



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Year C

Saturday 09 March/Sunday 10 March 2019

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 26:4-10 – <i>The confession of faith of the elect.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord, I pray. [Psalm 90]
Second Reading:	Romans 10:8-13 – <i>The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Gospel:	Luke 4:1-13 – <i>Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.</i>

Some time ago I recall Father Hal telling a story about a young couple who had just been married. It was coming up to their first wedding anniversary and they were desperately trying to work out what they could give to each other, as they did not have much money to spare. The husband thought to himself remembering that he had his father's watch that had been handed down to him. The wrist band had broken some years ago, and although it meant a lot to him as it connected him to his father, he decided he would pawn the watch to buy something for his wife. His wife was in a similar dilemma. The wife had been blessed with beautiful locks of auburn hair that flowed down over her shoulders. She loved her hair for many people commented on its beauty, and was always admired by her husband. So on the eve of the wedding anniversary she snuck out during the night and sold her hair to be made into a wig, so she could pay for a present for her husband. The next morning, the morning of the anniversary they met to exchange presents. The wife wearing a scarf to cover up her lost hair tentatively placed her present in the hands of her husband, and the husband gently did the same. When they opened their presents, they burst into shared laughter! The husband had given his wife a jewel encrusted comb for her hair! And the wife, well her present was a new wrist band for his beloved watch!

It always challenges me to wonder whether I am willing to let go of something precious to me to be able to give something of value to someone else. Lent invites us to consider this in different ways. The three areas that we are invited to look deeply at during lent is GIVING, FASTING and PRAYING. Maybe some of us have always looked at these in narrow ways in the past, I challenge you to consider some creative and lateral thinking this lent.

GIVING: Have we considered giving in terms of our time? Visiting people who are lonely or isolated. Have we considered giving of our energy? Helping our neighbor or volunteering for some organisation. Have we considered giving forgiveness or giving another a chance? Maybe we can give joyfulness and hope.

FASTING: Instead of fasting from food or drink, maybe we could fast from the nasty word, gossip, self-centered behavior, avoidance of jobs or issues, bearing a grudge etc.

PRAYER: Often we think of prayer as constructed and formal. Lent is a time to try a different way of connecting with the divine. Sometimes we don't think we have time in the busy-ness of our day. Maybe this lent we can find opportunities in the mundane parts of life. When we are waiting in a queue, we could be praying for all those refugees queueing for a new life, or those waiting for food. In the car we could pray for those travelling, those who have lost a loved one in an accident or be prompted by whatever store we happen to stop nearby, such as "Forty Winks", praying for those who have no bed who sleep on the streets. When gardening we could pray for the care of the earth, the seasons, the drought etc.

I'm sure you get the idea! May you have a blessed Lenten week of journeying with Christ.



Have a great week, Father Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Margaret Hayden, Leo Dingle, Rosemarie Carlaw, Hans Nowak. *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:** Mary Jane Theuma, Fr Joseph Skelly, Fr Kevin Ryan, Fr Bernard Kane, Fr Derick Furness, Fr Ronald Walton.

✠ **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:** *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.

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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.

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. 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. In future, rosters will be emailed to you.**

Horizons magazine – the latest issue is now available. Please take a copy.

Project Compassion: The Project Compassion envelopes are available. Please consider giving to Project Compassion each week as part of your Lenten journey. The **theme** for **Project Compassion 2019** is based around hope and giving Lent 100% in the name of hope. Hope is one of the three pillars of Christian virtue. The other two being faith and charity. It is a powerful force for good and often helps to transform lives.

Prayer Cards for Lent are available on the tables at doors. Numbers are limited for each Mass.

Invitation for singers and musicians to join St Patrick's Choir or play keyboard at Masses. Instructions will be given and choir practice is Monday from 5.30-7pm. Contact Vicky- 0428781209 or Parish Office 4637 1500.

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.

Vinnies are looking for volunteers to assist with running our Madonna House Centre on the Corner of Ruthven and Long Streets, Toowoomba especially on Saturdays from 8.30am to 12 noon.

St Ursula's College Past Students and Associates Association AGM will be held at the College 5.30pm Friday 15 March. Any questions or queries please contact Debbie Ryan der@st-ursula.qld.edu.au or 46327611.

Wednesday Prayer Group: Meets each Wednesday at 9.30am in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

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!

Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday from 2pm at the convent of Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 71 Margaret Street, Toowoomba.

Sunday 10 March	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	10.15am Sacramental Preparation Group – Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of Seiji Gamonal [HR] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 11 March	9.00am Mass at STM	9.30am Parish Staff meeting 5.30-7pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 12 March	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	10am Liturgy meeting – Parish House 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 13 March	7.00am Mass 9.30am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 5pm-6pm Holy Hour 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 14 March	7.00am Mass	9am Mass at Yukana 10am Mass at Numylo 3.30pm Sacramental Preparation Group –Cathedral Centre 6pm SVdP meeting - Parish Centre
Friday 15 March	7.00am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 16 March	7.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil	9.00am – 10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Hayley Grace Arthur [FM]
Sunday 17 March	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9am Mass – Blessing of Renewed Statue of St Patrick [Bishop McGuckin] 10.15am Sacramental Preparation Group – Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of Patrick Roberts [NS] 2.30pm SVdP Conference Mass 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre