



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Year C - Saturday 16 March/Sunday 17 March 2019

- First Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 – *God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*
- Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my lights and my salvation. [Psalm 26]
- Second Reading:** Phil 3:17 – 4:1 – *Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*
- Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
- Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36 – *As Jesus prayer, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Lord Give us the Grace of Transformation

A young student teacher in the west of Ireland is trying to connect the liturgical theme of Transfiguration. She showed an image of Jesus dressed in long white robes radiating light. She slowly pronounced and wrote the word "Transfiguration" on the board. A child raised a hand and shouted: "I know what that means, it's when Jesus was trans and he changed his figure from man to a woman."
[The Tablet, 9 February 2019]

Suddenly a word came to me, Oh, God must be both Our Father and Our Mother. Then I thank God remembering the words Jesus said: "That you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children."
[Mt 11:25]

Yet our mind and heart are not ready to accept it, like Peter, he did not understand anything about transfiguration at that moment. But he emotionally loved Jesus. Another time he fearfully denied Jesus. But at least Peter allowed himself to be crucified.

So how did it come about? Yet one thing is certain, that he allows himself to be transformed by God. Once he was an ardent Jew, even after the Resurrection of Christ, he did not give Baptism and Confirmation to non-Jews, people such as Cornelius, unless he was circumcised.

But God spoke to him in a dream... then Peter began to speak to them. "I truly understand that God shows no partiality but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him."
[Acts 10:34-35]

- **Let's open ourselves to be transformed:** The reality of Jesus' passion had not changed but the perception of disciples had changed. When we pray, prayer does not change things, it changes people and people can change things.
- **Let's change our hearts:** Let God's love and mercy shine forth in our hearts and relationships. Somebody who truly prays cannot go away with revenge, jealousy or anger in his heart. When we are depressed or displeased we pray, the cause will not have changed, but our heart and outlook certainly will.
- **Let's change our attitudes:** The desert is a learning place. It is learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain.

God Bless, Fr Nandana

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Margaret Litchfield, Michael Payne [Cairns], Joseph Katonga [Congo]. *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:**

✠ **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:** **Seiji Gamonal** son of Martin and Elizabeth and **Hayley Arthur** daughter of Adam and Simone. *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.

Mr David Tutty has been appointed by Bishop Robert as the Executive Officer Catholic Social Justice Commission. *"David comes from Auckland, New Zealand, and holds a Doctorate in Theology and has spent many years working in varying social justice roles....David also brings with him experience in working with indigenous peoples as well as migrant groups, as well as working abroad in South Africa with some of the country's poorest people."* We welcome David to the Diocese, and wish him all the best in his new role.

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.**

Lenten Banners: each week a new banner will be placed high in the Cathedral to assist with our Lenten journey.

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. Also available for use in the Cathedral are copies of "The Way of the Cross".

The Swag and **Australian Catholics** magazines – the latest issues are now available. Please take a copy.

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.



Thank you John Smith for repainting the statue of St. Patrick. I'm sure everyone agrees that you did a fantastic job!!

Sr Miriam Lorenz SSPC would like to thank everyone who helped to make her Diamond Jubilee Celebration such a joyous occasion.

Special thanks to Bishop Robert for celebrating the Mass, to Bishop Bill, Fr Michael, Fr Hal, Fr Mick and Fr Peter Schultz for concelebrating; the choir and to all who contributed in any way. You are all remembered with gratitude in our prayers.

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
Monday 18 March	7.00am SPC 9.00am Mass at STM	Feast of St Patrick, Patron of our Cathedral. 5.30-7pm Choir Practice 5.00pm SPC Finance Meeting
Tuesday 19 March	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	10am Liturgy meeting – Parish House 7.00pm SPC Parish Council Meeting 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 20 March	7.00am Mass	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom <u>5pm-6pm Holy Hour</u> 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 21 March	7.00am Mass	3.30pm Sacramental Preparation Group –Cathedral Centre
Friday 22 March	7.00am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre 4.00pm SPC Safeguarding Meeting
Saturday 23 March	7.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil	9.00am – 10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation
Sunday 24 March	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	10.15am Sacramental Preparation Group – Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of William Vietheer 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre