

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## PENTECOST SUNDAY [Year B]

Sunday 23rd May, 2021

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages..

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading:** Galatians 5:16-25 The fruit of the Spirit.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 15:26-27 The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

### Breeze

by James Fitzpatrick

There's a breeze blowing strong through our country,  
and it carries the hopes of the young,  
It carries the tales of a thousand old folk,  
and a thousand fresh new songs not yet sung.

And the breeze carries loving and laughter,  
and the chatter of children at play.

And it whips up a song from the heart of our land,  
with such a force as to take breath away.

And this breeze can admix aromas  
of all cultures who take to our shores.

And it shares their diverse, ancient beauties among all,  
while each culture endures.

And the breeze favours none above others.  
It affords equal service to all.

And it urges that we make of this life what we will,  
be our dreams grandiose, be they small.

And this breeze, my good friends – you must know it,  
as it ebbs and flows each time you breathe.

You create it yourselves as you live out your lives,  
and it follows the paths that you weave.

*“When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting.....”*

This reading from Acts reminds us of the presence of the Holy Spirit, like the wind surrounding us and driving us and willing us forward. This poem is one that I discovered many years ago and for me, it describes that great gift of the Holy Spirit that pervades our entire being – whoever and wherever we are!

The character of the Spirit can be found in many places, but I often wonder whether we find it this story where it speaks of

*“Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven...they were bewildered to hear these men speaking in their own language”*

What is language but a way of communicating? Sometimes we do this best without words, yet everyone understands. Let us celebrate the times we have spoken to each other using the language of ... love, companionship, understanding, forgiveness, patience, kindness, gentleness, compassion, peace, joy.....especially when we have spoken not a word, yet we have been understood!

May the Spirit find a home in you,  
Father Michael.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Bill Dyer (Goondiwindi), Colleen O'Dempsey 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:** Jodie Betros, Sadie Moses.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,** 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 for the month of May and 5/6 and 12/13 June. **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.

**The St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul** is holding a **WINTER APPEAL** to raise money to purchase blankets and weatherproof jackets for those in need at this time. Demand for help is particularly high due to the rising levels of homelessness in this area. Envelopes are available on the table in the Eastern Transept and can be placed in the **SVDP Poor Box**. Thank you for your generous support.  
*Terry Ryan, St Vincent De Paul Conference President.*

**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.

**Commisisoning of Plenary Council Delegates:** This weekend these delegates for the Toowoomba Diocese are being commissioned: Bishop Robert McGuckin, Catherin McAleer, Frs John Quinlan and France Filipetto and Dr. Mark Copland. Please keep them in your prayers with this commission prayer:

***Through the power of the Holy Spirit we send you forth. Know that we are praying with you and for you. Know that what we are asking of you is part of everyone's journey of discernment for a more hope-filled Church. Be confident that we are grateful for your willingness to represent the people of the Church at the Plenary Council. May God be present to you as the spirit of courage and righ judgment, as the spirit of knowledge and love, as we support each other on our journey of faith.***



<b>Sunday 23 May</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY (9am Mass – commission of Plenary Council Diocesan Delegates)</b> 11am Baptism of Samir Nirlep Bhatt 12pm Baptism of Margot Kate Purcell 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 24 May</b> <i>Our Lady, Help of Christians</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	5.30pm Finance Committee Meeting SPC
<b>Tuesday 25 May</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>6.30am Rosary SPC</b> 5.30pm Choir Practice 6pm Parish Council Meeting SPC
<b>Wed 26 May</b> <i>Saint Philip Neri</i>	7am Mass SPC	
<b>Thurs 27 May</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>5pm – 6pm ADORATION at SPC</b>
<b>Friday 28 May</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 29 May</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Georgia Mae Harrison
<b>Sunday 30 May</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	11am Baptism of Ivy Kate Kajewski 12pm Baptism of Alexander Brendan Lonie 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$4118; Loose:\$621; Paypoint:\$690. Sam & Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan. Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		