



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE [Year A]

Sunday 22ND November 2020

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 – You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. [Psalm 22]

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 – He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 – He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men from one another.

FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

One of the more interesting singers that I have come across over the years is Tom Waits. Tom has an amazingly gravelly voice that takes quite a bit to get used to, but after a while you get drawn into his rather unique style. Tom is not a religious singer by any stretch of the imagination, but some of his songs are imbued with a message. He is also a great story telling using strangely relevant images and ideas.

In one of his songs, "Come On Up To The House" he describes the invitation to eternal life as God saying to us "come on up to the house." A simple invitation that is easy to understand and is as open as the front door to the house. Within this song is also some practical advice stemming from an amazing image. He sings about his challenge to Jesus, "Come on up to the house, come down from the cross, we can use the wood, come on up to the house." It speaks to me of there being nothing practical about Jesus remaining on the cross, but rather to embrace the resurrection and coming down from the cross allows that to happen. The joy of the resurrection - of new life, encompasses and surpasses the pain of any cross. So after Jesus comes down from the cross, as we are invited to do, then the cross, whatever it may be in our lives becomes of practical use. Just like the burning of wood can produce light and heat and energy, our crosses can transform the lives of others because of our experience of loss, pain and hurt. So today's gospel challenges us to "come down from our cross" and make use of what we know of life to bring hope to others.

How can we -

- Help the hungry and the thirsty;
- Welcome the stranger;
- Clothe the naked;
- Visit the sick;
- Seek out those in prison.



*Making space for joy is not only
medicine for our souls, but glue for
others' cracked hearts.*

Can we remember or envisage those times in our life when *we have been hungry for the love of another, the yearning for inclusion, the hope of being accepted by others;* those times of being in a new place, a new job, an unfamiliar situation; *those times we have felt naked not able to hide from others opinions of us, reminders of mistakes we've made, choices that have left us vulnerable and hurt;* when we have suffered illness, when people have not known how difficult life is at times, difficulties of the mind that people cannot see, longing for understanding; *when you are unable to travel, feeling the four walls closing in like a prison, living in a nursing home or place of isolation.*

There are many crosses people bear, these are some. Our crosses can become our resurrection when we move to understand others who are or have, experienced something similar. These crosses become new life for others when we use our experiences to be of help to another person.... "in so far as you do this to one another, you do this to me."

Tom Waits' song reminds us of how we share this journey together and our care of one another ultimately leads us to be in that house, invited by God to pass through the open door. In the last verse Tom Waits says:

*"Come on up to the house, the world is not my home, I'm just a passing thru, come on up to the house."
God Bless, Father Michael*



Congratulations to Ella Adeline Harris, baptised last Sunday.

We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Gabrielle Hughes, John Welsh and those who have died from Covid-19. 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:** Angela Klimkowicz, Rev Peter Murphy [2012], Fr John Dowd [1978], Fr William McCormack [1989].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Brian Machin, Graham McGovern, Madeline Gray, Richard Jones, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, 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, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation (Communal) will be offered at St Patrick's Cathedral on 2nd December at 5.30pm. St. Thomas More's will be offering the same service on the 2nd December at 9.30am.

Sisters of St. Peter Claver of 71 Margaret St, have items for sale that would make wonderful Christmas gifts. They have many beautiful gifts available as their usual Cent Sales had to be cancelled due to Covid. All sales will benefit the missions. Any enquiries, please contact the Sisters on 4632 1818

St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul is once again seeking your generous support for our Christmas Hamper Appeal. We are seeking donations of non-perishable items such as canned hams, plum puddings, canned fruit, sweets etc. Collection boxes will be left in front of the altar rails in the Cathedral from Saturday 14th November until Sunday 6th December.

Advent Anointing Mass will be held in the Cathedral Centre on Thursday 3rd December at 10am. Due to Covid 19 restrictions we will not be serving Christmas Lunch. Please RSVP by phoning the office or emailing admin@stpats.org.au.

Any questions you may have regarding financial giving, please contact Celia on 4637 1500 or find further information on the parish website – www.stpats.org.au Thank you for your kind contribution.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR!!

As you are aware, there has been a change in the restrictions regarding numbers at places of worship. This means we can accommodate more people over Christmas. However to make sure this is done in a smooth way, you **will be required** to book in advance, through TRYBOOKING. From the beginning of Advent it is hoped that you will be able to book into whichever Mass your family and yourself are attending.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin and website – www.stpats.org.au - for more details and relevant links.

There will be two venues for the Mass times over Christmas – the Cathedral and the Cathedral Centre.

Masses will be at both for Eve 6.00pm and 8.30pm; Morning 7am and 9.00am.

Midnight in the Cathedral only.

PRIOR BOOKING WILL BE ESSENTIAL!! PLEASE LET YOUR VISITORS KNOW!! More information soon!

Sunday 22 Nov	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am-Live stream available SPC	EXTRA MASS – 7.15am St Thomas More's 11am Baptism of Ryan Gilbert [NS] 12pm Baptism of Jesse Davey [NS] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 23 Nov	5.30pm Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 24 Nov <small>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions</small>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wed 25 Nov	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thurs 26 Nov	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting in the Parish Centre
Friday 27 Nov	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 28 Nov	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 29 Nov	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am-Live stream available SPC	EXTRA MASS – 7.15am St Thomas More's 11am Baptism of Aubrey Althaus [JM] 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1067; Loose \$829; PayPoint :\$560 Sandra and Peter Daly, Jan-Nell and Errol Chase		