



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [Year C] Sunday 6 March, 2022

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 The confession of faith of the elect.

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13 The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 Filled with the Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

The Easter Journey in Sri Lanka

For Sri Lankans, the Lent period means refraining from eating meats attempting to be like Jesus during Lent. In the period between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, most Catholics are follow fasting and repenting. People will also take on pilgrimages to a popular landmark and 'Hiniduma' is a one of the well-known locations where participate in the Way of The Cross. Catholic groups in the Church vicinity gather and partake in the Way of The Cross every Friday. They also attend Lenten liturgies.

During the Palm Sunday Eucharistic celebration, palm (as coconut trees are in abundance) leaves are blessed and are distributed among those present. People hand craft crosses out of the fresh 'palm' leaves. These handmade crosses are hung on walls, entrance etc of their homes. It is their belief that these crosses will cast protection over their homes as cross is a sign of God's protection. The crosses eventually return to the respective Mission Churches to be incinerated to create and the ashes would be used on Ash Wednesday the following Easter. During the lent, some communities (specially along the coastal line) conduct traditional staging of passion plays and street plays and singing of "pasan" (Lenten hymns), through modern variations. These remain some of the most popular Lenten devotions among some communities until today. Street plays are usually directed by Catholic Youths, attempting to give a more contemporary portrayal of the life and death of Jesus than traditional passion plays do. In the coastal areas of Sri Lanka, 'pasan' is traditionally sung generally by older people after dusk. Other Catholics listen to 'pasan' preserved on audio devices.

Catholic community groups gather at the church or walk to stations marked along a public road that goes through a village on each Friday during the lent to participate in way of the cross. Good Friday consists of a 3-hour long service is a very special event in every Catholic church in Sri Lanka to commemorate Jesus' crucifixion. The villages will become a deserted place since everyone will be at the church. In the Tridium, they participate in the Way of The Cross. As soon as the Way of the Cross session is over, people will then partake in the veneration of the cross. People will wear white clothes as it is a tradition for Sri Lankan Catholics. Good Friday is also a day of fasting requiring Catholics to refrain from eating eat meat. People share food and simple alms giving of 'Congi Soup' to break the fast.

For Easter Sunday Catholics will dress glamorously to church. The reason being they celebrate the glorious event of Jesus' resurrection. In the mass people will rejoice through Hymns. In accordance with the Solar Calendar the Sinhala-Tamil new year generally overlap with the Easter season. Families will gather throughout Sunday around their neighbourhood in various celebrations that are coupled with the Sinhala-Tamil new year and becomes a one big party and a cross cultural event to commemorate the resurrection. Each Parish would hold their own celebrations packed with new year games, traditional sports and cricket matches.



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**

Fr. Kevin Mogg (Melbourne), Dorothy Cumner. 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: Rev Fr Hector Thomas Sheeran [2017], Rev Fr Joseph Skelly [1970] and Rev Fr Kevin Ryan [2011].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:**

Bev Smith (Boodle), Fr Raymond Sweeney, Angelina Santa Lucia, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt

Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, 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.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

BULLETINS DURING LENT will all feature a perspective from a cultural point of view on the celebration of Lent and Easter. It invites us to reflect on the way we celebrate this time of the year and may be to consider different ways of bringing new meaning to this time of deep spirituality.

THANK YOU to Lorraine Betros for the addition of the drapes behind the altar rails and the other banners to enhance our environment during this time. We are appreciative of your efforts and the sharing of your wonderful gift of dressmaking. Thank you to Carl for his supporting role in this endeavor! Thanks also to Anne-Marie Ford for coordinating this venture on behalf of the Liturgy Committee at St. Pat's.

PARKING: The new parking spaces in front of the rose garden as you enter Neil Street are available for anyone to park in. Please be aware the spaces in front of the disabled parking are not car parks, but can be used if necessary for extra disabled parking. They allow for the easy flow of traffic. Please do not park there, unless you are in need of a disabled park. **PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TCSO CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!**

OPEN DAY at St Saviour's College – Catholic Day and Boarding School for Girls in Years 7-12 – will be held on Monday, 28th March, 2022, 2.00pm – 5.30pm. Please register online www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au

YOU ARE INVITED to celebrate 100 years of St. Vincent's Hospital **CENTENARY PICNIC** on Sunday 3rd April, 2022, from 1pm – 4pm. The celebration will be happening at Entrance 2 in the gardens in Scott Street. It will include a sausage sizzle with soft drinks and water. Also guided hospital tours, jumping castle, live entertainment and Face painting. Come along to celebrate this wonderful milestone.



Sunday 6 Mar	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism Liara Hails
Monday 7 Mar	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 8 Mar	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 9 Mar	7am Mass SPC	6.00pm St Vincent De Paul Meeting in Conference Room SPC 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 10 Mar	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 3.30 pm First Reconciliation meeting in Cathedral 5.30pm Liturgy meeting SPC
Friday 11 Mar	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	10.00am World Day of Prayer at St Theresa's Parish 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 12 Mar	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am 11am Baptism Asher Hunt
Sunday 13 Mar	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism Cosima McBride 12pm Baptism Charlotte Herron

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.
Planned Giving: \$940 Loose: \$440 PayPoint: \$570. Pat Power, Leo McMahon and Eileen Stephen.

Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number. Thank you