



# 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.*



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE [Year B]

**Sunday 21 November, 2021**

**First Reading:** Daniel 7:13-14 His sovereignty is eternal.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 1:5-8 The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 18: 33-37 You say that I am a king.

G'day all,

My name is Nathan. I am the fourth child of Paul and Fiona; born and bred in Toowoomba surrounded by siblings. We all play music and have been involved in local choirs and theatrical performances as well as parish music over the years. Following my brothers' footsteps, I started altar serving at an early age. As time went on, I eventually migrated into parish music and broader liturgical organisation.

Upon the completion of my secondary schooling, and after qualifying in horticulture, I have had the opportunity to work casually in gardening and had some stints as a groundsman. Before entering the Seminary, I began studies in Arts and Humanities at the University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba. However, after only a short time studying this, I decided to 'bite the bullet' and test a vocation to ordained ministry at the Seminary.

The last few years have included a lot of structured prayer and study. The library and lecture halls of the Banyo campus of Australian Catholic University are all too familiar, as are the straight-backed wooden chairs of the Seminary Oratory. Thankfully, this was all balanced out and complimented with the human and pastoral formation offered with the brothers in community living and beyond.

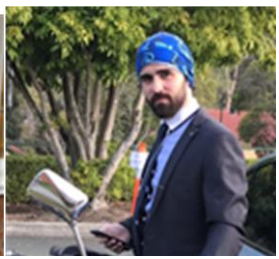
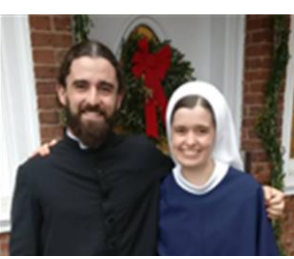
In 2020, during what was to become a significant year for many, I had the opportunity to do my year of internship in the parishes of Chinchilla, Miles, and Taroom-Wandoan. Fr Gonzo was a wonderful pastor and supervisor for that time. I am grateful for this time and the many graces that I encountered in the communities. This led me back to the Seminary for my final year of formation there, leading into the ordination last weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the parish for accommodating the diaconate celebrations last week. I am very grateful for the welcome that I have received so far, and look forward to getting to know many of you as I immerse myself in the life of this parish community.

It is time to set the theology books aside for a time (or, at least, lower their intensity). I enjoy music (listening and playing), literature, history, riding, and martial arts. Hopefully these might offer opportunities and avenues to engage with the real lives of people back here in Toowoomba.

My thanks goes out to Bishop Robert for ordaining me. Also, thanks to Fr Michael who, with the parish team here, will be guiding my ongoing formation as a Deacon. I have been a Christian for as long as I can remember, but I am as yet a novice deacon. So, I ask for your prayers and support as I enter this ministry of service.

Peace and blessings,  
*Nathan*



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Carmel Byrne, Gregory Gabbett, Ronald Skuthorpe, Gwendoline Scanlan, 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:** Angela Klimkowicz, Bernadette and Anthony Aboud, Guerillo Georsua, Reginald Draper, Beryl Draper, Fr John Dowd [1978], Fr William McCormack [1989].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Richard Jones, 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

**ADVENT ANOINTING MASS** followed by **Christmas Lunch** will be held in the Cathedral Centre, Tuesday 23 November at 11am. Please RSVP to the office: [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500.

**AS A THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS at ST PAT'S** there will be a Christmas Party on Monday 13 December at 6pm in the Cathedral Centre. Please advise the office if you would like to attend: [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500 before 6/12/21.

**2<sup>ND</sup> RITE OF RECONCILIATION** will be available at St Patrick's at 10.00am on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, and at St Thomas More's at 6.30pm on the same day.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL:** St Patrick's conference of St Vincent de Paul will be giving Christmas hampers to assist needy people in our area. We are seeking the generous support of parishioners to donate non-perishable items such as canned hams, Christmas cakes, puddings, drinks etc to fill the hampers. Collection boxes will be at the front of the church from Sunday 14 November until Sunday 5 December.

**A Christmas Cent Sale** run by The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver is being held at the Cathedral Centre 123 Neil St Toowoomba on Saturday December 4. Doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Great prizes on offer as well as a raffle including a homemade Christmas cake, ham, fruit tray and more. A pre-packed afternoon tea will be provided. Entry is \$5.00 including a free sheet of tickets. Sisters can be contacted on 46321818. All proceeds go to the missionary poor.

