

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [Year B]

Sunday 25TH April, 2021

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12. This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2. We shall see God as he is.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Year of St Joseph (December 8th 2020 to December 8th 2021). [Part one]

As you may be aware Pope Francis proclaimed that we commemorate St Joseph this year. It is an opportunity for us to consider this mostly hidden figure of the New Testament. The Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis is titled, "Patris Corde" – "With a Father's Heart: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph".

Pope Francis speaks of his own desire to share his personal reflections on this extraordinary figure who was so close to our human experience. Through this time of pandemic, Pope Francis believes it is even more heightened. So like St Joseph, "amid the crisis our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television shows, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understand no one is saved alone...How many fathers, mothers, grandparents, and teachers are showing children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and gratitude to them all."

From this introduction Pope Francis explores some of the aspects of St Joseph that are close to his heart. He begins with St Joseph as "*a beloved father*". "The greatness of St Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of St. John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation." Then St Joseph as "*a tender and loving father*" "As the Lord had done for Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus; he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him. In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that God can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. Also Joseph is "*an obedient father*". Through the difficult decisions Joseph had to make he realised that "obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary" any shame. "In his role as head of the family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents, in accordance with God's command." "*An accepting father*" means "Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted the angel's words. Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment or rebellion...only as a result of acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history and a deeper meaning."

Next week we will complete this reflection from Pope Francis. If you would like to read this Apostolic Letter, simply put "*text of pope francis patris corde*" into your search engine, or you may collect a copy from the parish office.

God Bless your week, Father Michael



This weekend we especially remember all those who have given their lives in the pursuit of peace, justice and a future free of fear.

Lest we forget.....

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Joscelyn (Power) Hjort, Peter Armstrong, James Mayanja, 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:** Noel Hannant, Fr John Isaac, Fr Leo O'Donohue [1961], Fr John Concannon [1937], Fr Reginald Prior [1962]

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

Please make sure you have a **GREEN** sheet to explain the process of TryBooking and the other options that are available. Extra copies are available on the table. Thank you for your cooperation. A huge thank you to Celia and Melissa in the office for all their work on this future approach! Much appreciated. Fr. Michael

TRY BOOKING: On the parish website (www.stpats.org.au) you will find TryBooking is now available for the month of May. **YOU MAY BOOK ALL OF THESE EVENTS IN ADVANCE.** Any queries please phone St Pat's office on 4637 1500.

DATE CLAIMER: St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Saviour's Race Day will be held on Derby Day, Saturday 30th October. Featuring free entry to the Twilight races and musical entertainment. Dinner included. More information and pricing will be revealed later. If you would like to be a sponsor on the day please contact Sam Hannant at St Saviour's school on 4637 1600. **Please put this date in your calendar NOW!**



Unit for Rent: One bedroom unit for an elderly 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.

MASS IN THE MARONITE RITE: Fr Fadi Salame will be celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on Sunday at St Anthony's Church 3 Memory Street at 11.00am . A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this Mass. Orthodox Easter is celebrated on 2nd May and a special invitation is extended to members of our Egyptian Communities and other Coptic Catholics to attend.

Sunday 25 April	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	ANZAC DAY 11am Baptism of Rylie Cannavo 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 26 April <i>Saint Mark</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Father Hal away 19/4 - 30/4.
Tuesday 27 April	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary
Wed 28 April <i>Saint Peter Chanel</i>	7am Mass SPC	
Thurs 29 April <i>Saint Catherine of Siena</i>	7am Mass SPC	5pm - 6pm ADORATION at SPC
Friday 30 April	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 1 May	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	10am Baptism of Patrick & Olivia Broadbent 11am Baptism of Thea Barrett
Sunday 2 May	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Bonnie Case 12pm Baptism of Isaac Pickersgill 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving: \$804; Loose: \$414; Paypoint: \$530 Jabour Hanna, Craig or Amanda Hogan Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		