

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C Saturday 02 March/Sunday 03 March 2019

First Reading:	Sirach 27:4-7 – <i>Do not praise someone before they have spoken.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. [Psalm 91]
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 15:54-58 – <i>Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Luke 6:39-45 – <i>A person speaks from what is in their heart.</i>

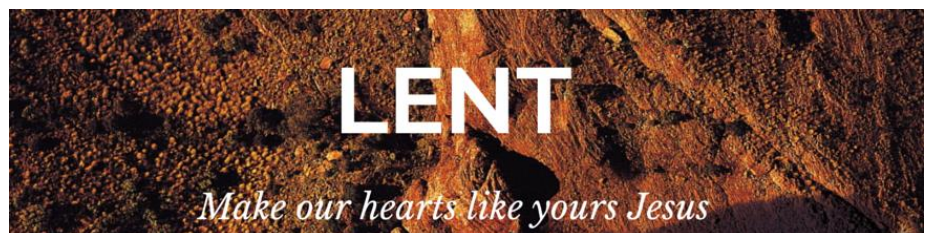
Leaning into Lent.....

A number of years ago when I moved from Dalby to Roma as Assistant Priest to Fr Peter Doohan, I encountered a funny connection with a student at St. John's school. On Ash Wednesday, as usual, we blessed the ashes and distributed them to the student body. Afterwards a High School student, who I knew from Dalby, came up to say hello. Ash Wednesday was his first day at the school. His question was whether this is what happens every Wednesday at this school. He must have thought, "What a rough place this St. John's must be, if this happens *every* week!" It reminded me of the importance of the opportunity that the Lenten journey affords us each year, and when you think in terms of tithing – our Lent is about one-tenth of the weeks of the year!

At the beginning of each year the priests of the Diocese gather at the James Byrnes Centre for their annual retreat. This year our retreat was led by Fr. Chris de Souza, from Parramatta. Part of his reflections I think might be a good framework as *we lean toward Lent*.

Fr Chris said that there are 4 **lies** that we tell ourselves, and therefore bind ourselves into a certain way of looking at life. Ways that restrict our freedom in spirit, as we are too distracted to allow God into our lives. These are the four lies that he said we tell ourselves:

1. I am what I do.
2. I am my reputation.
3. I am what I look like.
4. I am what I have.



These four areas can provide us with a framework to deeply examine our lives. Lent is an opportunity to understand what really is central to us and, as we receive the ashes we are reminded – ***“Repent and believe in the Gospel”***. In other words, What is the effect these lies have on our lives? During this time we are drawn to the gospel and the stories of Christ. Take some time and spend it with Jesus. Imagine being there – What would you say? What would you do? How does Jesus engage you, encourage you, challenge you, comfort you and ultimately, love you? Interestingly when we decide to “give something up” for Lent, the hope is that it becomes a habit that evolves into part of the fabric of our lives, always. I gave up sugar in my coffee one year. I was having, and still do, about 6 cups a day. Add the sugar and that's a lot of sugar over a week. My giving up was a reminder that others don't get the luxury of coffee let alone sugar. Someone told me that 5 weeks is about the right time for our taste buds to adjust, for our exercise program to solidify, our diet to have effect or any other discipline to become routine, and I think they are right. I no longer have sugar in my coffee, and don't miss it and that was a couple of years ago. So think carefully and deeply about what challenge you will take up for these next five weeks? It could change your life! ***Are you up for the challenge of “leaning into Lent”?***

 *Have a great week, Father Michael*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Judith Anne Cannon, Kevin Coughlan. *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:** Sol and Patricia Betros, Fr Dominic Burke, Fr Tom Sheeran.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Robyn Montgomery, 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 Pamulaklakin.

✠ **For all those recently baptised:** **Charlie Roache** son of Joss & Emma, **Ted Garrahy** son of Michael & Tania, **Harper Bennett** daughter of Joshua & Natalie, **Julia Brennan** daughter of Michael & Kimberley, **Oliver Rens** sons of Daniel & Alexandra. *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.

Ash Wednesday Service Times: St Patrick's Cathedral – 7.00am and 5.30pm. St Thomas More's – 9.30am. During the day some classes will come to St Patrick's to receive their ashes, you are welcome to join them – 11.30am Yr 3; 12 Noon Yr 5; 1.45pm Yr 4 and 2:15pm Yr6. Adoration will also be at St Patrick's beginning at 4.30pm – 5.30pm, followed by Mass.

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Anointing Mass: Saturday, 9th March at 10.30am in St. Patrick's Cathedral Conference Room

Holy Hour at the Cathedral: You are invited to spend an hour in quiet reflection each Wednesday of Lent between 5.00pm and 6.00pm in the Cathedral. **Please note, our first hour is on Ash Wednesday, and Mass is at 5.30pm, so the Holy Hour will be between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.**

New Ministers' Roster: It has been necessary to make changes to the most recent roster. **Could all Communion Ministers and Readers please pick up your roster from the Sacristy. Could all ministers provide an email address to this office via admin@stpats.org.au please, as the roster will no longer appear in the bulletin.**

Project Compassion: This weekend is the launch of this year's Caritas Project Compassion campaign. Candles will be presented to school representative at the 9.0am Mass as part of the campaign launch ceremony. Please consider giving to Project Compassion each week as part of your Lenten journey.

LENTEN PROGRAM BOOKS, Compassion available from parish office \$10 each. If you and your friends would like to make up a group the parish will provide the CD/DVD resource that accompanies the resource. Please contact Mary 46371500 for further information. **The 2019 Lenten Program is now available as an App!** Download from **the App Store** or on **Google Play** for Android™ devices for just **\$1.99** (Search **Lent 2019 Compassion**).

Little Black Books: On the tables at the main doors you will find the daily reflection books, with a black cover. These are short reflections for each day during lent. Please take a copy, and if you wish place \$5 on the plate.

St Ursula's College Open Day: Date - 26th May 2019 Time - 10am to 1pm Location: St Ursula's College, 38 Taylor Street, Toowoomba. Come along to St Ursula's College Open Day and discover why our students love it here! Student leaders will personally show your family around and explore the many exciting opportunities available to your daughter. Website: <https://www.st-ursula.qld.edu.au/>

On the fences of some Cathedrals throughout Australia, people have been tying ribbons to acknowledge the pain that has been inflicted through child sexual abuse by clergy. If you have a desire to tie a ribbon on our fence, don't hesitate, for it reminds us of our dark and shameful past and the promise that it will never be repeated in the future.

Sunday 3 March	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9am Mass Launch of Project Compassion then by morning tea in Parish Conference Room 10.15am Sacramental Preparation Group –Cathedral Centre 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 4 March	9.00am Mass at STM	10.30am Mass at Brodribb
Tuesday 5 March	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 6 March	7.00am Mass 9.30am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass	Ash Wednesday 9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 4.30pm-5.30pm Holy Hour 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 7 March	7.00am Mass	10am Mass at Numylo 11.00am Nursing Home Ministry Meeting in the Boardroom. 3.30pm Sacramental Preparation Group –Cathedral Centre
Friday 8 March	7.00am Mass 9am Mass STM	8.30am Catholic Schools Office Mass SPC [Bishop McGuckin] 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre 9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre
Saturday 9 March	7.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil	9.00am – 10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation 10.30am – ANOINTING MASS St Patrick's Cathedral Conference Room.
Sunday 10 March	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Seiji Gamonal 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre