



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B Saturday 27 October/Sunday 28 October 2018

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 – *I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. [Psalm 125]
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6 – *You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.*
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 – *Master, grant that I may see.*

Saints and Sinners

Next Thursday and Friday we will take the opportunity to remember and honour the saints throughout history who were sinners and the sinners who through God's mercy became Saints. We'll be aware also of the gentle power of God's mercy among us and across the world today opening closed doors, moving people from hating to loving, from violence to respect, transforming messy sinful people into daughters and sons of the Father in full measure.

Over the past twenty centuries millions of women and men have been revered as Saints, most by the spontaneous acclaim of those who knew them – every family has its saints, every village, every country, every generation; others declared to be Saints by a public process examining their lives. In recent years 482 people were declared to have been saints during the time of John Paul II as Pope; another 45 during the time of Pope Benedict; already 885 during the present time of Pope Francis. This number is inflated by the final decision about their saintliness only made in May 2013 regarding 813 women and men from Ontranto in Southern Italy who were put to death in 1480 because they refused to renounce their Christian faith to convert to Islam.

In very recent days Damien of Molokai, the Belgian missionary who died in Hawaii in 1889 after giving his life to the people there who were suffering with incurable leprosy, was declared a Saint in 2009. There was our own St Mary McKillop in 2010, St John XXIII (who convened the Vatican Council) and St John Paul II in 2014, St Paul VI, St Oscar Romero and St Nunzio Sulprizio just a few weeks ago. Nunzio was a 19 year old Italian metal worker who simply did the ordinary things well and faithfully in tough times.

Next Thursday, please God, will honour the memory of all these Saints in our own homes and publicly honour them during celebrations of Mass in our Cathedral at 7am and 5.30pm, in all our Parish churches including St Thomas More's at 9am.

Lets also organise a family event to honour the saints in our personal history – ancestors, teachers, neighbours, friends, heroes and heroines!

We'll gather again on Friday in St Patrick's at 7am, in St Thomas More's at 9am and in other Parish churches to thank God and pray for all the people that have been part of our story – "All Souls' Day". We will broaden our minds and hearts to pray for everyone, including, especially, those who have no one who remember them.

The wonderful truth revealed by Jesus is that God does not love us because we've been good: God loves all of us because God is Good!

I think that the essence of life for ALL of us, the "bottom line" for us all is that God knows each of us better than we know ourselves, that God accepts and loves us unconditionally. The challenge for us is to accept that we are accepted, and to go and live and die accordingly.

Our union with God is already offered to us and to all our relatives and friends; indeed to every person who ever lived. The big difference among people is that some consciously draw upon this union and others don't.

I believe, indeed I am confident, that the gentle faithful power of God's merciful love will draw everyone into the fullness of life for which God created us all. So in lots of ways All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are the same Feast. Next Thursday we celebrate and find inspiration in our publicly known and privately treasured saints: next Friday we'll pray for the publicly notorious and privately known sinners. Each of us is a bit of both!

We are companions, all of us, on life's journey. All of us with a mission from our Creator to bring, through our words and actions, our example, our encouragement, our little world and together, our big world, into harmony within and with our God.

We pray and live with gratitude for the bonds of communion among all of us that can never be broken – sustained and embraced by the merciful faithful love of our God.

Father Hal

We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Bernard Sullivan. *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: Rose-Mary (Jill) Ryan, Fr Edmund O'Donnell, Fr William McGovern

For all those who are ill in our community, especially Fr Ray Kearney [Brisbane], Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Mr Rene Perla, Elizabeth Johnson, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Robert Badger, Stephanie Shine, Bernice Herbert, Susie Rolls, Andrew Supple (Robina), Mary-Ann Hine, Antony Dunbarr, Kathy Allan, Bernadette Gobbert, Freda Coorey, Margaret Missen, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Matthew Dwyer, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Charles Walker, Celie Brosnan, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Michael O'Malley.

For all those recently baptised: **Louis Wilsen Harboe-Green** son of Shauna and Julianne. *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.

On behalf of the St Patrick's community, I sincerely extend an invitation to our annual "Thank You" dinner. This dinner is our way of showing great appreciation to anyone who has fulfilled any ministry during this year. Whether that be a welcomer at the door, committee member, reader etc. Please come along so we can show how much we value your gifts within the life of St Patrick's. Please mark on your calendars NOW – Monday, 3rd December commencing at 6.00pm in the Cathedral Centre. RSVP to 4637 1500 before 28th November. See you there!



News from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office: Congratulations to the following new appointments within our diocese – Mrs Melissa Hobson, Principal of St. Joseph's Chinchilla; Mrs Liisa Hammond, Principal of youth and Community Learning Centre, Toowoomba; Mr Luke Barrett, Principal of St. Monica's, Oakey; Mr Christopher Gabbett, Principal of Mary MacKillop Catholic College, Highfields and Mrs Fiona Drew, APRE of St Stephen's, Pittsworth. May God continue to bless their vocational journey in the life of Catholic schooling.

Adoration each third Wednesday from 5.00pm – 6.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make a prayerful commitment to spend a little quiet time reflecting on life and God's presence in your journey.

Care and Concern meeting at 9am on Tuesday 6 November in Parish Centre to finalise details for Anointing Mass and Christmas Lunch on Thursday 29 November 2018. Anyone wishing to assist is 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 St Pat's Parish Centre. All welcome!

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

St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held in the parish centre at 6pm on Wednesday 7 November 2018. New members are most welcome. Contact Terry on 0428 582 205.

