



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 16 February/Sunday 17 February 2019

First Reading:	Jeremiah 17:5-8 – <i>A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	Happy are they who hope in the Lord. [Psalm 1]
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 – <i>If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Luke 6:17, 20-26 – <i>Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!</i>

When we take the time to reflect on a gospel story there are often images and symbols that come into our minds. All stories have the power to connect us to a re-envisioning of our lives. To remember, to challenge, to support or even to lead us along the path of change in our lives. Our reaction to stories, written and verbal, colour the way we look at our daily life and our experiences. There is also an invitation to “be” the character in a story. To dream with them as the story unfolds.

What does this story of the proclamation by Jesus of the Beatitudes evoke in you? What stories of our own life resonate in the spaces between these words? What do we hear when we “read between the lines”?
Are we the giver or the receiver of the Beatitudes, or both?

Each time, as we are in a different position in life, as no life is static, our perspective changes, and therefore meaning is slowly nuanced and nurtured into something new and relevant to the now. Stories are vehicles of awareness and awakening, to bring freshness and a newly invigorated view of life. Today's gospel evoked in me the memory of a book I read some time ago. It was a well researched and scientifically supported look at the question around trees - “What they feel, how they communicate.” The book is titled, “The Hidden Life of Trees” by Peter Wohlleben. There is a chapter called, “Social Security” and it talks about the belief that some trees are planted too close together and this causes competition for valuable resources. This is certainly true for those forests that are planted for later harvesting, as they are required to be a certain size to be ready to be removed. However, in a natural forest where trees grow close together researchers have found a different phenomenon occurring, where each tree seems to grow at a similar rate and not kill off each other in a competitive manner.

“The rate of photosynthesis is the same for all the trees [in the forest]. The trees, it seems, are equalising differences between the strong and the weak. This equalisation is taking place underground through the roots....whoever has an abundance of sugar hands some over; whoever is running short gets help. When trees grow together, nutrients and water can be optimally divided among them all so that each tree can grow into the best tree it can be. If you “help” individual trees by getting rid of their supposed competition, the remaining trees are bereft. They send messages out to their neighbors in vain, because nothing remains but stumps.” It goes on to talk about the fact that these trees will grow bigger, if other close trees are cut down, due to their greater use of photosynthesis without competition, but they will not grow to be old trees. *“This is because a tree can be only as strong as the forest that surrounds it. Weaker members, who would have been supported by the stronger ones, suddenly fall behind”* (page 16ff).

Look at this story through the lens of the Beatitudes.....I think you know where I am going with this!!

God Bless you in your awareness of God in stories that shape your life.

Father Michael.



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Charles Walker, Bernie O'Keefe, Marie Rogers. *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:** Pat McGrory, Fathers John Bergin, Michael Hayes, Michael Cronin, Henry MacFarlane and Brian O'Dwyer.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Michael Cuskelly, John Smith, Pat Brosnan, Vince Stephens, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Mr Rene Perla, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Robert Badger, Stephanie Shine, Susie Rolls, Andrew Supple (Robina), Mary-Ann Hine, Antony Dunbarr, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Matthew Dwyer, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklak.

✠ **For all those recently baptised:** **Ava Jane Hinrichsen** daughter of David and Sarah, **Jane Marguerite Coughlan** daughter of Thomas and Sarah, **George Patrick Murphy** son of Grant and Bernadette and **Loki James Bom** son of Nicholas and Katelyn. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

Reconciliation: 1st Rite available every Saturday, 9.00am – 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Holy Hour at the Cathedral: Each third Wednesday between 5.00pm and 6.00pm there will be adoration at St. Patrick's. Consider some quiet time each month to reflect on life and faith. Next time: 20/02.



The Missionary Sisters of Peter Claver invite you to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Sister Miriam Lorenz on Sunday, 24th February at the 9.00am Mass. You are invited to share morning tea with the Sisters in the Parish Conference Room following the Mass.

Ladies Friendship Group: If you enjoy a cuppa and a chat, please join us every Friday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of our SVdP Conference will be held in the parish centre at 6pm on Thursday 28 February 2019. New members are most welcome. Contact Terry on 0428 582 205.

New Minister's Roster: A new roster will be drawn up this week. If you would like any changes made, please contact Gabrielle Saide on 4632 4778 (A.H.) as soon as possible.

Please return any Blessed palms you may have to the Cathedral next weekend. They will be burnt for ashes for Ash Wednesday. Box in Eastern Transept.

Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Recommencing Friday 8th February, then every Friday from 2pm at the convent of Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 71 Margaret Street, Toowoomba.

St Saviour's College Inaugural Alumni Evening from 6pm to 8pm on Friday 1 March 2019 in The Callaghan Centre, corner Neil and Perth Streets. \$10pp includes canapés and drinks. Tickets can be purchased online at Trybooking by 18 February 2019.

World Day of Prayer – March 2019 to be held at 10am on Friday 1 March 2019 at Middle Ridge Uniting Church, 264 Stenner Street, Toowoomba.

