

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B]

Sunday 18th July, 2021

First Reading: Exodus 11:10-12:14 The lamb must be slain in the evening; when I see the blood I will pass over you.

Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 12:1-8 The Son of Man is master of the sabbath.

“Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks!” (Jer 23:1). As we see in our first reading today, the ancient prophets often prophesied against Israel’s leaders, both religious and civil, for allowing the Lord’s flock to be led astray. Jesus too condemns such leaders when he speaks of them as “hired hands” who run away at the approach of the wolf, for lack of care about the sheep (Jn 10:11-13). In our Gospel today, Jesus sees the frantic rush of the people to hear his teaching, and we are told that he took pity on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd” (Mk 6:34). How are sheep without a shepherd, we would do well to ask? Sheep left to themselves risk being scattered, they are vulnerable to wild dogs (such as dingos in the case of Australia), and they will likely starve if they are not taken to pasture. These are precisely the concerns that Jesus has for his “sheep”. His people had become scattered all over the world by foreign occupation, they had been devastated by their enemies (both spiritual and physical), and were starved for the truth which comes forth from the mouth of God.

Keeping in mind these three criteria of what makes a bad shepherd (scattered sheep, abandoned sheep to predators, starved sheep), what then might we say makes for a good shepherd, after the heart of Jesus who is THE Good Shepherd? This is something on my mind as a newly appointed *pastor* (i.e., shepherd), but one that should be on all of our minds so that we as a community can foster and support a healthy and holy priesthood. A good shepherd guides and gathers his scattered sheep: This means he must have a level of holiness and integrity; he must be a father close to his sheep who actively seeks the lost. A good shepherd protects his sheep from predators: He must then be willing to suffer for his sheep and spend himself for them; he must also be attuned to the subtle tricks and tactics of the evil one and be able to combat them in himself in order to help others do so; he must be able to spot the approach of false doctrine and warn his sheep. A good shepherd feeds his sheep: He must be willing to preach the truth of the Gospel in season and out of season, whether it makes him popular or not; he must be a faithful steward of the Sacraments; he must also feed himself everyday on the solid food of prayer and the very Sacraments he serves. There are many more necessary qualities that make a good shepherd, but suffice it to say that all of them come back to the shepherd’s conformity to the person of THE Good Shepherd, who is the only one worth following. Pray brothers and sisters, that the Lord would raise up good, holy and prayerful shepherds after his own heart for this diocese of Toowoomba!

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead, Fr Tom.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Peggy Jones, Ryan Washington 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:** John Brady, Kevin O'Brien, Barbara Fitzgerald, Fr. Tom Keegan [2020], Fr Neville Grundy [1979].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Joan Norris, 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, 31st July, the 1st 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 30th 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 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 governments requirements of social distancing whilst in attendance at mass. Thank you.

Sunday 18 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 19 July	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 20 July	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30pm Choir Practice
Wed 21 July	7am Mass SPC	Frs Michael and Tom in St. George for Council of Priests Meeting
Thursday 22 July	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 23 July	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 24 July	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	
Sunday 25 July	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$945; Loose:\$755.30; Paypoint:\$500. Jabour Hanna, Craig and Amanda Hogan. Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		