

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Primary School  
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We Acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal Peoples



## Third Sunday of Easter

19 April 2026

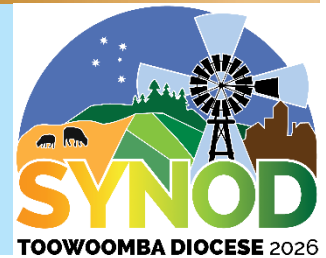
**First reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33 It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-27 The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35 They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.



Consider a person you love, or a person you are often around. You know them by sight: you know their features, the shape of their face, the colour of their hair, the way they walk, the slump of their shoulders. You know them by sound: the sound of their voice, the slight intonations they make when sad, or angry or tired (you even know when they are putting on a fake voice). You know them by smell: the unique aroma of their hair, or skin, or the more noticeable odour of sweat. You know them by touch: the embrace of a hug, the softness or coarseness of their skin.

Consider now the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They may not have been among Jesus' closest Twelve, yet they knew Him by sight, by sound, by smell, and by touch. He was as physically real to them as we are to one another. And yet we are told that "something prevented them from recognising him."

This could be put down to the fact that the glory of Jesus' resurrected body so far surpassed His body prior to His death, or that Jesus' body was so hideously disfigured during His passion. But something more is being suggested here.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus related to Jesus in terms of the ideals they had of Him: "Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free." They related to Him as someone who could fulfill their desires, (or in other words) as someone who was a nice idea. A nice idea which in the end proved futile.

**But a true disciple is not merely a holder of beliefs, but a lover of a Person.**

As Pope Benedict XVI says so well (*Deus Caritas Est*, 2005): "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." These disciples heading to Emmaus had not yet come to know what it is to live in personal relationship with their Lord and God.

It takes an encounter with Love itself – who interprets the love letter of scripture for them – in order for them to recognise Jesus. In other words, to **know** Him. And they come to know Him in the breaking of the bread. As we break bread this Day of Resurrection, may we see and know there the One who is not merely an ideal nor an historical event, but the lover of our hearts.



*Rev Fr BJ L. Perrett*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Darcy Stewart, Dianne Cullinan, Rishell Jumao-as, Moira Lawless-Pyne.

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

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Lynne Anderson, David Cattel, Austin Amalemba, Janet Brady, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Claire Seymour. **This list has been updated, from 12 months ago, if you would like a loved one placed on the list please contact the office.**

**Unit for Rent** One bedroom unit for rent, single person only, reasonable fortnightly rent. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office. For more information please phone the parish office 46371500.

**Big Band on the Green - Jim Miller Big Band**

Pack your picnic, settle in, and enjoy crowd-pleasing classics as we come together to **raise funds to preserve and restore St Patrick's Cathedral.** Tickets also available from the Parish Office.



The Synod Listening Sessions are an integral part of the Synod process. These sessions enable us to gather as a diocese, share our joys and sorrows, pray together, and discern where the Holy Spirit is encouraging us to take action for our future. This is an opportunity for each person in the diocese to contribute to our Synod, with the information gathered at these sessions being directly fed back to the Bishop for his discernment and deliberation for the Synod assembly which will be held 23-24 Oct 2026.

**Listening Sessions: Toowoomba: Please register via QR, Website below or our office.**

QR code:



**Saturday 16 May, 9.30-11.30am** at Edmund Rice Cultural Centre, St Mary's College Toowoomba;

**Tuesday 16 June, 6-8pm** at Micah Centre, Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office, Toowoomba;

**Online:** Tuesday 26 May, 10-11.30am via Teams

**Registration:** [www.trybooking.com/eventlist/toowoombasynodlisteningssessions](http://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/toowoombasynodlisteningssessions)



Catholic Mission invites you to a dialogue on Mission and Hope in Action as we hear **His Eminence Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, SDB, Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar** share how we can help support the work of the church in Myanmar. Cardinal Bo, a Salesian priest ordained in 1976, has dedicated his life to accompanying communities through decades of conflict, poverty, and social upheaval. As Myanmar's first and only Cardinal, he is a courageous and tireless advocate for peace and reconciliation in his homeland. He has consistently spoken out against injustice, while promoting dialogue and unity during times of profound national challenge. **Date:** Sunday, 3 May 2026 **Time:** Mass at 9:00am followed by morning tea at 10:15am **Venue:** St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral and morning tea in the Conference Room. Please RSVP by 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Registration is essential via QR code or click the link - <https://tinyurl.com/CMStPatMass>



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**2026 SPRED Appeal Launch** - Celebrating 40 Years of Belonging, Faith, and Joy  
**Event Details Date:** Thursday, 28 May 2026 **Time:** 11am-12pm **Location:** SPRED Centre, 34 Hume Street, Toowoomba **RSVP:** Melissa McKay [spred@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:spred@twb.catholic.org.au) by Mon 18 May 2026.

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| <b>Sunday 19 April</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br>[SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's] | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.<br><b>Live Stream 9am</b><br>[Priest ann. in green] | 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre  |
| <b>Monday 20 April</b>  | 5.30pm Mass SPC<br>9.00am Mass STM                                    | 9.30am Rosary Group in the Parish Centre<br>6pm SPC Parish Council meeting in Office Staff Room           |
| <b>Tuesday 21 April</b>   | 9am Mass SPC  |   |
| <b>Wednesday 22 April</b>   | 7am Mass SPC<br>5.30pm Mass STM                                       | 6pm Parent Info night Confirmation & First Eucharist in Cathedral<br>7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |
| <b>Thursday 23 April</b>  | 7am Mass  | 7.30am-8.30am Adoration<br>6pm Choir Practice   |
| <b>Friday 24 April</b>  | 7am Mass<br>9.30am Mass STM   | 9am Friendship Group in the Parish Centre<br>7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre                         |
| <b>Saturday 25 April</b><br><b>ANZAC Day</b>  | 7am Mass<br>6pm Mass  | 6.30am Rosary in Cathedral<br>8-9am Reconciliation  |
| <b>Sunday 26 April</b><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm<br><b>Live Stream 9am</b><br>Fr Leo O'Donahue        | <b>World Vocations Sunday</b><br>4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre                                     |

**12/04/26** – Loose \$3899 Planned Giving \$977 Donation Point \$1780

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.