

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

Sunday 27th June, 2021

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24. It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15. Your abundance should supply their want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! **Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43. Young girl, I say to you arise.

God's Limitless Grace

Interestingly during the week I was reading an article about a decision by the American Bishops at their Spring General Assembly. The decision has been made to "draft a formal statement on the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the Church." Part of this statement is to look at preventing politicians from receiving communion if they support the right of women to have an abortion. Whilst I don't agree with abortion, it worries me a little as to what this approach achieves. Does this lead to thinking about denying others communion? *In some ways it is as if this approach seems to try to define or limit the receiving of God's grace, which works in its own mysterious and God sent way.*

Today's gospel reminds us of God's limitless Grace, through Christ. We hear two stories meshed together – a technique used often still today in storytelling, where instead of telling two stories, one "bookends" the narrative whilst another takes place within. The bookends of today's story from Mark tells of the synagogue official's daughter who is dying and he asks Jesus to come and save her. Before we get to the end of that story we hear of a woman who had been bleeding for many years who touches the cloak of Jesus and because of her faith is healed, and immediately Jesus feels power leave him. Then we return to the daughter who seems to have died, but Jesus invites her to stand and life is restored to her.

These are indeed Grace-Filled stories of the wonder of God's desire to be with us on our journey. More importantly they are examples of the **unbounded** Grace of God in the most difficult of situations. This poor woman who has been excluded from any community and place of prayer for the duration of her illness is suddenly restored to being fully accepted with all those around her. What an example of the presence of Christ changing the whole life of another. As in the Eucharist and the community, anything is possible because of the "real" presence of Christ and a single graced moment. *Denied the presence of Christ would it be possible for the woman to renew her life?*

This beautiful story of the daughter of the synagogue official who to all accounts had died is transformed through the presence of Christ. This Grace-Filled moment shows us again the **unbounded** graces God imparts through Christ. The Grace of the gift of life itself. Without the presence of Christ the young girl would have remained in the place of death. For God's purpose alone she is now restored to the community that will love her and care for her. Surely these two stories reflect for us that the power that Jesus felt go out from him was simply the power of love or in other words – **God's Limitless Grace!**

When I reflect on these stories and the article in the paper, it makes me wonder why we would deny anyone the receiving of Jesus in the sacrament where such power for change and new life can be found. Who knows where God's Grace is at work at any moment! I remember a lovely old man, Frank telling me once that all his life when he has received communion he says in his heart, "Welcome friend". This was to give him hope after acknowledging, "Lord I am not worthy to receive you."

Let us rejoice in the presence of Christ and God's Limitless Grace! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May you recognise God's Grace this week, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Kevin Garrett 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:** Desley Bryne, Vincent Coorey (Mansour), Michael Hogan.

✠ **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.

Helpers at the door: As we move from trybooking to the use of the Queensland QR code which becomes mandatory everywhere from 9th July, we will still need some helpers at the door. Part of this change entails the onus being on the business to ensure that everyone uses the QR code. Should they not have a phone then the business is required to register them. This is a simple process using an Ipad which will be supplied by the parish for this purpose. This means we will need to continue to have helpers at the door to direct people to use the QR code and also to register those without phones. This is a much easier task than trybooking! If you currently are helping at the door, or you are able to volunteer to help, please call into the parish office, at a time convenient to you for a 5 minute update in using the Queensland QR code from a business point of view. Thanks for your help.

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. [Single unit rent \$162.50 per week].

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.

BANNERS IN THE SANCTUARY: Thank you to the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office for supplying these banners depicting scenes from our schools, as Australia celebrates 200 years of Catholic education. They remind us of the wonderful gift that Catholic Education is to Australia through its many talented teachers and students. May we continue to bring faith and knowledge to all those involved for many years to come.

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 Thank you for considering joining our planned giving program. God Bless.

Sunday 27 June	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 28 June <i>Saint Irenaeus</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 29 June <i>Saints Peter and Paul</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30pm Choir Practice 6.00pm Parish Council Meeting SPC
Wed 30 June	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting in Parish Centre
Thursday 1 July	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 2 July	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 3 July <i>Saint Thomas</i>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Markielle & Markieffe Meneses 12pm Baptism of Zara Ramsey
Sunday 4 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Hayden Duffus 12pm Baptism of Raphael Nguyen 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$806; Loose:\$577; Paypoint:\$500. Pat Power, Leo McMahon & Eileen Stephen Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		



As from 9th July the Queensland QR App is **compulsory** in all places throughout Queensland. This includes places of worship. We will be introducing the use of this app from next weekend, **3rd/4th July.**

Firstly a HUGE thank you to all those who have assisted with the process of signing people in for Mass. It has been a big task and we thank you as a community for your commitment to this!!

This means:

- No more need to use trybooking;
- The use of parish numbers will no longer be valid;
- We can have capacity seating – you may sit wherever you wish;
- You will need to check in using the Queensland App on your phone or Ipad;
- Should you not have a phone, **we MUST** check you in. However it will be much quicker and easier for you to use your own device;
- If you have trouble downloading the app, please contact the parish office for assistance.

The following advice has been provided by the Queensland Government:

When using the new Check In Qld app to help keep you COVID safe the next time you visit St Patrick's Cathedral all you need to do is -

- ✓ Visit www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld for links to download the app from Google Play or Apple App stores;
- ✓ Enter you details once when you first open the app;
- ✓ Open the app when you next visit us;
- ✓ Select “Check in Now” and scan or enter our code.

Using this digital check in means your details will be stored securely by the Queensland Government for 56 days to assist with COVID – 19 contact tracing (if needed)

The Check In Qld app is safe, secure and private. By using it, you are helping Queensland's Churches to stay open, and you can visit us with confidence, knowing you can be contacted quickly and easily if there is any risk of exposure to the virus.

Parking during Renovations to St Patrick's Presbytery

Fencing will be in place from Monday, 28th June

Renovations to the Cathedral presbytery will begin on the 19th July.

This will mean the area on the Neil Street side of the Cathedral will become the work site for Buckley Constructions and fencing will be erected.

There will be **NO** parking in this Neil Street area once the fencing is in place.

The driveway into the Cathedral will become **ONE WAY** – in Neil, out James.

The only exceptions will be the use of the disabled car parking, drop off and pick up **ONLY** entering Neil St and exiting onto James St via front of the Cathedral.

ALL PARKING is to occur in three available places:

- Behind the Cathedral (entrance Lawrence Street);
- TCSO carpark (Entrance Lawrence Street and walk through using the path beside the bell tower);
- Carpark located on the corner of Neil and Lawrence.

Street parking and pedestrian access via Neil Street is permitted.

The Neil Street Cathedral entrance will remain as the single entrance to the Cathedral.

These renovations will take between 6 and 8 months to complete.

These instructions apply to weekday and weekend Masses.

I thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

Father Michael.