



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Bishop Robert and all
at St Patrick's Cathedral
pray that you may have a
Holy and Joy filled Christmas
and New Year!



People believed God lives high above; some still believe. Jesus said 'no', God lives among us. He showed it by his deeds. This, not many people believed at that time. To break the bonds of slavery in our mind and to do away with a frightening image of God is not easy. Christmas is the celebration of coming down to the level of the ordinary person. That is embracing the poor, the simple and the humble: inviting the proud to come down from their castles. If we come down or descend from our castles, and repeated, the verse for a thousand times 'joy to the world' becomes a reality.

'Humble no proudness, but with much jubilation sharing the secrets of God's own salvation. Oh! How it pained him, the scoffers, His own would not listen or do what was shown'



Let our hard heartedness be melted - Let our proud heartedness be humbled - Let us make the Christmas happy.

Fr Nandana

When I was driving through town the other day, I looked around at all the festive trappings and thought: "this is on brand." Everything is Christmas brand; what we wear, what we eat, how we speak to each other, the places we go, the things we do... they are all branded by Christmas. The first Christmas was far from the festive highlight that they are these days. In terms of public presentation, it would be hard to distinguish the Christmas brand we see today. Mary, Joseph, and the Baby were alone, rejected, displaced from their homes, isolated, and deprived... that is, they were at first. However, this was gradually rectified by a visit from the shepherds, gifts from the wise men, songs from the angels, &c. Without all the tinsel and Christmas lights or red-and white puffy suits, this was still on-brand for Christmas. Wherever we find ourselves this Christmas, with loved ones or alone, singing praise or feeling muffled into silence, pouring out our lives in gifts or deeds or receiving the presence and gifts of others in gratitude, it can be on-brand with Christmas. The brand can be the fluffy, empty brand of Christmas that will come down in the new year; or, it can be the brand of Christmas that lives on in unity and peace, the brand that continues in a spirit of generosity and charity, and the brand that sings to the praises and glory of God like the angels in heaven.

I hope and pray that yours is a happy and holy Christmas. May the peace of the Christ child reign in your hearts now and always. *(Rev) Nathan P. Webb*

What do you see when you look into the eyes of a baby? Those clear, curious, seeking, beautiful eyes. Do you see joy, hunger, thirst, love, dependence, reflection of self..... When we reflect on the birth of Christ we are reminded that God was born similarly to all of us. When God's eyes looked upon creation, God saw the same needs and joys of creation itself. Then when God looked into the beauty of created humanity God became even more aware of the needs of the family God had brought to life. So seeing what was needed, and what was lacking in the story of creation, God sent Christ to find a solution to the troubled needs seen through the eyes of every person on earth. Christ brought compassion, forgiveness, love, joy, unity, peace..... Then, through the resurrection and sending of the Holy Spirit we now look with the eyes of God upon creation, and see the needs and joys of others to **BE** compassion, love, joy and the bringer of peace to all. All starting with the birth of a child - Emmanuel ...God-is-with-us. Have a wonderful and joy filled Christmas and New Year. *Father Michael and Sr. Rosie.*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Jo Cattrill, Denese O'Brien (Sydney), Leone Kuhnemann (Sydney), Francis (Frank) Conway, Neville Kirkland 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:** Ray Power, Robyn Mitchell, Gerard Manley, Mahon and O'Brien families, Chahira Coorey.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Fr Raymond Sweeney, Angelina Santa Lucia, Addison McEwan, 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 – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Saturday 1st January will be 9.00am, there will not be a Mass at 7.00am. There will not be any reconciliation available.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY.

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. Remuneration of \$100 per week. Would suit school or uni students. Training and PPE will be provided. Enquiries: admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

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

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS:

Closed: 25 December – 3 January.

Open: Tuesday 4 January.

*For urgent matters please
phone 46371500, messages will be checked.*



Christmas Office Hours



I take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all who have given of themselves over this Christmas time, whether that be a ministry in for Masses, cleaning of the church or other task that has contributed to the beauty and effectiveness of both our spoken word and environment in which we celebrate. Thank you so very much and may God bless you over this Christmas and New Year time with much joy and happiness. God Bless, Father Michael and all at St. Pat's.

