

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 4:42-44 They will eat and have some left over.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-6 There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

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

**Gospel:** John 6: 1-15 He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

### And a little boy will lead them all.....(Isaiah 11)

When examining and reflecting on scripture it is interesting what comes to mind. When I read this passage from John, I immediately thought of that passage from Isaiah. There are many aspects of this gospel worth taking time over - the strong connection to the Eucharistic meal, the miracle itself of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, the 12 baskets left over, or even the hunger of the people.

However, one of the questions I invite you to ponder today is, "*Why a small boy?*" These gospel passages are not just a record of an event, rather they are carefully crafted stories with many hidden images and "signposts" within. Words and images are used for a reason, not just simply thrown together to create a story. So I invite you to spend some time contemplating this question – "Why a small boy?" On one level if we simply apply the approach of looking at the context within the text we become aware that children were, much like women, seen as having no importance in public life, at that time. Like many women in the gospels, the little boy is not given a name either. Being a male chosen however could indicate something of the potential that this little boy represents. The disciples may have gone against the norm by deliberately choosing someone who represented those on the margins, those who seemingly has little to offer.

On a spiritual level, what is this little boy saying to us? An invitation to believe that the little we have will be enough if we are willing to allow God's grace and Christ's presence to transform us? A call to trust in God's providence? Is there a simplicity within the little boys' approach that simply seeing people who were hungry he decided he would do whatever he could to help? Is it a reminder to us that we complicate things sometimes by over thinking them, rather than letting our spontaneous nature come to the fore?

As we contemplate these aspects, I wonder if that little boy is each one of us! How are our lives/actions mirrored in this little boy?

### **Are we challenged by this gospel to:**

***Open our hearts to trust in a God that gives us the resources we need to share with others generously;***

***Be encouraged to listen to that quiet voice within ourselves that speaks of generous giving;***

***Be spontaneous in our loving?***

***Silence the voice that over complicates our kindness.***

**YES, WE ARE THAT LITTLE BOY!**

***Reflect on the meaning of this in your life as you journey this week, God Bless, Fr. Michael***

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Max Tews, Neville Skerman, Pauline Brien, Joan Norris 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:** Patrick Seymour, Annie Brady, Danny Byrnes, Rita Berry (Fitzgerald), Brian Bianchi, Kevin & Wyn Hogan, Val Murphy, Fr Joseph Portley [1971], Fr Robert Flynn [1980], Msgr John Bennett [1999], Fr Thomas Keegan [2020], Most Rev Basil Roper [1964].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Jenny Werth, 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, 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 TO RESUME:** From Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, the 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation will again be available at St Patrick's. This will be at the new time of **8.00am – 9.00am** on Saturday mornings. However in order to continue this practice you must sanitise your hands and check in using the Queensland Check in App. Should you not be able to do this you MUST leave your details on the sheet provided so that it can be entered later. If there is an obvious failure in these areas, regular reconciliation times will cease. Please keep in mind that these requirements are for the safety of all, and using the Queensland Check in app maintains confidentiality when attending reconciliation. Thank you for your cooperation, Fr. Michael.

**PRIESTLY APPOINTMENTS:** The following appointments for the Toowoomba Diocese have been announced by Bishop Robert: Fr. Tom Duncan moving from St Patrick's Cathedral to Roma, Fr. Gerardo Tubis PACEM, moving from Roma to Chinchilla, Fr. Gonzalo Garcia Duran MG from Chinchilla to Stanthorpe, with Deacon Brian Redondo. Fr. Sean Lynskey CSSp has been appointed to Miles, Taroom, Wandoan. Fr. Shane Carr MSC, from outside the diocese will be in Cunnamulla. Fr. Brian Connolly in Stanthorpe has announced his retirement from working in a parish. Mr John Briffa begins as Parish Leader, St Thomas Mores. May God's blessing be in all these new beginnings.

**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.

**ST PATRICK AND ST SAVIOUR'S RACE DAY:** Please give this consideration! It contributes to our funds each two years. The event is on the 30<sup>th</sup> October at Clifford Park beginning at 4pm with entertainment, dinner and auctions. Tickets now available from St. Saviour's School Office or via direct debit. See St Patrick's website for more details. Ticket prices: \$85 single, \$160 double.

**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.

Thank you for your co-operation in using the Check In Qld app. We ask that you continue to adhere to the government requirements of social distancing whilst in attendance at mass. Thank you.

<b>Sunday 25 July</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	11am Baptism of Gabriel Kenyon 12pm Baptims of Evelyn Murphy 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 26 July</b> <i>Saints Joachim and Anne</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tuesday 27 July</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>6.30am Rosary SPC</b> 5.30pm Choir Practice
<b>Wed 28 July</b>	7am Mass SPC	6.00pm SVdP Meeting in the Parish Centre
<b>Thursday 29 July</b> <i>Saint Martha</i>	7am Mass SPC	<b>7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC</b>
<b>Friday 30 July</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	Fr Michael away on holidays until 23 <sup>rd</sup> August. 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 31 July</b> <i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola</i>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	<b>8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC</b> 11am Baptism of Hudson Rohr
<b>Sunday 1 August</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	11am Baptism of Patrick Sanderson 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$1039; Loose:\$662; Paypoint:\$510. Helen Hoddle, Mick Cuskelly, Joanne Meacle. Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		