



# 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 Easter 23 April 2023

**First reading:** Acts 2:14 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 1:3-9 He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

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

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

The experiences and conversation shared with us through Luke's Gospel this weekend are very much OUR regular experiences and conversations which are ORDINARY, reasonably frequent in our lives and packed, if we take the time, with profound meaning.

This marvelous Emmaus story is about where we live. It's not about a high-falutin' revelation, or about great saints, or about exotic places and people. The Emmaus story is about ordinary, everyday despair and ordinary, Monday-morning drudgery. It's about bumping into a stranger on the way to work, about sitting down at a table, about sharing a meal. It's about our commonplace lives as we go through the motions of our day, vaguely wondering where God is in all of this, wondering, does my life matter? Will things get better? What's it all about, anyway?

You know the story. A couple of unknown, down-in-the-mouth followers of Jesus are trudging along a dusty road, chatting as they head back home and back to work. Their conversation is full of despair and discouragement, small talk, disappointment: life is a burden and doesn't live up to its promises. All our hopes were in Jesus; and our leaders – and the Roman soldiers – killed him!

### Where is God in all this?

And then they meet a fellow traveler, a stranger and they get talking – everyday stuff as often happens. Their conversation is ours, the everyday stuff: the kids, the economy, world crisis, spouses, lovers, school, the job, the boss, and so on, the threads of the daily fabric of our lives.

Then the two men add their disappointment. They say, "We were hoping...." Hoping for what? For answers to their questions, the same thing we all hope for as we move through life. Where is God? Does my life count? Does anything make sense? Why should I have this sickness or betrayal or accident or death of a loved one? Why don't I have some sign that God is near? I could put up with anything if I felt the presence of God, I'm sure of that.

The Emmaus story picks up on the lives of every man and every woman and every child. We are all on the road of life: some just beginning their journey, some in the middle, and others near the end. Along the way we gossip, we win a few and lose a few, we enjoy the company of family and friends, and we despair when our enemies seem to win. And that is all part of the conversation on the road to Emmaus. Then the disciples sigh: "We were hoping for a God of justice and compassion to make sense of it all". And suddenly, into this routine conversation, this wandering and wondering, comes God, the stranger with the holes in his hands who shares his food, shares himself.

And that is the point of the story: God is here. God penetrates our everyday lives, but we don't always know it. Just as our friends going to Emmaus finally recognised the Risen Christ – not in some fabulous technicolour explosion, but in the simple breaking of the bread – they remind us that God is there in our lives, too, although we don't see it most of the time. God loves us and wants to be near us; this story invites us to see that God's love can be found everywhere. Easter moments abound.

Fr Hal Ranger

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** David MacGinley, Nelle Brennan, Fr. Bob McGuire, Alannah 'Peta' Littleproud and Bill Leonard. May perpetual light shine upon them.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Martin Flannery, Fr Anthony O'Keefe [2007], Fr Roderick Lynch [1985], Fr Leo O'Donohue [1961].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Blake Cusato, Bernadette Farrell, Greg Coddington, Gayle Christoffel, Stanley Poon, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

**The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are hosting a **Mother's Day Cent Sale** at The Cathedral Centre, Saturday 6 May, doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Entry \$10 which includes afternoon tea and two sheets of tickets. Extra tickets \$1 for a sheet of 100. All proceeds to The Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 46321818.

**St Saviour's College** are holding their 2024 Scholarships Afternoon Wednesday 26 April 2023; 3.30pm – 4.30pm. If you are wanting to attend please register online at [www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au)

**URGENT NOTICE: As we are now permitted to have Communion under both kinds there is a real need for more Communion Ministers. If you would like to be involved in this important Ministry please contact the Parish Office on 4637 1500 during working Hours. Training will be provided.**

Talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Monday 1 May 6:30pm - Fr Nathan will be presenting on the Rite of Reconciliation in the Cathedral Centre after the 5:30pm Mass on Monday 1 May. The talk hopes to explore the celebration of the sacrament as a space to deepen one's experience of God's mercy beyond ritual piety and not held back by 'Catholic Guilt'.

## DISCOVER THE MORE GOD HAS FOR YOU

with Catholic Foundations

The recently-launched Archdiocesan Centre for Formation in Brisbane has developed four core modules designed to draw Catholics into the **fullness of the faith** and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The upcoming module starting on August 21<sup>st</sup> **Understanding, Praying and living the Scriptures**, led by Dcn Peter Pellicaan PhD - Executive Director at Evangelisation Brisbane, will engage participants in exploring the scriptures, their inspiration, canonization and unity as well as how to interpret scripture in the Catholic context.



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is hoping to host a

## REGIONAL HUB

at the Parish Centre for this module where we would be able to connect via livestream to participate in the group session remotely.

If you are interested and would like to register for the course, please contact the parish office.

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**For more details about the course**
**scan the QR code**

<b>Sunday 23 April</b> [SPC – St. Patrick’s] [STM – St. Thomas More’s]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism of Clark Jesse Hill 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 24 April</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday 25 April</b> <b>ANZAC DAY</b>	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	NO CHOIR PRACTICE
<b>Wednesday 26 April</b> <b>Saint Mark</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 27 April</b>	7am Mass SPC	SPC Adoration 7.30am – 8.30am
<b>Friday 28 April</b> <b>Saint Peter Chanel</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 29 April</b> <b>Saint Catherine of Siena</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	SPC 6.30am Rosary Reconciliation 8am – 9am
<b>Sunday 30 April</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism of Percival Jack Crump 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$1173 Loose \$2059 Donation Point \$530 Money Counters this weekend: Jim Harris with Kevin and Judy Lindores.  
Money Counters next weekend: Jabour Hanna, Mick Cuskelly with Craig or Amanda Hogan.

**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.