



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [Year C]

Sunday 20 March, 2022

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8 This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6 All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lighting.

Easter in Central America

Central America's countries including El Salvador celebrate *Semana Santa* known as Holy Week, this an important cultural period, for most people, *Semana Santa* is a time for reflection and family. Upon the Spanish arrival, Christianity spread and its to this date the predominant religion in the country (*El Salvador gain independence in 1821*) it is the religion of most people and the most important celebration in the country takes place in Holy Week. The main cities centre are dress in very unique ways like the past, when the Kings visited the society.

The street carpets known as (*Alfombras de Semana Santa*) people would take their rugs and laid them down as traditionally in the past Kings and the Royalties could walk over them without wetting their feet or getting them dirty. Just as the people did with Jesus Christ when he walked into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the people laid down clothes, branches and flowers in front of him so he could walk over it.

That how the preparation of rugs started here in Central America, as the rugs are generally made of sawdust or sand, dyed in many colours. This kind of art is called an *ephemeral art*, because it only last for a moment once the procession passed, it is over. (Pictures below of Alfombras de Semana Santa.)

During the same week, Salvadorians also celebrates the Passion and Resurrection of Christ where hundreds of believers get involved in the creating procession floats and participating in the procession itself which is generally around the local town with Jesus carrying the Cross.

The procession are a demonstration of faith considering the mysticism the processional float must *not* be seen until the day of the Holy Week procession, it's a gift to the people. The procession is not merely a momentary event as one must get spiritually prepared for it. During the procession there is a mixture of culture, tradition, history and customs of the people and their families as Central American countries were colonised by Spain so this is these countries own traditions.

As a little girl growing up in San Salvador I will always reminisce the Holy Week with not just the Holy Week procession but all the popular food for the Holy Week for most people was the fish cake soup or seafood soup, rice with clams accompanied by hot tortillas made from maize flour, plantain or mango marmalade, dry fruit candy and French toast with sugar cane honey (*panela*) called *torrejas*.



"Look with favour, Lord, on your household.
Grant that, though our flesh be humbled
by abstinence from food, our souls, hungering after you,
may be resplendent in your sight." *Pope Pius*

**Thank you Jasmin Lara Dass
for sharing your Easter story with us.**



✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**
Rosita Marchetti 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 Patrick Brady [1954]

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Rodolfo Umipig, 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 and those suffering with the long term effects of COVID.

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

MASS FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE. A special Mass for peace will be celebrated at 5.30pm on Monday, 28th March.

SERVICE TIMES OVER LENT AND EASTER: You will find the times of services during Lent and Easter on the tables provided. Thanks. Please take one and put in on your fridge TODAY!

PARKING: PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

Rosary Bead making group will meet Mondays in the Parish Centre, commencing 21 March at 10am. Please contact Theresa on 0434 528 904 if you would like more information.

CHANGE TO TUESDAY MASS TIME: As from the 3rd May the Tuesday Mass will move to 9.00am to allow a class to come over from St. Saviour's Primary School to join with the community most weeks. It is a great opportunity for us to be together to celebrate our faith journey as one. Please note this on your calendars.

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Last weekend at each of the Masses a parishioner spoke about an initiative of the St Patrick's Parish Council. They spoke about the journey of disconnect we may have felt over the time of COVID. Each had a personal story to share of being apart from their family and friends in Australia and overseas. Pope Francis has as a central part of his papal message the need to "remember" what it means to be a Synodal church. In other words a church that understands that we journey together with shared experiences, common visions, and a desire to listen to the Spirit calling us forward, together. We are encouraged to **ENCOUNTER – LISTEN – DISCERN**. St Patrick's would like to invite you to be part of this journey with us on the local level. The first step is for us to ENCOUNTER AND LISTEN to **YOU**. After Easter we would like to ask you 3 questions that depths your experience at St Patrick's and enables the council to listen to you and to form a vision for the future based on what you would like to tell us. *We are ready to listen.* After Easter we will be asking you those three questions or you will be given them to consider and write a reply to us. During this Lenten stage we are asking for your email address, so we can send you the questions after Easter. The whole community needs **you** to take the time to prayerfully consider the questions when they are available after Easter. At the doors you will find folders for you to list your email address or you can send a email to life@stpats.org.au

Sunday 20 Mar	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism Mason Moore 12pm Baptism Tai & Freyja Lane 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 21 Mar	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 22 Mar	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 23 Mar	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 24 Mar	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration
Friday 25 Mar	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 26 Mar	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am 10am Baptism Emma Lyn Lamb
Sunday 27 Mar	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 12pm Oliver Dicioccio

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.
Planned Giving: \$738 Loose: \$745 PayPoint: \$450. Jim Harris, Kevin and Judy Linores.

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