

Parish Bugle



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There are two distinct ways in which we can view the triumph of the Cross. One way refers to what Christ has done; the other refers to what we are called to do. We usually focus on the first way. When we focus on what Christ has done through the cross, we recognize that through his death and resurrection, Christ has opened the way for us to eternal life. That is a triumph indeed.

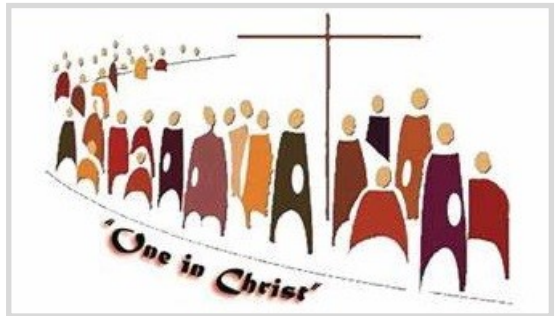
But there is another way of looking at the victory of the cross. We can focus on what we are called to do. St. Paul tells us that Christ was born in human likeness and humbled himself to accept death on a cross. By this action, Christ identifies himself with the weakness and the brokenness of humanity. He becomes a slave and thereby makes the cross a sign of all who are victims in our world. In this sense the cross represents all those who are broken by poverty, injustice, prejudice, sickness, or violence. By looking at the cross from this perspective, it becomes for us a call to action.

The cross is a sign for us to stand in solidarity with those who suffer. Every time we act with indifference towards those who struggle with poverty, injustice, or violence, we act with indifference to Christ. We are called to stand in solidarity in the way that we think, in the way that we use our resources, in the way that we spend our time.

Every time that we choose to stand with those who suffer, every time we move from paralysis to action, from blindness to vision, from indifference to love, we move this world one step closer to the kingdom of God.

Every time that we stand with those who are victims, we realize, in the deepest sense, the triumph of the cross.

*Fr Subin Thomas,
Your Parish Priest*



We acknowledge and pay respect to the land and the traditional families of the Yugambah region of South East Queensland, including the Kombumerri, Mununjali, Wangerriburra and others, and their Elders past present and emerging.

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Q & A - Why does the Cross/Crucifix occupy the central space in our church?

The first thing we need to do is to define the terms in the question- a devotional cross with the figure of Jesus suspended on it, is called a "crucifix." Without the body of Christ, it is a cross.

The cross in our church and in most other churches is the crucifix - that reminds us that it is the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ on which he died for all of us. It is love 'to the end' that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction. He knew and loved us all when he offered his life. Now the love of Christ controls us because we are convinced one has died for all; therefore, all have died. No person, not even the holiest, was ever able to take on the sins of all and offer themselves as a sacrifice for all.

The existence in Christ of the divine person of the Son, who at once surpasses and embraces all human persons and constitutes himself as the Head of all humanity, makes possible his redemptive sacrifice *for all*.

The Council of Trent emphasizes the unique character of Christ's sacrifice as 'the source of eternal salvation' and teaches that 'his most holy passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us. And the Church venerates his cross as it sings 'Hail O Cross, our only hope.'

The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the 'one mediator between God and humanity.' But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to all of us, 'the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery' is offered to us all. He calls his disciples to 'accept their cross and follow him for Christ also suffered leaving an example so that we should follow in his steps.

In fact, Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering.

In Brief

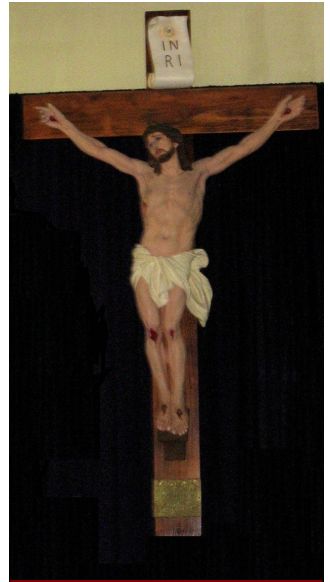
Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures. (1Cor 15:3)

