



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 August 2024

First reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24 Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:24-35 Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

Vocation Awareness Week

During my schooling at St John's in Roma we were gifted with the charism of the Sisters of Mercy and benefitted from their great desire for teaching, faith and education. One of the memorable teachers during my time was Sr Christine Gabbett, a Toowoomba girl! Sr Christine taught me in Years 8 and 9. Whilst I was no saint, Sr Christine seemed to have a plethora of ways to make me work with great patience to match, but always willing to join in with some of the fun as well. (Pictured dancing at a school disco!) On the first day of my Seminary life the Rector was giving our group a tour of the places that we will need to be aware of. We came into the morning tea room, set aside for students who were studying from Banyo and other ecumenical campuses. In that room were our pigeon holes for any letters and I noticed on this first day there was one for me, which the Rector doubted, but when he looked there was one there indeed. That letter was from Sr Christine to promise prayers during my journey toward priesthood. Such a simple gesture but one I haven't forgotten. Sr Christine celebrated 76 years since her profession and passed away last week at the age of 98 years. May God reward her for the dedication and faithfulness she brought to her vocation.



As we take time to remember vocations this week (4th – 11th) during Vocations Awareness Week, we have the opportunity to recall those priests, sisters and brothers who have helped us on our way. Some through prayer, some through more earthly ways.

In a couple of months we celebrate the Jubilees of some of the Priests of our diocese. We celebrate the journey of Fr. Kerry Costigan (60yrs); Frs Jim Cronin and John Maher (50 yrs); Frs Jamie Collins and myself (25 yrs) and Fr. Hal Ranger (65 yrs). As I have been putting together the Jubilee booklet which reflects on the journey of each of these priests, as written by themselves I have noticed some fairly common threads.

We all acknowledge the strong support and foundation of faith that was provided by our parents and family. This is closely followed by the wider support of the parish and school. Different orders of brothers and sisters who encouraged and showed interest in growing a vocation. We all appreciate the wonderful communities and people who show great love, friendship and at times forgiveness. Also instrumental were the ecumenical endeavours that have been part of our journey. For Fr. Kerry Costigan his journey has included a personal and life-changing indigenous family discovery. All of this comes together in the faith and prayer life of each priest in their ministry expressed in differing and beautiful ways. We are all eternally grateful for everyone who has journeyed with us in so many varied ways.

Seminary days are also part of our life as priests and the place we received our "formal" training and maybe only in hindsight do we appreciate it.

As part of Vocations Awareness Week, you are invited to consider a contribution to the Seminary Appeal. You will find the envelopes on the tables. Please place your donation on the collection plate, or into the collection box when you are able.

Thank you as we continue to keep each other in our prayers.

Fr. Michael

✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Sr Christine Gabbett, Mick Kelloway.

✚ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**
Bert Ranger, Tony & Angela Matta.

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Vicky Cocozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Frank Marino, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Rita Irwin, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

Darling Downs Pastoral Care is celebrating 30 years of dedicated service. If you have been involved with Pastoral Care in the last 30 years you are invited to celebrate on Sunday 18 August 2024 at 2pm, Place of Prayer, then Staff Cafeteria, Toowoomba Hospital. Please RSVP: ddh-thpastoralcare@health.qld.gov.au

Please note that the **BLUE Vinnie's donation bin** located in the Cathedral car park has been removed by the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Donations can be taken directly to the shop in Ruthven St: Mon – Fri 7.45am – 3.45 pm; Sat 9am – 1.30pm; Sun 10am – 2pm.

Corpus Christi celebrations this year included a procession around the grounds with a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Micah Centre. We would like to celebrate again next year in a similar way. In order to do this we need some volunteers to be on an organising committee. If you are interested please email Anna on annarees@outlook.com.au

ROSIES TOOWOOMBA NEEDS YOUR HELP

Rosies is now recruiting outreach volunteers to commence a new street outreach on Tuesday nights between 5.30pm and 9.30pm. If you have 4 hours to spare monthly or fortnightly and would like to help our friends on the street as an outreach volunteer, please visit <https://rosies.org.au/charity/toowoomba/> For all queries, please email toowoomba@rosies.org.au or call 0499 111 730. You can also speak with the team who are cooking a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Toowoomba North this Sunday (28 July).

Save The Date
Mission Ambassador Training 2024

Do you want to know more about Catholic Mission and the impact and presence you can make in your home parish.

Come join us as we invite you to support this life-giving work in Mongolia.

Date: Saturday - 31st Aug 2024
Time: 9.45 AM to 12.00 PM
(morning tea provided)

Conference Room
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Centre
123 Neil St, Toowoomba City

RSVP: Wed 21st August 2024
Email: brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au



Next Morning tea after Sunday 9am Mass will be on the 18th August, hosted by our local St Vincent De Paul Conference & St Saviour's Primary School.

Australian Catholics Magazine – Spring edition now available on the tables.

Sunday 4 August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 5 August	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM Fr Peter Schultz [2019]	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room 9.30am Mass at Brodribb Nursing Home
Tuesday 6 August The Transfiguration of the Lord	7am Mass SPC No 5.30pm Mass STM	NO CHOIR PRACTICE 12 Noon Carnival of Flowers in Staff Room
Wednesday 7 August	7am Mass SPC Fr Mark Cosgrove [1947]	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 4pm Executive Meeting Parish Council – Parish House
Thursday 8 August Saint Mary of the Cross	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 10.00am Mass at Numylo Nursing Home 6pm Parish Council Meeting in the Parish House
Friday 9 August	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM Fr John Ryan [2001]	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 10 August Saint Lawrence	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC Fr Patrick Kelly [1986]	2.30pm Wedding Sam Templeton & Kimberley Riddle 6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC
Sunday 11 August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism Nash Hardimon 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre Altar Servers Tour 2pm - 4pm with Fr. Brian

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2025 Planned Giving \$1681 Donation Point \$1270 Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros, Mick Cuskelly
Money Counters next weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly, Jan-Nell and Errol Chase

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 or name in donating. Thank you.