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

Anglican Roman Catholic Annual Service of Prayer for Reconciliation: 6pm Monday 5 November 2018 in St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba. All Welcome! *Presider: Most Rev Robert McGuckin, Catholic Bishop of Toowoomba Diocese. Preacher: The Right Rev Cameron Venables, Assist Bishop Western Region, Anglican Diocese of Brisbane.*

Accommodation needed: A mature-aged lady is seeking short-term accommodation. Please contact Noela in the St Anthony's Parish Office on 4636 1737.

I Cantanti Chamber Choir on Sunday 4 November at 2pm at St Luke's Church. Leaflets on Church tables.

The Catholic Leader: Please feel free to take a copy. If you are able to pay the \$2.50, please place in collection plate.

Plenary Council 2020: Let's Have Our Say!

Yes the invitation is genuine: those who are gradually putting together the agenda for the Plenary Council first session in October 2020 [two years away] want to hear every voice. They want to hear your voice, the story of your experiences of Church. They want to hear your ideas and hopes for a Church that really brings GOOD NEWS each day to our country, Australia.

Send your thoughts and hopes directly to the addresses in bold type below. Better still, make some time to have conversations about the key question: What is God asking the Church to be in [and to bring to] Australia in these times? Conversations among family members and with friends will not only produce more wisdom, they'll bind us more closely together through our listening and speaking honestly.

Have your say – send your thoughts:

by email to plenarycouncil@catholic.org.au

by post to **Plenary Council 2020, PO Box 747 NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059**

by delivering or sending to our Cathedral Office (marked Plenary Council)

**123 Neil Street, Toowoomba
PO Box 7056 TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350.**

**PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM:
Sunday 28 October 2018/Sunday 04 November 2018**

Sunday 28 Oct	Sunday 30B Ordinary Time First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 29 Oct	Monday 30B Ordinary Time First Reading: Eph 4:32 – 5:8 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17	10.00am Mass at STM	<i>STM 40 Years of Emmaus Prayer Group– 10am Mass with Bishop Bill</i> 5.30pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 30 Oct	Tuesday 30B Ordinary Time First Reading: Eph 5:21-33 Gospel: Luke 13:18-21	7.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass at STM	8.45am SSC Year 10 Mass [HR] 12.15pm: St Pat's Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 31 Oct	Wednesday 30B Ordinary Time First Reading: Eph 6:1-9 Gospel: Luke 13:22-30	7.00am Mass	2pm SSPS Grade 5 Mass [FM] 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 01 Nov	ALL SAINTS First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12	7.00am Mass 9am Mass at STM	10am Mass at Numylo 11am Liturgy meeting in Parish House 5.30pm Mass at SPC
Friday 02 Nov	All Souls' Day First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11 Gospel: Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass at STM	7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 03 Nov	Saturday 30B Ordinary Time First Reading: Philippians 1:18-26 Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-11	7.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil	9.00am – 10.00am: 1 st Rite of Reconciliation 12noon Baptism of Bradfield [FM] 4pm Wedding of Brendon Barrett and Jessica Sage [HR]
Sunday 04 Nov	Sunday 31B Ordinary Time First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	<i>Fr Hal away this coming week</i> 11am Baptism on Saxon Ferguson, Imogen Gillam and Matilda McGraw 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre

**MINISTRIES FOR MASS:
Saturday 03 November 2018 / Sunday 04 November 2018**

	Vigil 6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
Coordinator	Tony Allom 4635 4788	Gabrielle Saide 4632 4778	Kevin Hoddle 4635 4784	Ken Avenell 0418 713 861
Welcomers	Peter & Eileen Castles	John Ryan, Vince Murphy Bob Ryan, Joan Coonan	Teresa Frelek	Joe Briffa Jim Harris John and Rosemary Keanan
Readers	Peter Castles Clinton Shearer Trevor Cavanagh	John Fisher Graham Healy Brian Ridge	Kevin Hoddle Denyse Lammas Leo McMahan	Julie Ramsey Patrick Murphy Barbara Lees
Communion Ministers	Eileen Castles Tony Allom Patricia Allom Claire Seymour Carmel Cavanagh	Gabrielle Saide Noela Fisher Joan Coonan Pat Coughlan Ursula Watson	Helen Hoddle Maureen McMahan Judy Lindores Kevin Lindores Judy Smith	Mary Milton Joe Briffa Peter Ramsey Ken Avenell Barry Toombs
Altar Assist				
Music	Vicky and Singers	CDs	St Patrick's Choir	CDs
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 Keanan
Counters	This Week: Jenny Hurd, Bob Hegarty, Helen Hoddle, Bob Ryan		Next Week: Sandra and Peter Daly, Janelle and Errol Chase	

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Today's Psalm

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

ENTRANCE SONG: In Faith and Hope and Love

GA422

*Refrain: In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.*

Christ, our star, our map, our road
To the Father's high abode.

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray.

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
Our beginning and our end.

Christ, our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our reward.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: GA74

*Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: GA139

*Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia Our Saviour Jesus Christ
has done away with death, and brought us life
through his gospel. Alleluia.*

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:**Open My Eyes Lord** AOV1-166

Open my eyes, Lord,
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord,
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord,
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord,
Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord,
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord,
Help me to love.

I live within you,
Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you,
Rest now in me.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: Mass of St Francis Acc 2

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we
proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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

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COMMUNION SONG: Blest Are They

GA477/AOV1-55

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

*Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God!

Blest are they who seek peace,
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see.

RECESSIONAL SONG: We Walk By Faith

GA447/AOV1-63

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice,
and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found.

That when our life of faith is done
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

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.