



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B] Sunday 10 October, 2021

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11 In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13 The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH – Quiet morning of Prayer

From this introduction of his letter, *Patris Corde* [With a Father's Heart], 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." Pope Francis describes him as a "*creatively courageous father*." "If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage." As we read the story of Christ's birth we may wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Through several trials St. Joseph gives life to the new born child – finding a stable to sleep in, escaping Herod because of a dream. "God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage." We are challenged to do the same. Pope Francis goes on to describe Joseph as "*a working father*." "Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour." Pope Francis reminds us all that whatever work we do we participate with God to become creators of the world around us. "How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living?...The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!" Finally, St Joseph is "*a father in the shadows*." "Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking responsibility to care for that child." To love a child is to give it all the possibilities the world can offer. It means allowing freedom of decisions. St. Joseph "never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focussed instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus."

You are invited to join with the St. Patrick's community in a quiet time of prayer to reflect on the message and life of St Joseph. Resources and reflections will be available to assist in prayer and meditation.

We will begin with the Votive Mass for St. Joseph at 7.00am with adoration until 1.00pm.

St. Joseph's school will present some musical items between 10.00am, and 11.00am.

Let us take some time in prayer during this "Year of St. Joseph"

God Bless, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Kevin Ford, Ray Bruton (Roma), Graham McGovern (Goondiwindi) 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:** Joe O'Neill, Corcoran and Donovan Families, Collins, Logan and Martin families, Rev Fr Michael Mahon [1969].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Terry McMahon, Addison McEwan, Jenny Werth, 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.

Morning Tea after 9.00am Mass 17th October, as we celebrate with the St Saviour's Primary School. Please don't rush away, stay and enjoy a cuppa with friends. The Parish Council are keen to have a chat with you regarding any ideas/thoughts/directions for St Patrick's community. There are some plans to take a serious look at the gardens around the Cathedral which you might like to discuss as well.

CELEBRATING SAINT JOSEPH: As you would be aware this year is dedicated to the life of St Joseph and his important place in the life of Jesus. You are invited to spend some time in prayer and adoration at St. Patrick's. The day will begin with 7.00am Mass using the Votive Mass for St. Joseph. This is followed by each hour having some reflections and prayers for St. Joseph, finishing at 1.00pm. Adoration will occur throughout. Reflection material for the quiet times will be available. **Come for whatever amount of time you are able to commit to. Please put the 16th October in your calendar now to celebrate this Year of St. Joseph.**

ST PATRICK AND ST SAVIOUR'S RACE DAY

This 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. Ticket prices: \$85 single, \$160 double.

Anointing Mass – St Patrick's and St Thomas More's will once again combine to offer an anointing Mass on the 14th October, 2021 at St. Thomas More's Church commencing at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome to take this opportunity for anointing and to enjoy morning tea to follow. God Bless.



Toowoomba Hospice is in need of volunteers, especially in the garden. If you can give any time please contact the Volunteer Coordinator on 4637 1500 or visit their website www.toowoombahospice.org.au

COLUMBAN CALENDARS – Now available from the office we have the Columban Art Calendar for \$10. Please call in during office hours to purchase yours.

Public Rosary - nationwide, Saturday 16th October at St. Patrick's cathedral, outdoors, starting at 2:00 pm followed with Benediction at 4:00 pm. For further information contact Theresa on 0434 528 904 or Ellen 0412 435 030.

SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE- "One Slight Hitch" Monday 8th November 2021. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$20.00 includes wine and snack on arrival, and raffle will be drawn. Tickets available at SPRED office Cnr. Hume & Jellicoe St. 9am – 3.30pm Mon – Thurs Ph: 4632 8427 / spred@twb.catholic.org.au

Sunday 10 Oct	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 11 Oct	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tues 12 Oct	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC
Wed 13 Oct	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 14 Oct	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 15 Oct <i>Saint Thérèse of Jesus</i>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Sat 16 Oct	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	7am – 1pm Day of Adoration St Joseph 2pm Public Rosary outside the Cathedral
Sunday 17 Oct	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	9.00am Morning Tea at St Pats. 11.00am Baptism of Georgia Kate Hooper 12 Noon Baptism of Ayce Swain 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: \$1557; Loose: \$645; Paypoint: \$540. Helen Hoddle, Mick Cuskelly and Joanne Meacle. Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.