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# WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

**Website:** <https://stpatrickswesttamworthparish.org/>



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**WEEKEND MASSES** Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30 pm  
**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mon: \*\*No Mass Tues: \*\*No Mass  
Wed: \*\*12 noon St Bonaventure, bishop and doctor  
Thurs: 9am Fri: 9am Sat: 9am

**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm  
\*Or by appointment

## May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Scott, Pauline Connor, Tony McDonald, Terry Smith, Norma Jurd, Thomas Brown, John Albert French.

**Anniversaries:** Patricia Kennedy (2/7), Nerida Blanch (5/7), Pat Smyth (7/6), Stan Blanch Jnr (24/6), Stan Blanch Snr (29/6).

**Deceased:** Leopolda Figar, Patricia Mary Holz, Fr Robert Watson, William Coulston, Andrew Tickner, William Grima, John Killen, Eibhlin Killen.

**Sick:** Rachel MacPherson, Shirley Hobbs, Gail Styman, Deacon Peter Harrison, Jenny Buxury, Margaret O'Callaghan, Aria Lee Hawley, Joy Makepeace, John Joe Kiely, Monica Austin, Joe Lew, Dudley Ryan, Trisha Aquino, Paul Steer, Baby Jack Smith, Noel O'Brien, Bill Press, Karen Guillermo, David Owens, Yvonne Tarrant, Terry Lee, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Greentree, Janice Rizzi, Richard Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Judy Cumins, Brindley Cavallaro, Maureen Harrison, Elaine White, Linda Bourke, Peggy Bussell, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Jack & Marge Attard.



## CRACKERS TAILS

One day an atheist was taking a walk through the woods. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself. "And to think they were all created by a cosmic accident!" As he was walking alongside the river he suddenly heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to see a seven foot grizzly bear charging towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path but he looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. Suddenly he tripped and fell to the ground. As he rolled over to pick himself up he saw the bear right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him. At that instant the Atheist cried out: "Oh my God!" All at once time stood still. The bear froze. The forest was silent. As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky: "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist, and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Why do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?" The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as a believer now, but perhaps could you make the bear a believer?" "Very well," said the voice. The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And then the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together and bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty, Amen."

## COMING EVENTS

Sat 18 July Memorial of St Bonaventure, bishop and doctor

Mon 20 July First day of Term 3 for St Joseph's

**NEW WEBSITE:** <https://stpatrickswesttamworthparish.org/>



The Greatest Creation of God

*'He will Himself be your support and your strength' (1868)*



**WEDNESDAY 12 NOON MASS:** Please note the mass on Wednesday this week will be held at 12 noon following very positive responses. It is hoped this change of time might assist people who find 9 am mass difficult to attend, particularly in winter time. We would like to hear your thoughts on this and other mass time suggestions. We encourage you to visit our website and follow the news link to take [the survey](#).

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2020:** "Brothers What Must We Do?" is an online free event being held on 15 August 2020. More details at [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Masses have resumed as shown, in line with current COVID-19 restrictions. **ONLY 72 PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO ATTEND MASS AT ANY ONE TIME AT ST PATRICKS.** It is preferable for you to register with the Parish Office. **PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH AND LEAVE YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS AND PREFERENCE TIME FOR MASS ATTENDANCE** (Saturday evening or Sunday). **The parish phone is not always attended so please only call if you do not have email.** If you do not register you may still attend mass, however you **MUST** leave your name and contact details on the sheet upon entering and can only enter if less than 72 people have registered on the entry sheet already.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING - \*\*YOU MUST - \*REGISTER TO ENTER**  
- **\*SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING AND LEAVING**  
- **\*KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

Your health and welfare are our top concern. \*\*Any person who is unwell, any person with co-morbidities (e.g. compromised immune or respiratory systems), and those over 70 years of age should exercise particular caution. For some it may be more appropriate to attend a weekday Mass when there are less people present or to receive pastoral care from clergy in their home. Before and After Mass you are asked to minimise any time spent together and avoid large group gathering Before and After Mass. No group singing is permitted.

**COLLECTIONS:** The Parish continues to be financially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Thank you to those parishioners who are continuing their planned giving by direct debit or other means. **The option of electronic transfer or direct debit is always available, and preferable.** As masses return collections will be gratefully received by placing both first collection and second collection (envelopes/loose) into the **relevant slot** in the box at the back of the church.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** are available for the 2020/2021 financial year. Please collect yours today, and contact the office if you would like to join the planned giving community.

**PROGRESS ON THE PARISH CENTRE:** Steady progress continues on the new Parish Centre. We hope you are also watching with interest in our top-standard facility which will be available for Parish functions and for hire to other appropriate groups. We look forward to various Parish groups meeting in this lovely Centre.

## *A PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR HOLY MOTHER:*

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our hour of need, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary. Amen*



**Sat Cleaning Roster:** 18/7/20 B & B Lane  
25/7/20 K O'Brien and J Cunningham

**First Collection goes to the Diocese WEST TAMWORTH PRESBYTERY BSB 082105 ACC 001023642**  
**Second Collection goes to St Patrick's : WEST TAMWORTH CHURCH BSB 082105 ACC 001041198**