



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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PENTECOST SUNDAY [Year A] Sunday 31ST May, 2020

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. [Psalm 103]

Second Reading: Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Come, Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love ALLELUIA!

Gospel: John 20:19-23 As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Wind blow where it wills [Jn 3:7]

When I went out, I saw the brothers of the Islamic community standing outside and praying. I thought, I cannot walk past; this is my neighbour, I have to respond. So I invited the members of the Islamic community: "Come and use the church for worshipping" said the Parish Priest of St John's Roman Catholic Church in India. One of the worshippers said: "We used to pray outside the Mosque, just beside the Catholic church. It was really cool, when it rains it is really difficult to pray down there. They allow us to pray in the church, it is a big thing." There has been some opposition to this but the majority of the Christian congregation is happy to share the church. So hundreds of Muslims gather daily to worship, especially on Friday. [BBC New Desk]

When we open our hearts casting away prejudices, we open our hearts to the breath of God as well. He makes us his living temple. [1 Cor 3:16]

The Holy Spirit enlightens Peter, everyday

Peter, together with some Jewish Christians, wanted to follow Jewish customs as new members who had been baptised had also asked to be circumcised. Those Jewish Christians still believed that they had been chosen, so then they thought they were superior. God revealed to Peter in a dream that God's will is to be done, not the will of Jewish Christians. Then Peter, in public, proclaimed the Good News.

"Truly I realise that God does not show partiality [Acts 10:34]. It is crystal clear that God becomes a 'verb' rather than a 'noun', in the lives of Apostles and in the lives of the followers as well. Thus we find that fifty-nine times in the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit appears. It is not just acts which brought about transformation in the hearts of the first Christians so that they can experience the fruits of the Holy Spirit, it is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. [Galatians 5:22-23]

At present, society is in dire need of a transformation. We all are given gifts. It would manifest the power of the Spirit when we use these for the betterment of the world. Paul tells us: "Each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." [1 Cor 12:7]

God's Blessings on your week, Fr. Nanadana



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Brian Robinson, Billy White (Goondiwindi), Donald (Donny) Joseph Goman and those who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and beyond. *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:** Fr. Joseph McKey (1982), Fr. Kevin Noble (2010), Fr. Charles Casey (1930), Fr. Joe (Pat) Hall (2019).

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Fr. Jamie Collins, Mary Twidale, Leona Parker, Helen Hoddle, Kim Ireland, Fr. Don Murray, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jean Denison, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Berry, Juanita Umipig, Maria Brown, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and anyone suffering the effects of Covid-19.

Anointing Mass: As I'm sure you appreciate the next Anointing Mass scheduled for 6th June is cancelled. All going well the next celebration will be on the 12th September.

Unit for Rent One bedroom unit for an elderly person at St Patrick's Community Village is available for rent. To register an expression of interest, please contact Celia Waters at the Parish Office on 07 46371500.

Thank you for your prayers for Fr. Don Murray. Fr. Don is recovering from a 4 hour operation relating to his cancer from a previous occasion. We continue to keep him in prayer as he continues to recover. Also Fr. Jamie Collins suffered a heart attack earlier this week and was flown to Brisbane. He is recovering well and will spend 6 weeks rest before returning to ministry. Please keep him in your prayers also.

Mass in the Home: As from 15th May, the restrictions for visitors has risen to 5 at a time. With this in mind the priests here at St Patrick's would like to invite you to consider a home Mass. This would allow you to invite 4 others to your home as well. We are very keen to connect once again with you and feel this would be a beautiful way to gather once again. There is nothing extra needed, except a candle and small table! *We ask that you contact the front office here at St. Pat's on 4637 1500, or admin@stpats.org.au leaving your name, contact number and preferred date and time for a Mass.* After we discuss availability, one of the priests will make contact to make arrangements. Looking forward to begin reconnecting with each of you. God Bless our journey together.

RECONCILIATION: During this time of isolation we are aware that many have been unable to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. As the restrictions continue to prevent that from easily happening, hopefully we will be able to commence to some degree in July when restrictions are eased again. However anyone feeling the need for reconciliation please call St Patrick's front office on 4637 1500 to make arrangements to receive the sacrament.

PLANNED GIVING: Anyone concerned about their giving, there are options you may wish to consider. Please contact Celia at the Parish Office to discuss these options or you may simply like to do a bank transfer into St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064 786, Acc. No. 51289 0100, Ref PG (envelope number). We understand the difficult financial burden that everyone is encountering at this time, so do not feel obliged or pressured to give at this time. Thank you.

The way forward at St Patrick's.....

These follow the stages as directed by the Queensland Government, and Toowoomba Diocese.

Stage one: May 15th – June 11th (Limits of 10 people gathered, except funerals – 20 people)

- Cathedral will remain closed;
- Home Masses are available as 5 visitors are allowed to any household;
- Funerals to be directed to St Thomas More's (with single chairs it is easier to comply);
- Live Streamed Masses will continue on Sundays;
- Baptisms/Weddings at St Patrick's Cathedral available with 10 people (recording of attendees required for tracing);

Stage two: June 12th – July 10th (Limits of 20 people gathered, except funerals -50 people)

Only entrance and exit to St Patrick's Cathedral is via Neil Street door.

- Home Masses remain available;
- Funerals directed to St Thomas More's;
- Baptisms/Weddings offered at St Patrick' (cleaning of seats and recording of attendees required);
- Times of adoration available, [probably Monday 9am – 10am, Wednesday 11am – 12 Noon, Friday 5pm – 6pm] limited to 20 people (cleaning of seats and recording of attendees required);

Stage three: July 11th – TBA (Limits of 100 people)

Only entrance and exit to St Patrick's Cathedral remains via Neil Street door.

- Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms available at St Patrick's (cleaning of seats and recording of attendees required);
- Sunday Masses will commence at the **end** of this stage;
- Live Streamed Masses will continue.
- Weekday Mass resumes with limit of 100 people (cleaning of seats and recording of attendees required);
- 1st Rite of Reconciliation resumes (cleaning of seats and recording of attendees required);
- Cathedral open for specific times during the week, requiring people to clean the area in which they sit, and record the details of those who attend;

Cleaning will be done by staff of St Patrick's, except for Reconciliation and private Prayer time in Stage 3.

Should this staged approach change you will be notified.

The Cathedral is different from a normal parish. This staged approach is the only real way we can proceed taking into account the requirements of Government and Diocese, but uppermost is your safety and health as we continue to move toward being fully together again.

Thank you for your patience, Father Michael

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S LIVE STREAMING: (feel free to sing along!!)

Opening Hymn: Christ Be Our Light

1. 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.

2. 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.

GLORIA

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.

Psalm (Sung):

Lord, Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Alleluia Verse:

Come, Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Reflection: We Are Many Parts

Refrain:

We are many parts, we are all one body,
and the gifts we have we are given to share.
May the Spirit of love make us one indeed;
One, the love that we share,
one, our hope in despair
one, the cross that we bear.

1. God of all, we look to you,
We would be your servants true,
Let us be your love to all the world.
2. All you seekers, great and small,
Seek the greatest gift of all;
If you love, then you will know the Lord.

Recessional Hymn: Send Down the Fire

Refrain: Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people,
and we shall be people of God.

1. Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.
2. Call us to learn of your mercy,
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.