



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B] Sunday 7 November, 2021

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16 The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

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

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

She gave the little she had.....

Well it started as a normal day for most at Roma State High School in 1986. Little did they know that a small group of year 12 students had planned a little fun prank! Three students and myself had decided on taking over the assembly that morning.

Each week the assembly was a pretty boring affair with the then Principal, Mr Gynther; Deputy, Mrs Large; Senior Mistress, Mrs Rayner and the leader of the assemblies, Mr Edwards plus the year level staff painstakingly attempting to keep 800 students quiet while the "important" messages were read out!

Well as you can see from this photo, myself as Mr Edwards arrived on stage just ahead of the actual staff and we took control of the assembly for the morning. We had a heap of "fake news" or announcements to make, such as "swimming will be in the hall today....etc". It was good fun and all done with a spirit of good natured banter with nothing to upset anyone, rather just the use of some good old fashioned word play regarding school activities.



It went down well and produced many a good laugh. When I look back I have to say that I am still not sure why we did it. It was just something that the four of us cooked up for fun – as you do when you are in the last year of school. The only reason I have a photo of the event is because the local newspaper was present at that assembly to photograph some award winners that missed the graduation night, so they put our photo in the "Western Star" as well! As usual in Roma - it was a slow news week!

So when I was reflecting on today's gospel I was thinking of the widow and the small gift she placed in the treasury. It was all that she could give on that day and she gave it so that someone might feel the benefit of it. Well, as I think back on that prank at Roma State High School, I wonder whether there was present some students who "hated" school, who didn't want to be there, who may have thought about not coming at all. Maybe there were some staff finding teaching difficult or were going to have a challenging day. Maybe our little prank put a smile on their face – maybe they started their day with a laugh and a smile that they weren't expecting, but appreciated this small act of fun.

So on that quiet day of 1986, in our small way we gave the little we could - our "widow's mite" - to bring joy to others...
...what will your "widow's mite" be this day?

Why not bring joy to those around you this week? God Bless, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Terry McMahon 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:** Gretta Watson, Monica Egart [nee Allan], Fr Cornelius Cahalane [1959].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** 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.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: As usual there will be an opportunity to remember the names of loved ones during this month. This year our symbol is the ROCK OF FAITH! We are reminder that the resurrection of Christ is our ROCK OF FAITH that assures us of the refuge of eternal life with all the saints and our loved ones who have gone before. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones on a stone and place it into the glass vase. The table to do this is located in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue. God Bless.

ADVENT ANOINTING MASS followed by **Christmas Lunch** will be held in the Cathedral Centre, Tuesday 23 November at 11am. Please RSVP to the office by 18/11/21: admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

AS A THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS at ST PAT'S there will be a Christmas Party on Monday 13 December at 6pm in the Cathedral Centre. Please advise the office if you would like to attend: admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500 before 6/12/21.

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.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE – Earlier this year we called for volunteers to form a committee to look at the Cathedral grounds and ways of improving the beauty of our surrounds. The members of this committee – David and Christine Harpham, Angela Travers, Catherine Blackmore, Peter Kennedy and myself have met over the last couple of months. In essence we have been looking at the grassed area on the Neil St side of the Cathedral. We will give you more details regarding what is planned in the next little while. It is hoped that we can incorporate a gazebo of a reasonable size to be a place for morning teas etc. In addition the planting of new trees and hedging. Please feel free to speak with the committee members at any time. We believe this plan will enhance not only the beauty but the functionality of the space. Fr. Michael.

**Bishop Robert invites you to the Diaconate Ordination of
Nathan Patrick Webb
at St. Patrick's Cathedral
on Saturday, 13th November, 2021 at 11.00 am
Followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre.
The Ordination will also be available live stream via the Diocesan Website.
Nathan will be appointed as Deacon to St. Patrick's.**



Sunday 7 Nov	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Patrick Thomas Mitchell 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 8 Nov	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 9 Nov <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC
Wed 10 Nov <i>Saint Leo the Great</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 11 Nov <i>Saint Martin of Tours</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 12 Nov <i>Saint Josaphat</i>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 13 Nov	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	8-9am Reconciliation SPC
Sunday 14 Nov	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Britta Torvi Lucy Rens 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving:\$887; Loose:\$801; Paypoint:\$520. Sam & Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan
Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.