**St Pat's** are looking for someone to spray the church, as it is a legal requirement, after 6pm, 7am and 9am Masses each weekend, on alternate months starting in 2022. Renumeration of \$100 per week. Would suit school or uni students. Training and PPE will be provided. Enquiries: [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500.

**Unit for Rent:** One bedroom unit for an actively independent and quiet living person 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].

**Information Package** for the **2022 Sacramental Program** is now available, please contact the Parish Office; [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500, we are happy to email the information package.

<b>Sunday 21 Nov</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	11am Baptism of Henry Phillips 12pm Max Fletcher Hamilton 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 22 Nov</b> <i>Saint Cecilia</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tuesday 23 Nov</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>6.30am Rosary SPC</b> 5.30 – 7.00pm Choir Practice
<b>Wed 24 Nov</b> <i>Saints Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; companions</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 25 Nov</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC</b>
<b>Friday 26 Nov</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 27 Nov</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	<b>8-9am Reconciliation SPC</b> 11am Baptism of Walter Deacon & Grace McCarthy 12pm Baptism of Mabel Bateman
<b>Sunday 28 Nov</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: \$931; Loose: \$738; Paypoint: \$600. Jabour Hanna, Craig or Amanda Hogan  
Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

**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. Thank you

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## St Patrick's Cathedral Financial Report (2020 – 2021)

For all of us, to say this has been another challenging year is a bit of an understatement! As a community we have tried to maintain a sense of connection and support, while sharing the desire to be aware of the common good.

Whilst 2021 has continued to be a difficult year, for everyone, in regards to finances, we are more than ever grateful to all those who have been able to contribute to the continuing life of the Cathedral through donations of any kind. This year we were significantly helped by the Government's JobKeeper assistance scheme which contributed \$123,060 to our surplus. Due to your continued generosity in previous years to giving, we still have a strong and stable reserve to draw on. This year thankfully we were again able to replenish some of the reserves used last financial year. However as you would be aware the more we draw on that reserve, the more precarious that safeguard becomes. Thanks again to your generosity last financial year, supporting the return of Bingo, and with Government assistance we were able to post a surplus of \$165,180 for all areas. In general terms, as we look at each component of St Patrick's operational areas, we can see the difference in income. *Previous year's amounts will be shown in brackets.*

Starting with the **Cathedral** income we can see the giving was \$184,476 (2020/2021 - \$199,752 and 2019/2020 - \$250,233) and after Cathedral expenses a surplus of \$21,950 was recorded.

In the area of the **Parish Office and Parish House**, there is a deficit of \$195,222 (2020/2021 - \$207,017.44 and 2019/2020 - \$195,930). This deficit includes a significant amount of the JobKeeper allowance. The income areas of these two places is very limited, so a deficit is a yearly expectation.

The two sets of **Units** – Hill Street and Ave Maria in Ruthven Street continue to provide a good yearly income for the parish. The surplus for this financial year was \$48,017. (2020/2021 - \$52,348.95 and 2019/2020 - \$64,216.27) again including JobKeeper. The difference this year is due to the much needed complete refurbishment of a number of units as they become vacant and the lengthier vacancy time of a unit. Last financial year \$32,663 was spent refurbishing two units.

**Bingo** continues to be the main source of income to the Parish and under Anthony King's careful management has again provided a much needed surplus to cover the above mentioned parish deficits. We thank Anthony King and his team of volunteers for all their hard work in making sure this occurs each year for the parish. This year's surplus was of \$268,704, which includes a JobKeeper component of \$40,681. (2020/2021 - \$104,385.73 and 2019/2020 - \$137,597.86). Connected to the Cathedral Centre is the **hiring** of the venue, which again is lower this financial year than in previous years, the surplus is \$21,730. (2020/2021 - \$25,261.19 and 2019/2020 - \$34,690.76).