Sunday 26 Dec <small>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</small>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of William Kirby 12pm Baptism of Sylvie Alexander 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 27 Dec <small>Saint John</small>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 28 Dec <small>The Holy Innocents</small>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC
Wed 29 Dec	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 30 Dec	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 31 Dec	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	
Saturday 1 Jan <small>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</small>	9.00am (No 7am or Recon.)	No Reconciliation
Sunday 2 Jan	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$783; Loose:\$604; Paypoint:\$560. Kevin & Judy Lindores, Jim Harris 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		

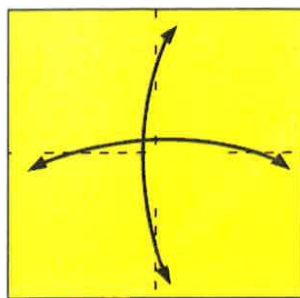


ORIGAMI – a way to create something beautiful and meaningful!

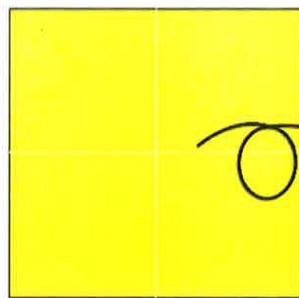
St Patrick's invites you to create a Christmas Star to hang on your tree or a heart to give to someone you love – or pass it around your dinner table and give thanks for something you love this Christmas.

God's blessings upon your home and family, near and far.

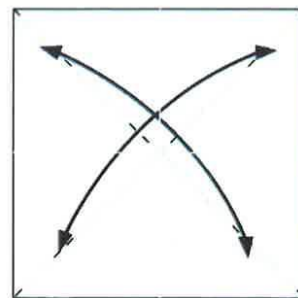
From all at St. Patrick's Parish Community.



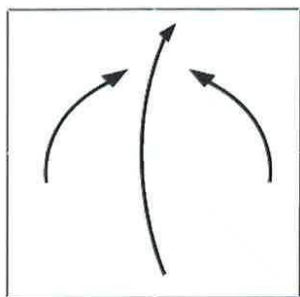
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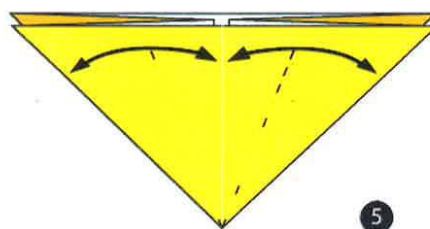
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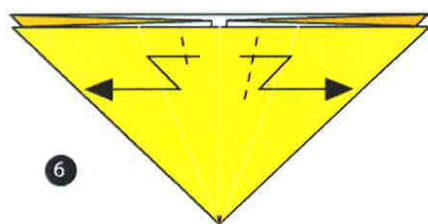
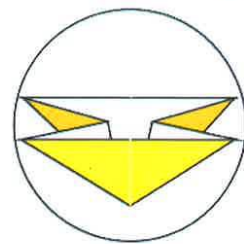
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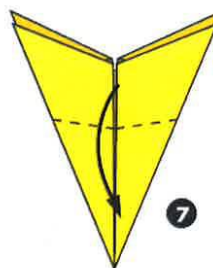
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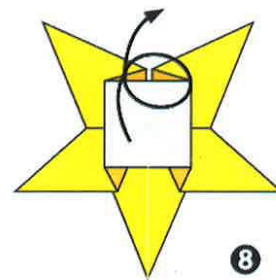
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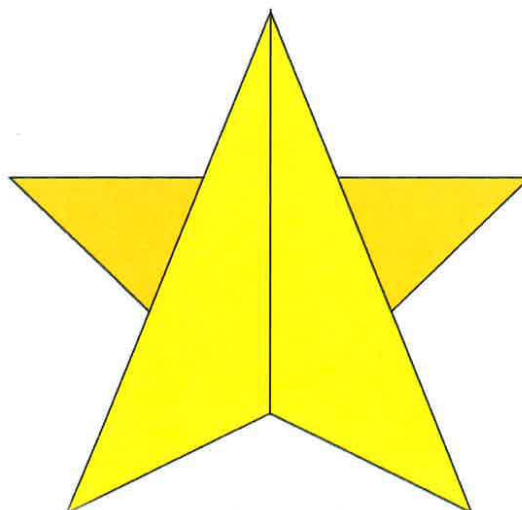
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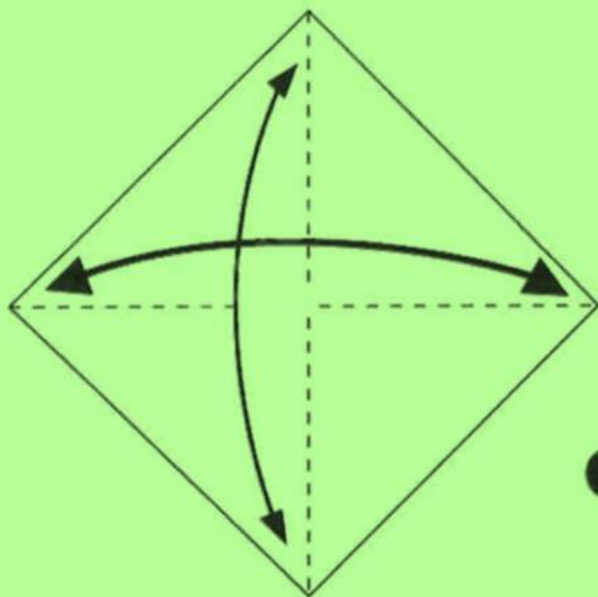