Jesus freely offered himself for our salvation. During the Last Supper he both symbolized this offering and made it really present: 'This is my body which is given for you'(Jk22:19)

The redemption won by Christ consists in this, that he came 'to give his life as a ransom for many, that is, he loved his own to the end so that they may be ransomed from the futile ways inherited from their fathers (1Pet 1:18)

Finally, the Christian attaches such importance to the Crucifix that he begins his prayers and activities with the Sign of the Cross 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

These are the reasons why the Crucifix is central in our church. CCC 616,618, 2166
Terry O'Shea



The origin of the St Patrick's Crucifix:

"At the conclusion of the 10 o'clock Mass in Beenleigh on Sunday, August 25th (1929), Father Steele blessed a large crucifix that has been placed in St Patrick's Church by the Roman Catholics of Beenleigh, in memory of the late Nurse Margaret Burke."
Catholic Leader, Aug 1929

Confirmation



Friday 19th August marked a beautiful parish celebration for St. Patrick's as we gathered to witness the confirmation of just under 30 children from Mother Teresa, St. Joseph's catholic schools and children from nearby State schools. The evening was very special as the confirmands were confirmed by the new Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, Tim Norton.

The church was packed on all sides, and the Holy Spirit was with us. As the evening progressed and children were blessed and confirmed, photos and lots of happy cheer, laughter and chatter were the second part of the evening, not forgetting food, delicious food to be shared by all who came to be a part of and witness this beautiful occasion.

I believe that the sacramental team, have worked hard with the families and children and this has contributed to the overall success of the night. Thank you to all our families and our parishioners as we move forward together in building St. Patrick's.

Meryline Falani Croker



Photo above; beautiful confirmands of 2022, To the left the Sacramental team; Terry, Helen, Colleen, Bishop Tim, Fr Subin, Meryline and Michael

Bequests to the Parish

Should any Parishioner be considering making a financial bequest to St. Patrick's Parish, such a bequest must be included in your Last Will and Testament.

There is an exactly worded statement required to be used when making such a bequest. This exact statement can be obtained from the Parish Office.

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Multicultural Sunday

St Patrick's celebrated Multicultural Sunday on 21st of August. The celebration was very special because of Bishop Tim's visit and he concelebrated the Mass with Fr Subin.



The church was beautifully decorated by dedicated and inspired parishioners and a special thank you must go to Virginia Se and her team of helpers.

The readers looked lovely and they did a beautiful job reading in their own languages, showing the diversity of our parish.

The combined youth and adult choir lead by Cathy Korzeniewski supported Bishop Tim and Fr Subin by providing the music. The Couples-for-Christ group were also singing and playing during parts of the Mass. It all combined to make the Mass was a very spiritual occasion.

After the Mass we were treated to performances and food in St Joseph's School Hall. It was the first community celebration since Covid, which was very joyful and special.

Thank you to all the beautiful entertainers, who performed so well. Thank you to the many cooks who provided plentiful and tasty food.

We are thankful for this beautiful and blessed event which was due to the efforts of many tireless organisers.

Monica Boucek



Bishop Tim's Visit



On the weekend of the 19th – 21st of August 2022, our Parish was blessed to have been visited by Auxiliary Bishop Tim Norton. His busy schedule began on Friday the 19th by visiting St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School, Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School and Trinity College. Staff and students were able to meet with him.

After visiting all the schools, Bishop Tim then ministered the Sacrament of Confirmation with our candidates. He briefly celebrated with the candidates and their families in the Truelson room and completed his Friday agenda by having dinner with the Youth group in St. Joseph School Hall.



The following day, Bishop Tim had morning tea with the parish office staff. He then had lunch with the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Group and afternoon tea with the RAP, Meditation and Charismatic Group members. Bishop Tim was well fed. He then celebrated the vigil 6pm Mass.

Bishop Tim returned Sunday morning to celebrate the 7am Mass and the Multicultural Mass at 9am; wearing the same vestments he wore during his installation Mass. He concluded his visit by joining us in the St. Joseph's school hall for the Multicultural Day celebration.

It was a pleasure to listen to his stories and his journey. We are very grateful for Bishop Tim's visit to our Parish.

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Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) update

The diocesan RAP pilot project is nearing the end of its two year period. Our team members have learnt a lot in the RAP process and have spoken to a lot of people about the RAP and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues. We have offered many opportunities for people to learn. The future will be very interesting with the upcoming referendum. We will be in a much better position to understand and participate in the conversations because of all we have learnt. I'm very grateful to our project manager, Cynthia Rowan and to Fr Subin for letting us participate as a pilot parish in the archdiocese.

The RAP has many deliverables. One of them relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art; in providing opportunities for artists by purchasing their art. This art will allow parishioners to experience Indigenous art, owned by our church, to be displayed on special occasions. The team has been fortunate enough to purchase art through family connections of one of our parishioners.

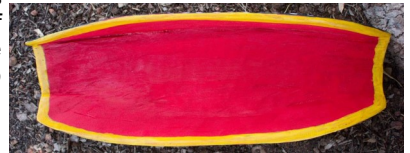


Other deliverables relate to learning and resources; informing parishioners about the resources that are available and what we as team members have learnt.

The Logan Deanery Family Day provided an opportunity to do this. We had a wonderful display of artefacts, information displays and handouts and the whole team helped out in the preparations and/or on the day. Uncle Ted Williams was saying a Welcome to Country with Fiona, Marian and William presenting Uncle Ted with a gift afterwards

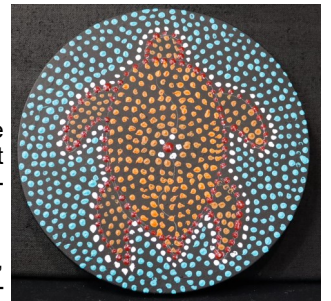


Another opportunity presented itself at the Beenleigh Historical Village. Fiona organised a group of 44 St Joseph's school staff and St Patrick's parishioners to The Spirit of the Red Sands show, followed by a scrumptious three course meal. It was a lovely event and it was so nice to have school staff and parishioners out together.



We have attended the first of the Truth Telling series talks – My Family's Story by Jackie Huggins. We purchased artefacts for the church and spoke to the Aboriginal artists and stall holders about a visit St Patrick's. We still need to work out a suitable occasion for this.

The next talk in the series is on October 6th. Truth Telling: The Foundation of Reconciliation, which is followed by the Blanket Exercise. Six of our team have registered to attend this important event.



Many parishioners have helped out during the pilot program, which has been heart-warming. I would like to thank John Truelson in particular for the great work done in preparing the garden and in making the beautiful information plaque stand.

Monica Boucek

Faith—a Gift like an Underground River



Dear Parishioners,

My name is Judith Floyd and I have been invited to share something of my faith journey with you and I thank Monica for this opportunity. In my life I have had many blessings and of course difficulties to face and navigate.

I graduated from St Vincent's Hospital and not long after that I entered a religious order of Catholic nuns, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. It is world wide with sisters in many countries. Following the spirituality of St Francis of Assisi we choose where possible to go to people and places who are marginalized or the poorest.

For myself, Faith has been a constant gift in my life, like an underground river that is always there, sometimes quiet sometimes demanding. One could say that these are demanding times we are living in.

I have encountered cultures in many countries so I readily accept multicultural Australia and the rich heritage that these communities bring to this country. I was seven years in Papua New Guinea and several years in Townsville, Nth QLD. Here I met many wonderful people and accompanied them on their faith journey.

I have always been interested in creative activities and with an Art Degree I offered Art & Spirituality workshops which allowed conversations and shared stories . It was an enriching time of fun as well as addressing serious issues .

Through the involvement of other sisters in our community I met and made friends in the Aboriginal and Gay community and rejoiced again at the wonders of the gifts of human beings.

Sadly we can also carry a lot of 'baggage' that causes hurt and division and often violence born out of prejudice and bias. We seem to forget we are all human and have a right to Be and that we all have red blood flowing in our veins!