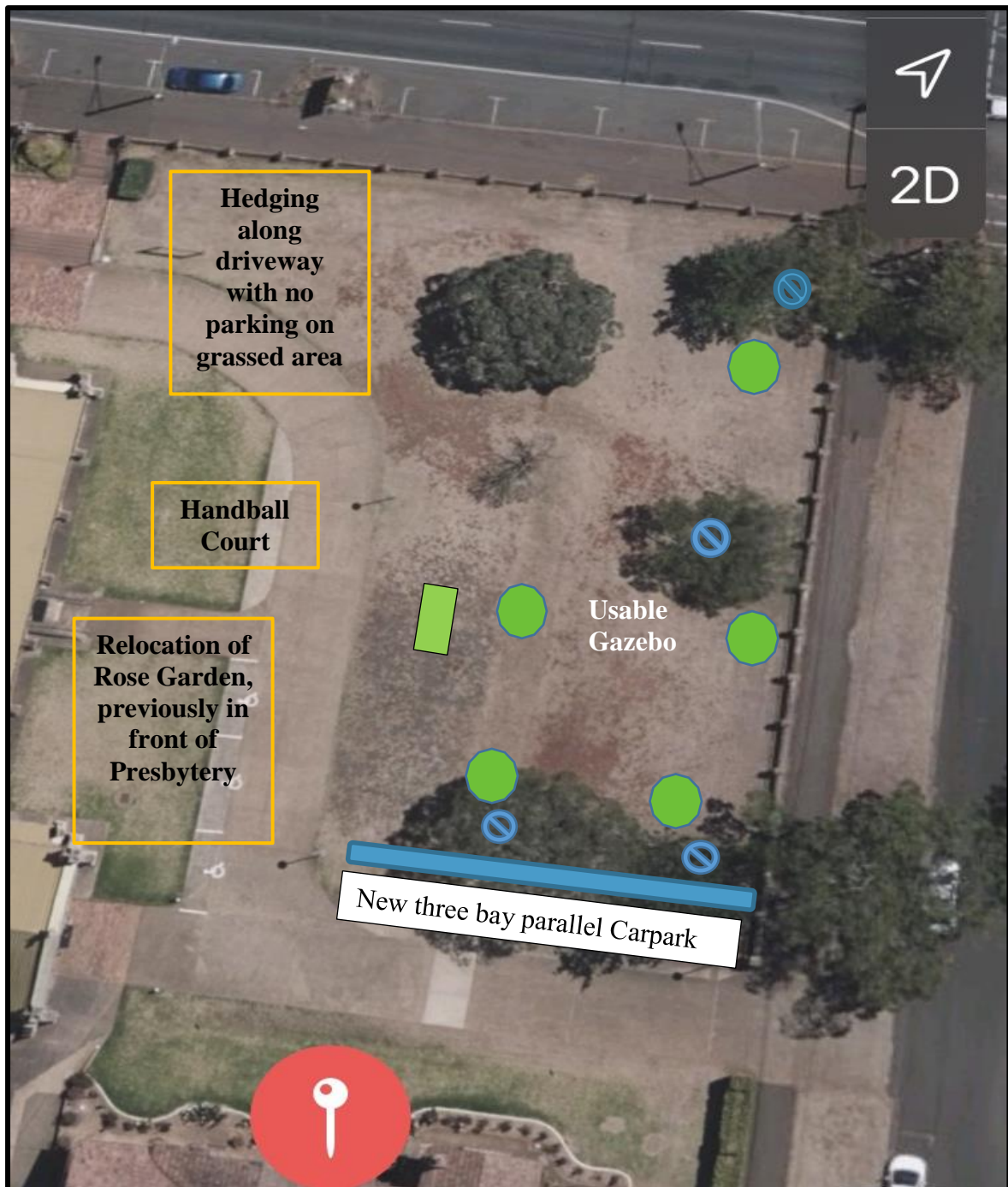
Thankfully with all this taken into account we were able to secure a profit for the year. Should you wish to be provided with a more detailed report, don't hesitate to call into the office at St. Patrick's to obtain a copy. Thank you to the wonderful team on the Finance Committee – Celia Waters, Robert Wiemers, Kerry Shine, Shane Kennett, Basil Dass and Jim Whitney. We also acknowledge the contribution of Robert Wiemers who will be moving from Toowoomba at the end of this year – thank you Bob for your wisdom and skills.

Thank you once again for your thoughtfulness toward the continued stability of our parish.

On the previous page there are some suggestions for ways to give, should you wish to consider an alternative system. Thank you to all the staff, especially the office staff, and volunteers at St. Patrick's for their wonderful sense of teamwork, especially during these trying times.

*God Bless, and may your gift be returned to you in life's many varied surprises! Father Michael.*





Tree to be removed



New suitable tree planted

### Some Possible Projects for 2022

- Garden as per plan above;
- Upgrade of lights in the Cathedral Driveway area;
- Upgrade of security system in Cathedral and Parish Office;
- Continuing of upgrade of Hill Street Units as they are vacated;
- Pop up tent for use when having morning teas;
- Upgrade of Confessional glass for “line of sight” requirement;
- Repair of potholes and renewed line marking in car parking area;
- Feather arm chairs for the chooks (*No not really, just seeing if you read to the end!*)