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**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Tom Stevens**  
**MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm**  
**Mon: 8.00 am Communion Service Tues to Fri: 8.00 am Mass**  
**Rosary after Morning Mass - Tuesday to Saturday**  
**RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30 pm to 5.45pm**  
**PARISH ADMIN.: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm – Brenda**

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**PLEASE NOTE**  
**THERE WILL BE A COMMUNION SERVICE ON**  
**TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER AND THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER**  
**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS**

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** **Monday:** St Callistus; **Tuesday:** St Teresa Of Jesus; **Wednesday:** St Hegwig and St Margaret Mary Alacoque; **Thursday:** St Ignatius of Antioch; **Friday:** St Luke

**10,000 YEARS AND SYRIA REMAINS IN TURMOIL**

In today's first reading and Gospel, the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in the C9th BC, Samaria, and the area of modern day Syria is important. Samaritan's weren't considered 'pure Jews', their culture had been tainted and lacked the validity that the Jews in Judea (southern region) supposedly possessed. Yet in the first reading; Naaman, who is the the commander of an army of what would be modern day Syria, is cured of his leprosy; Elisha is a Samaritan prophet; and then we have the Samaritan leper cured in the Gospel. These 'outsiders' (the Syrian and the Samaritans), are the sources through which God's message of love and inclusion is shown. These supposed 'lesser individuals' indeed hold the pathway to God.

I have been deeply saddened in recent days to hear that this magnificent region and people, now looks certain to again face a period of war and conflict, with an invasion of Syria by Turkey appearing likely. This is all the more tragic when we realise that this notion of certain individuals being seen as 'lesser and inferior' has been rife in this very same stretch of land the last ten millennia at least as today's readings remind us.. **Fr. Tom**

**THANK YOU OTTO PETRIN:** We honour and thank in a special way this weekend **Otto Petrin** for over 40 years of continual service to St Pat's in his loving care and dedication in maintaining the gardens of the parish.

A sandstone plaque recognising his long service will be blessed and unveiled at the 9am Mass this weekend. The plaque will eventually be installed on the exterior of the church, near the sacristy, facing the garden beds which Otto has worked on tirelessly on over the years.

**Thank you Otto!**

**YEAR 12 BLESSING AND PRAYERS:** Please keep all year 12 students of our parish in your prayers as they will shortly be commencing their HSC examinations. May their preparations be calm and their hard work rewarded. May they know that their future is bright and full of opportunity!

**RECEPTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES:** From the weekend of Saturday, 30 November / Sunday, 1 December 2019 (the beginning of Advent) parishioners at St Pats will have the option of receiving the Precious Blood as well as the Body, in the form of the host, at Holy Communion.

Receiving the Precious Blood is not a requirement, but receiving the blood of Christ is a fuller sign of the the mystery we celebrate. Christ whole and entire, is received, even under one kind, but the invitation will be there for those who wish to receive the Precious Blood.

**A more detailed explanation of Receiving of the Precious Blood is available at the back of the Church.**

**ANIMAL BLESSING CAKE STALL:** Will be held to raise money for the Sleeping Ruff Campaign. Donations of home baked goods would be appreciated. Can be delivered to the hall before Mass.

DIARY DATES	
MON	10am-Bingo in the Parish Hall. Come along, have some fun!
TUE - SAT	The Rosary after morning mass
WED	11.00am - Christian Mediation in the Lady Chapel – All welcome



**PARISH BAPTISMS THIS WEEK:** Baby Oliver O'Brien and Baby Jordon Battaglia.

**PARISH WEDDINGS THIS WEEK:** Tiffany Yip and Anthony Pun

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Silvana Criscione; Guido Guomao (Italy); Catherine Gordon; Carmen Bonnici; Matteo Di Pasquantonio; Kevin McCord; John Wallace; Francesca Parison; Margaret Dix; Margaret Love; Renaldo Gabrielle di Natteo; Antonio Merlino; Brian Bowman; Anthony Needs.

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** John Roach; Francis Chong; Michael Borello (1st Anniversary); Charles Bonnici; Harold Carlton; Nellie Hart; William Smith; Joseph Moloney; Phyllis Carss; Neita Edgton; John Mathies; Mary Brown; Carl Rich; Francesco Aliosio..

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Join the Prayer Group after Sunday's 9am Mass to say one decade of the Rosary and the Memorare for petitions received; Otto Petrin; Mario Cremonese; Loretto; Antonietta; Theresa Tan; Billy Brandt; Peter Allen; George; Michael; Anne Trivia; George Cepak; Audrey and Tony Clarke; Dave Roberts; Fr Giuseppie Cremonese; Sr Celina Cavaliere; Bill Young; Don Khoury; Cameron Sue; To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.

NEXT WEEK 19 & 20 OCTOBER - WEEK THREE			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Anna Dickinson Paul Dolan	Margret McCarthy Jack Gordon	Britta & John Crozier
Acolytes	Trevor Parmenter Julian McCarron	Kevin Nelson- Smith	Peter Scicluna Rico Arce
Communion at Mass	Nina & Max Briganti	Betty Flynn Connie Lasorsa	Diane Carolan Rita Kolibac Michelle Couch
Communion to the Sick	Kevin Casey and Frank O'Young		
Children's Liturgy	Sonia		
Altar Society Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Marie Cramsie and Barbara Granger		
Money Counters	Sandra & Stephen Ryan and Philomena & Michael Turley		

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