Celebrating my diamond jubilee this year I can truly thank God for my life; my family, friends , community and all who have given me love and kindness. And of course for the many challenges.

I may not have always made the right decisions but hopefully I have learnt along the way.

I'm grateful that my long life has given me the opportunity to change and mature and hope and pray for more justice and understanding in our Church and society.

I wish you peace and kindness and hope. Thank you for your wonderful Parish community. Faith in the human spirit is a constant guide let us celebrate it.

Many blessings, Judith fmm

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The photo above shows Anne McKenny, BCE Senior Leader, Kathryn O'Toole, APRE, Dr Sally Towns, Brisbane Executive Director, and Kevin Billion, Principal and was taken during at the recent Deanery meeting

It has been a very busy term here at St Joseph's filled with some great celebrations where we have welcomed many of our family members to school celebrations.

We have celebrated special people in our lives for Father's Day, the joy of reading during Bookweek, the importance of our mental health with RU OK Day dressed in yellow, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day and we will finish the term showcasing the dancing talents of our children.

Among these fun celebrations we have welcomed Bishop Tim Norton during his St Patrick's Parish visit. Bishop Tim con-celebrated mass for our school community and spent time sharing his stories with staff and our Year 6 students.

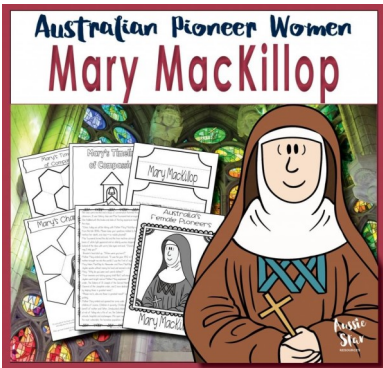
In the final week of the term, we welcomed Dr Sally Towns, Brisbane Executive Director to our school, for the Logan Deanery Meeting. It was a great day of prayer, discussion and collaboration of ideas and actions to continue the great connected work of schools and parishes in the Deanery being 'Church Together'.

This term our Joey's staff went on a pilgrimage together to walk in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop. We started at St Joseph's School, Kangaroo Point and walked along the cliffs to Captain Burke Park, stopping along the way to

acknowledge significant spots where Mary and her sisters had lived and worked.

The day ended together in the Mary MacKillop Chapel at the Cathedral, sitting in front of the handcrafted statue of Mary. It was a great day of connections to each other, our Josephite Charism and the great story of hope and love in the person of Jesus.

Kathryn O'Toole, APRE, St Joseph Tobruk Memorial School



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Staff Spirituality Day

On Friday the 2nd of September, the staff of Mother Teresa visited the Marian valley Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians. The staff used the day as an opportunity to attend mass in the morning and then partake in some professional development around the Religious Education Curriculum. Staff members also used the day as an opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection by walking throughout the grounds to observe the Stations of the Cross and other various shrines to the saints (including one to Mother Teresa!)



Feast Day of St Teresa of Kolkata

On the 5th of September, the students of Mother Teresa Primary School celebrated the Feast Day of St Teresa of Kolkata. The students started the day with an exciting bus trip to St Patrick's Catholic Church at Beenleigh, where Fr Subin presided over mass.

They then ventured back to school for ice blocks and cake. In the afternoon, students, staff and parents participated in Feast Day stall activities. The school was a hive of activity with students and parents participating in a range of activities from Mini Golf to Coin Throws. The students raised \$670 which was donated to the Missionaries of Charity in Fortitude Valley.

Adam McCoy, APRE, Mother Teresa School





St Vincent De Paul Society—St Patrick's Conference

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

St Patrick's Conference here in Beenleigh is a small community which constitutes the front line of the Society. We cover a huge area and respond to the ever growing demand for our services.

