



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

15 March 2026

**First reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.



### And his eyes were opened.....

When I was in a previous parish I contacted a friend of mine, Kylie who has a wonderful gift as an artist. I asked Kylie to produce six paintings for the journey of lent and the celebration of Easter. This reading was part of the year in which she painted six amazing paintings with great creativity. This set of eyes were painted onto two pieces of wood sliced to a depth of about 8 centimeters. One eye is with no colour symbolising

blindness and the other alive with a beautiful blue – searching and engaged with life. When I went back to read what I had written in my diary it reminded me of the reflection I shared with the community back in 2017. I was pondering what it means to lose our sight and the effect that has on our other senses. Often the other senses seem to compensate for the loss of one sense. It made me think about today's gospel and what it means when Jesus speaks about those who are blind as they debate the good work of healing that Jesus has done to show the glory of God – the scribes, Pharisees, lawyers etc.

So it draws us to think about our own blindness and how can Jesus help us regain our sight. Maybe we need to turn to our other senses to listen to what they are telling us about what we can't see. The challenge is to look strongly and deeply at our own darkness, then to ask ourselves how is God talking to us through our other senses so we can see again. In other words if we use our other senses it may reveal to us our actual blindness.

In other words when we reflect on our voice – what are the words we are using? How are we speaking them to others? Do we encourage or disparage others? Is our **blindness revealed** in our voice, in what we say, or the way we say it?

What is it that we are hearing? Are we only hearing what we want to hear? Not listening to the real emotions between the words? Can we only hear ourselves and not the silence that is needed? Is our **blindness revealed** with what we do or don't hear?

How are we communicating when we are physically present with others? Are our gestures demeaning of others? Is our body language sending the message that we don't really care? Do we offer our help to others using our hands to bring kindness and compassion? Do we give generously to those in need? Is our **blindness revealed** in the way we show compassion?

Even our sense of smell can reveal something to us about blindness. How quickly do we judge someone who has showered less because of hardship or poor understanding of hygiene? Do we walk past the homeless due to the odour they have? Is our **blindness revealed** in our response to what we smell?

This was my favourite painting of them all. It is the painting that was revealed for the celebration of Easter. On one side of the leaf is death and dying. The other side is coming to life, slowly. It is full of life with limbs growing strong. A wonderful image of the gift of continual new life. This is *everyday* Easter where we move from one side to the other and back again throughout our life bringing us continual hope and growth in faith.

*May the final weeks of Lent lead you to the wonder of new life! Fr. Michael*



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Lyn Moate, Claire Barnes, Tom O'Connor, Sr Bernice Langsford R.S.M. (99yrs. formerly St Saviour's College and Convent).

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:**

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Austin Amalemba, Janet Brady, Jane Kennedy, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Mark Betts, Kathy Birmingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Evandro Andrade, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Francis, Therese Odri, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Dorothy Marsh, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation  
18/03 – 5.30pm

Chrism Mass (30/3)  
5.30pm

Holy Thursday (2/4)  
**NO 7am MORNING MASS**  
Mass of the Last Supper  
6.00pm

Good Friday (3/4)  
Stations of the Cross  
10.00am  
(followed by 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation)  
Passion of the Lord  
3.00pm

Easter Vigil Saturday (4/4)  
**7.00pm – note time change**

Easter Sunday (5/4)  
7.00am, 9.00am, 5.30pm

**Volunteers for Easter Ceremonies** are required to ensure the fulfilling experience of our Easter journey is successful. If you are able to volunteer for any of the ministries over the Triduum please place your name on the roster provided on the information table. The more people who volunteer the easier the ceremonies will go, so please consider giving your time.

**Money Counters** are needed to count one Sunday per month after 5.30pm Mass, it's not an onerous task. A Police check is required for anyone who volunteers for this role. If interested please email or phone the office [stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au) or 4637 1500. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Leo and Maureen McMahon and Pat Power for the many years they have generously given to this ministry at St Pat's.

**Ars Cantorum** presents Eastertide Music at St Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday 29 March 2pm. Tickets available at the door \$25.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation** will be offered at St Patrick's on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm and at St Thomas More's on the same day at 9.30am.

**Farewell to Fr. Mick McClure** – Bishop Ken invites you to celebrate 22 years of service for Fr. Mick in Helidon with a Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.30pm in St Joseph's Helidon followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

**St Pat's Bingo** Volunteers Needed – Have you got some spare time? Have you got youth on your side? We would love to welcome you to join our team of volunteers.



Once a fortnight selling tickets, canteen, raffles & checking winning tickets. Wednesday & Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. Please call Anthony on 0418 775 503 for more information.

<b>Sunday 15 March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b> [Priest ann. in green]	11am Baptism Noah Luis & Georgie Annalise Larrarte 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 16 February</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM <b>Fr Ronald Walton</b>	9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday 17 February</b> <b>St Patrick</b>	9am Mass SPC	<b>St Patrick's Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 18 February</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>5.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 19 February</b> <b>St Joseph</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30 – 8.30pm Adoration 9.30am Mass at Yukana <b>4pm Sacramental Program – Reconciliation Practice</b> 6-7pm Choir Practice
<b>Friday 20 February</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Conference Room <b>6pm Celebration of Reconciliation</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 21 February</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary in the Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation <b>10am Celebration of Reconciliation</b> 12pm Baptism Pulpaki Ma'afu Tonga
<b>Sunday 22 March</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	2.30pm Farewell to Fr. Mick McClure at St Joseph's Helidon 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$3215 Planned Giving \$726 Donation Point \$1560

Money Counters this weekend: Parish Office Staff

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**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 or name in donating. Thank you.