



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

22 March 2026

**First reading:** Ezekiel 37:12-14 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:8-11 If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45 I am the resurrection and the life.

We hear a great promise this morning, a promise that God makes with us. The Lord says: "If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." We are the ones who live in the Lord and believe in the Lord by virtue of our baptism. In two short weeks we will come once again to celebrate that gift of baptism that we have received.

As I linger around the Cathedral over the next few weeks (hopefully not as unpleasantly as the lingering odour of the dead Lazarus!) it will be a joy for me to live the gift of baptism with you. Although my arrival comes tinged with the sadness of leaving St Anthony's and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes, and tinged with the tension of a time of transition, I am sure being involved in your liturgies and getting to know you will make these weeks truly "alive" for me.

Having been a witness to the life of a number of parishes since my time growing up in Stanthorpe, I am looking forward to seeing how the life of faith is lived and unfolds in this parish – which is the mother parish of our diocese. I have already been involved to varying degrees with the Cathedral as a seminarian, as a deacon at major diocesan liturgical events (including my own ordination to the priesthood last year), and as a young priest involved with the growing Veritas young adult group.

I wish to extend a very gracious "thank you" to you, the parish of the Cathedral of St Patrick, for hosting me for these next few weeks and giving me a place to lay my head as I transition to a new phase of priestly ministry. I hope I can repay the kindness while I am with you.

So that I am not a total stranger, here's a few little facts about me:

- My name is not an abbreviation. As far as the law is concerned, I am BJ. I should quote a famous BJ (who I may or may not be named for) when people ask me what it means and say: "Whatever you want it to."
- I have a twin sister. When asked if we are identical I typically respond: "Sadly not. Her beard is better than mine."
- I enjoy reading (typically historical fiction or murder mystery novels to relax, and theology to get me fired up), sitting on a large veranda in the cool silence of a morning and evening, having a glass of wine (or beer, I'm not fussy) in the company of friends, and of course I enjoy the great work of being a priest of Jesus Christ.



*Rev Fr BJ L. Perrett*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** John McGahan, John Green, Mark Betts, Stephanie Smart.

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

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Errol Chase, Austin Amalemba, Janet Brady, Jane Kennedy, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Birmingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Evandro Andrade, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Jibran 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.

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

**This coming Saturday morning** after Mass there will be the placing of the palms around the Cathedral environment for the celebration of Palm Sunday. If you are able to assist after Mass it would be much appreciated. Maybe you might be able to give us a hand while you wait for reconciliation. Should only take 15 -20 minutes to complete. Your help will be muchly appreciated.

**Ecumenical Blessing of Palms** will be hosted by St Patrick's this year. Please assemble on the Neil Street side of the Cathedral to participate. Representatives and ministers will be present from St Luke's and St Stephen's to celebrate at 8.15am on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please come along and support this ecumenical venture within our city center area.

**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.

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

**St Pat's Bingo** Volunteers Needed – Have you got some spare time? 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.

**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.

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| <b>Sunday 22 March</b><br><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</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] | 2.30pm Fr. Mick McClure's farewell from St Joseph's, Helidon<br>4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre                          |
| <b>Monday 23 March</b>  | 5.30pm Mass SPC<br>9.00am Mass STM                                    | 9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre  |
| <b>Tuesday 24 March</b>   | 9am Mass SPC  | <i>St Patrick's Cathedral Dedicated this day in 1935</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday 25 March</b><br><b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>  | 7am Mass SPC<br>5.30pm Mass STM<br><b>Fr Patrick Brady</b>            | 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre  |
| <b>Thursday 26 March</b>  | 7am Mass SPC  | 6-7pm Choir Practice<br><b>Visit to Toowoomba by Mykola Cardinal Bychok CSsR</b>  |
| <b>Friday 27 March</b>  | 7am Mass SPC<br>9.30am Mass STM                                       | <b>Show Holiday</b><br>No friendship Group<br>7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre  |
| <b>Saturday 28 March</b>  | 7am Mass SPC<br>6pm Mass SPC  | 6.30am Rosary in the Cathedral<br><b>7.30am Placing of Palms in Cathedral – please come and help!</b><br>8-9am Reconciliation |
| <b>Sunday 29 March</b><br><b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>   | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm<br><b>Live Stream 9am</b>                            | 11am Baptism Theodore James Garland<br>2pm Ars Cantorium Eastertide Music Concert<br>4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre     |

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$3264 Planned Giving \$981 Donation Point \$1760  
Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros & Mick Cuskelly.

Money Counters next weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase

**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.