QUEENSLAND HOUSING CRISIS

We have all been aware of the shortage of affordable housing over the last few years. Since the advent of Covid, however, the situation has reached the present crisis stage due to many factors. As a result even families who can afford to pay the increasing prices for rental accommodation simply cannot find a place to live. This is the case in regional centres just as much as Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast etc. As an example, Rockhampton has a record low 0.4% rental vacancy. It is truly a Queensland wide crisis and at long last our premier has responded by calling for a Queensland Housing Summit to be staged in October. According to Premier Palaszczuk, the summit will address the urgency of multiple housing issues:

“Nothing is more important than having a roof over your head-it’s a basic need- and the stories of people without secure housing are heartbreaking .” Ms Palaszczuk said.

She further said that the state would consider “all options” raised during the round table and summit. It is pleasing to note that our society in Queensland has been one of the organisations invited to attend the Roundtable discussions thus enabling us to share the stories of our companions experiencing hardship.

We hope that we will also be represented at the summit.

We pray that as well as hopefully finding long term solutions to the housing shortage, answers can also be found for those homeless families experiencing hardship today.

FUND RAISING

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The date of our next fundraiser is Saturday 26 November.

SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE ASSISTANCE for July and August 2022

- ## Total number of contacts 90
- ## Value of assistance provided. \$8462.00
- ## We assisted 78 single parents with children and 24 partnered.

John Maksimas, Vice President SVDP



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St Francis & Doggy Day Care



Our catholic tradition of seeing animals as part of God's earthly creation stretches back to Jesus who used the metaphor of "seeking the lost sheep". Meaning that animals and we human "sheep" need care.

"All creatures are our brothers and sisters," said Francis of Assisi, who claimed not to see animals as beings with less right to life than humans, so much so that he shared the same preaching with people and animals. According to researchers, his love for God was manifested through his passion for human and non-human creatures - World Day of Peace on January 1, 1990.- Pope John Paul II

This love of animals, especially dogs, is evident in a local Doggy Day-Care. Whilst in their care, the dogs are socialized and exercised which also helps with separation anxiety. The dogs look forward to their day play and exercise. What would our parents and farmers think of the modern need for this service?

One of our parishioners, Greg has the good fortune to be a Doggy Day-Care driver. As part of the "home routine" the Day Care worker stands at bus door, clipboard and pen in hand, calls each dog by name, which then obediently enters, its name marked off the list. Greg clips the dog's harness to the seat. Once all the dogs are 'seated correctly' Greg takes the driver's seat.

One can imagine the difficulty of Greg driving with the excited noise of 17 dogs barking. What if a cat came into view? Visualise the amused looks from people sitting at traffic lights alongside a bus, expecting to see children or elderly folk on their way home from an outing, instead, is full of harnessed excited dogs licking and scratching the windows! Each dog is delivered to their Gold Coast homes -barking excitedly at the sight of the owners waiting in the driveway.

Greg introduces some of the personalities.

"Henry, the Dachshund had some anxiety issues. I think Cruiser, the English Bull dog, casually mentioned the war while Angus, the chubby black Labrador was totally chilled on his day off as a service dog at a Beaudesert Aged Care facility. Zeva is the most beautiful blue Staffy with a personality to match. Ernie, the black Poodle, was the vigilant gate keeper seeing everyone alighted safely, sending them off with a bark or whine depending on their relationship. While the sweet blue Border Collie, Rosie looked lovingly up at me the whole time wanting so badly to sit in my lap. There were no bullies, everyone including the one neurosis case, were happy to be there in the moment. If only humans could exist without bad bosses or bullies."

Greg gains enjoyment and humour from this "job" seeing the personalities akin to human: the boss, the bully, quiet loving with those little black eyes watching your every move, to the clumsy and boisterous class clown. What a gift to be able to read their personalities.

Do we have a new St Francis?

There is no new St. Francis according to Greg. Some beautiful people with an idea and he's just blessed to tie their sandals and drive the bus. St Francis' tradition continues....
Denise O'Shea



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Thank you to all the people who decorated, prepared, cooked, catered and made this a wonderful inaugural Country of the Month (Philippines) event. Congratulations! Thank you Colleen for a wonderful initiative.

Pope Francis—Corruption as Christians



Vatican City, Sep 18, 2022

Pope Francis said on Sunday that Christians should not become discouraged or remain indifferent to stories of corruption, but instead “be creative in doing good with prudence.” He said that people can “start to complain and play the victim” in times of crisis, even in the Church.