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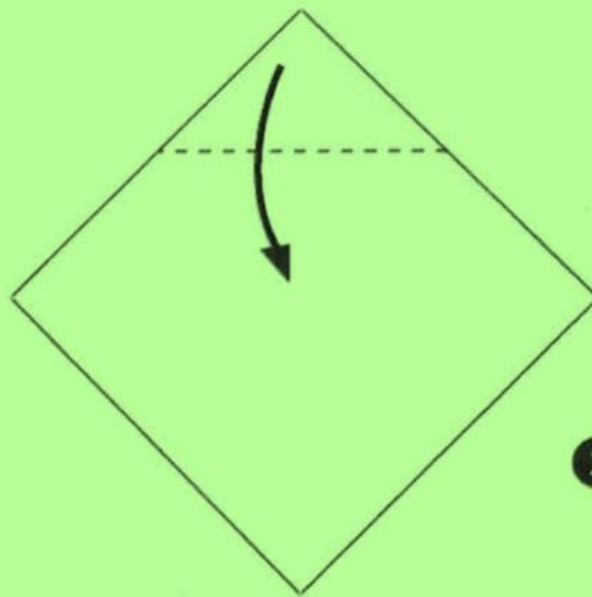


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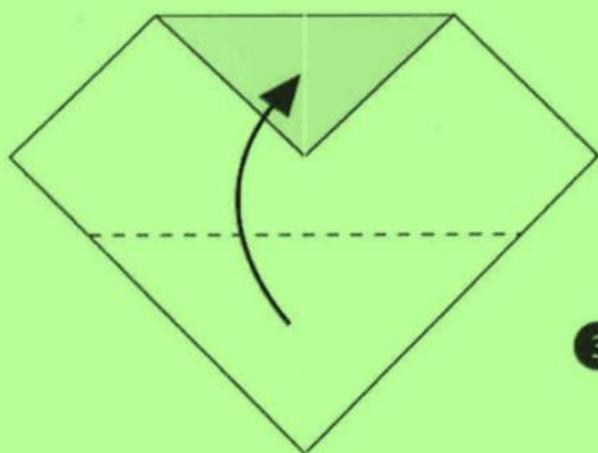




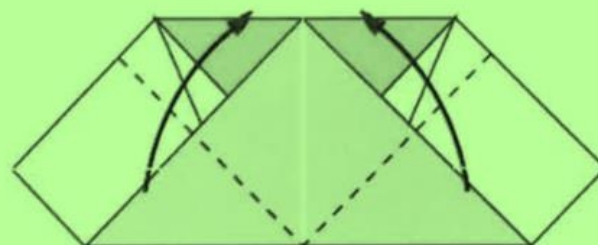
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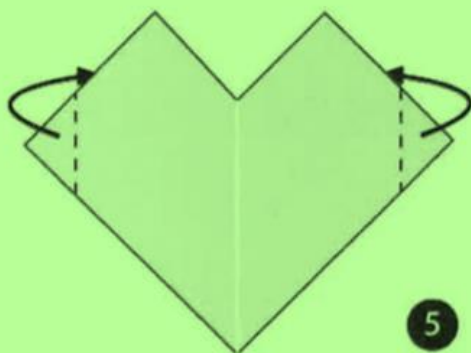
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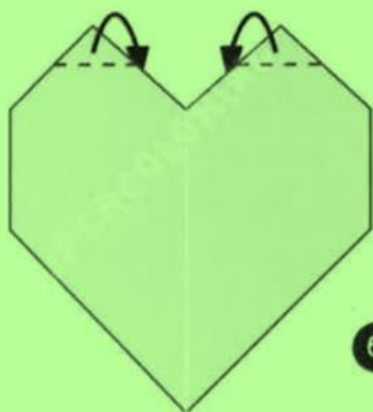
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