Mission: one heart many voices conference 13-15 May 2019 in Sydney – see brochures on tables.

The Catholic Leader: Please feel free to take a copy. If you don't have any money on you, pay next week, or accept it as a gift from us to you!

Thank you to all those who took the opportunity last weekend to spend some time in reflection leading to a parish submission for the Plenary Council. Your insights are much valued and appreciated. **Please remember, time for submission ends on 6th March, 2019**

Please return your response to:

Plenary Council Submission, PO Box 757 NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059 or online at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/ or to the Parish Office 123 Neil Street Toowoomba [T: 4637 1500] or mail: PO Box 7062 Toowoomba 4350

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM:
Sunday 17 February 2019/Sunday 24 February 2019

Sunday 17 Feb	Sunday First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Enrolment Ritual for Reconciliation Program at 9am Mass 10.15am Sacramental Preparation Group - Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of Jane Marguerite Coughlan, George Patrick Murphy, Loki James Bom [FM] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 18 Feb	Monday First Reading: Genesis 4:1-15, 25 Gospel: Mark 8:11-13	9.00am Mass at STM	9.30am Parish Staff meeting 5.15pm SSPS School Board 6.00pm SPC Finance Meeting
Tuesday 19 Feb	Tuesday First Reading: Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 Gospel: Mark 8:14-21	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	9am Mass for SSC [HR] 11.30am Funeral Mass for Bernie O'Keefe at STM [HR] 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 20 Feb	Wednesday First Reading: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22 Gospel: Mark 8:22-26	7.00am Mass	Council of Priests Meeting in Dalby [FM] 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre Adoration at SPC 5.00pm-6.00pm
Thursday 21 Feb	Thursday First Reading: Genesis 9:1-13 Gospel: Mark 8:27-33	7.00am Mass	7.00pm Parish Council Meeting SPC 3.30pm Sacramental Preparation Group –Cathedral Centre
Friday 22 Feb	The Chair of Saint Peter First Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19	7.00am Mass 9am Mass STM	4.00pm Safeguarding Meeting at SPC 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 23 Feb	Saint Polycarp First Reading: Hebrews 11:1-7 Gospel: Mark 9:2-13	7.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil	9.00am – 10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism at Salem Chapel of Holly Clapton [NS]
Sunday 24 Feb	Sunday First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9am Mass will celebrate Diamond Jubilee of Sr Miriam Lorenz SSPC followed by morning tea in Parish Centre 11am Baptism of Charlie Roache, Ted Garrahy and Harper Bennett [PD] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre

MINISTRIES FOR MASS:
Saturday 23 February 2019 / Sunday 24 February 2019

	Vigil 6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
Coordinator	Mary Schwartz 0400 655 835	Elizabeth Klimkowicz	Kevin Hoddle 4635 4784	Gabrielle Saide 4632 4778
Welcomers	Peter & Eileen Castles	John Ryan, Vince Murphy Bob Ryan, Joan Coonan	Teresa Frelek	Joe Briffa, Jim Harris, John and Rosemary Keenan
Readers	Kathy Pingel Jon Schwartz Peter Castles	Elizabeth Klimkowicz David Harpham Brian Ridge	St Ursula's students Monica Conway Marion Strong Ann Draper	Clare Wilson Barbara Lees
Communion Ministers	Eileen Castles Mary Schwartz Kate Gilloway Roberta Cooke Wendy Heelan	Sr Reena John Mary Tupou Mary L Fitzgerald Debbie Ryan Christine Harpham	Helen Hoddle Michael Cook Trisha Ward Leona Parker	Gabrielle Saide Ann Maree Ford Deborah Brody Joe Briffa Ken Avenell
Music	Vicky and Singers	CDs	St Patrick's Choir	Tom and singers
Collectors	Lindsay Fox Rodney Melvin	Bob Hegarty, John Ryan, Vince Murphy, Bob Ryan Bernie Coonan	Brian Strong Terry Collins	Jim Harris, Joe Briffa, John Cronin John and Rosemary Keenan
Counters	This Week: Kevin and Judy Lindores, Jim Harris		Next Week: Jabour Hanna, Gabrielle Saide, Kate Gilloway, Craig Hogan	

Last Week's Collection : PG - \$1389.60; Loose - \$2559.25

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Today's Psalm [Psalm 1]

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.
He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,

that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

ENTRANCE SONG: Come As You Are GA212/AOV1-31

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous,
I came to bring peace, not to condemn,
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: CDs Year C p56

Response: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:**The Beatitudes** GA489

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, blessed are the gentle for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they, that hunger and thirst after justice. Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted, blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are you when they revile and harm you, and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful for mercy they will find, blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called God's children.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: Mass St Francis 3

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION SONG: Table of Plenty AOV2-20

*Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.*

O, come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.

RECESSIONAL SONG: Christ Be Our Light

GA404/AOV2-3

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Refrain: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others
shared until all are fed.

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, We bless you,
We adore you, We glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world;
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty; from there he will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.