“Brothers and sisters ... in our world today there are stories of corruption like in the Gospel: dishonest conduct, unfair policies, selfishness that dominates the choices of individuals and institutions, and many other murky situations. But we Christians are not allowed to become discouraged, or worse, to let go of things, remaining indifferent,” Pope Francis said.

“On the contrary, we are called to be creative in doing good with prudence and the cleverness of the Gospel, using the goods of this world, not only material but all the gifts we have received from the Lord, not to enrich ourselves, but to generate fraternal love and social fellowship.”

The pope’s comments on corruption were inspired by a parable in Sunday’s Gospel in the Church’s liturgical calendar, [Luke 16:1-13](#), a reading that the pope admitted can be difficult to understand at first glance.

Pope Francis said: “Jesus tells the story about corruption: a dishonest manager who steals and then after being discovered by his master, acts shrewdly to get out of the situation. We ask ourselves: what is this shrewdness about ... and what does Jesus want to tell us?”

“Jesus uses this story to put before us a provocation when he says: ‘The children of this age are shrewder in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.’”

Pope Francis commented that those who live by “certain worldly standards” today seem to know how to get by even when in trouble, while Christians can sometimes be “naive, not knowing how to take the initiative to find ways out of difficulties.”

“I am thinking of times of personal or social crisis, but also Church crisis: sometimes we give in to discouragement or we start to complain and play the victim. Instead, Jesus says we can also be clever according to the Gospel, awake and alert to discern reality and be creative to find good solutions for us and others,” he said

Before praying the Angelus prayer with the crowd gathered in St. Peter’s Square, Pope Francis encouraged people to remember: “To inherit eternal life then, there is no need to accumulate goods in this world, but what matters is the charity we have lived in our fraternal relationships.” *Courtney Mares, Submitted by Denise O’Shea*



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Meet Helen Bradford



I am a cradle Catholic, the third born of 4 children. My family tradition was Mass every Sunday, early because we had to fast from midnight, and Rosary every night. When I was 8 my father passed away. My mother, sister and I moved to Scarborough where we attended St Bernadette's Primary School and Soubirous College for High School.

I married in 1971 and had two children. My husband was in the Air Force and we moved to Sydney in 1986. Our parish in Sydney was a Franciscan parish in Kellyville. It was a great parish and we were all like family.

I returned to Queensland alone in 2016 and my daughter who lived in Canberra followed me with her husband and daughter. So I lived with them for 15 months to support them with child raising as their daughter had just been diagnosed with ASD. I have a son in Sydney who has a lovely wife and 4 Children.

I moved into Ingenia at Bethania in September 2018 and adopted St Patricks as my parish. Immediately I felt at home in the parish. I have found St Patricks to be a welcoming and spiritual parish. I was asked to join the meditation group and I love it even though it is not an easy thing to do but we'll worth the effort to establish a calm, peaceful relationship with God.

I was asked to join the Parish Pastoral Council in 2020. My first reaction was surprise and doubt that I had anything to contribute. That doubt is still there but more and more I am finding that I do have a contribution to make. This year Father invited some of us to form a Sacramental Team. It was a rewarding experience. Recently I have been attending the Catholic Leadership Intensive run by Evangelisation Brisbane. I would recommend this course to anyone who needs leadership skills, both in the parish or in the secular world.

I also volunteer with St Patricks SVDP Conference, which is very short of volunteers. If you have 2 hours x 1 day a week to spare, please consider volunteering. God will bless you for your work.



So if you are not involved in the parish, and you see a need that has not yet been addressed, please come and have a chat to me before or after Mass. I will endeavour to do my best to assist you.

Helen Bradford



St Patrick's Mass times:

Mondays	7am Mass	Saturdays	8am Mass & Novena
Tuesdays	7am Mass		6pm Mass
Thursdays	6pm Mass	Sundays	7am Mass
Fridays	7am Mass		9am Mass
	8—11am Adoration		6pm Mass