenzo Feast Day celebrations SPC No Bingo Sunday Night
Monday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 3 October	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK
Wednesday 4 October Saint Francis of Assisi	7am Mass SPC	6pm Understanding the Voice – St Pat's Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 5 October	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at SPC 6pm Liturgy Committee Meeting SPC
Friday 6 October	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Riley Grace Harris
Sunday 8 October	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Loose \$1915 Planned Giving \$1004 Donation Point \$800 Money Counters this weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase
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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 or name in donating. Thank you.