

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

**First Reading:** Job 38:1, 8-11 Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17. All things are made new.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41. Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do bad things happen at all? If God is good and just, why so much needless suffering? These are age old questions which every generation must grapple with. The Bible is no exception, and we see this above all in the Book of Job, of which we are given a short snippet in our first reading today. A little bit of context might help: Job was a good man. In fact, Job was the *best* man (Job 1:8), one who was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil (Job 1:1). Yet God permits Satan to afflict Job, first by taking away his family and his possessions, and finally by afflicting his health. To begin with, Job responds in a remarkable show of faith by blessing God and acknowledging that we must be willing to accept suffering from God's hand, since we readily accept his blessings. But after his own flesh is afflicted with disease, Job begins to lament. His friends come to counsel him, suggesting that he must have sinned in order for this to happen. Job responds, justifying himself, arguing his innocence and proclaiming his own righteousness. This is where things go wrong. The moment Job begins to believe in his own righteousness, he is led to territory that may be familiar to many of us. He begins to blame and question the ways of God, suggesting that God must be unjust. How often do we do this when suffering touches our life?

The Lord responds to Job, but remarkably, the Lord doesn't justify himself. God doesn't explain anything. God doesn't try to convince Job. The Lord doesn't need to. Who is Job to think that God owes him anything? The Lord simply responds with a series of questions: "where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?" "Who determined its measurements—surely you know!" "Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist..." The Lord then goes on a lengthy series of questions regarding the intricate mysteries of the universe, probing Job's competence to answer them. At the end, Job responds in a telling way:

"I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;  
therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:5-6).

By the end of the book of Job, one is left with a twofold sense. First, perhaps a slight disappointment. It doesn't answer our questions! But then there is a sense of a deeper answer lying somewhere between a feeling of one's smallness, and the absolute grandeur and sovereignty of God. A feeling of having been humbled, perhaps. A sense that things are the way they are, simply because they are. The world has its own wild and dangerous ordered freedom, we are part of that world and human beings have the freedom to make choices. In the midst of all this, things don't go the way we want them to. We get hurt. But this is the precise moment of importance. It is the moment I remember that I am not in control. I am not absolute. The world doesn't revolve around me. God doesn't owe me anything. Here in the dust of suffering, my heart is in the right place to truly worship, truly adore, truly need, and truly live knowing what I am before the almighty.

*Fr Tom*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Mary Johnston, Mathew Maurer 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:** Desley Bryne, Juanita Umipig, Michael Gill, Eulina & Mick Cook, Fr Jeffrey Scully [2015], Fr Thomas McCormack [1968].

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

**TRY BOOKING:** On the parish website ([www.stpats.org.au](http://www.stpats.org.au)) you will find TryBooking is now available up until 11<sup>th</sup> July. **YOU MAY BOOK ALL OF THESE EVENTS IN ADVANCE.** Any queries please phone St Pat's office on 4637 1500.

**Unit for Rent:** One bedroom unit for an actively independent person around 60 years of age or older at St Patrick's Community Village is available for rent. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office. [Single unit rent \$162.50 per week].



**Anointing Mass:** St Thomas More's will be celebrating an anointing Mass on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.30am. This will be combined as an anointing Mass for St. Patrick's as well. Please feel free to come along for anointing.

**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.

**CATHOLIC LEADER** now available for this month on the welcoming table. Please feel free to take a copy and pay another time. Better in your home than on our table!

**Please note change to Adoration during the winter months – 7.30am – 8.30am on Thursdays.**

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:** Please find envelopes to contribute to this collection on the welcoming table. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

**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](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) Thank you for considering joining our planned giving program. God Bless.

<b>Sunday 20 June</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	10.30am Baptism of Maya & Archie Horsfall 11.30am Baptism of Frankie Horner & Flynn Nissen 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 21 June</b> <i>Saint Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tuesday 22 June</b> <i>Saint John Fisher and Thomas More</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>6.30am Rosary SPC</b> 5.30pm Choir Practice
<b>Wed 23 June</b>	7am Mass SPC	
<b>Thursday 24 June</b> <i>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i>	7am Mass SPC	<b>7.30am – 8.30am ADORATION at SPC during the winter months.</b>
<b>Friday 25 June</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 26 June</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Fletcher Pye 12pm Baptism of Harvey Saunders
<b>Sunday 27 June</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving: \$1472; Loose: \$553; Paypoint: \$530. Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		