



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Palm Sunday 24 March 2024

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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THE MASS OF THE OILS

The Mass of the Oils (also known as the 'Chrism Mass') is a highlight of the year for the diocese. The local Church is made manifest when a large number of the faithful gather around their bishop for Eucharist.¹

What makes this Mass especially significant is its connexion with the mission of the Church. It is not only about us celebrating who we are in the pews but also the work of the Gospel which we carry on in Christ's name.

This is captured in a special way through the public recommitment of the priests and also three oils blessed. Oil is used as a tangible sign of the action of Christ. Rather than speaking about grace in an abstract or theoretical way, oil makes it tangible. We use oil every day in everything from soaps, sunscreens, cars, cooking, medicine, *etc.* My classmate even uses it to keep his beard in check! In the sacraments, this ordinary, everyday oil becomes a window into the divine and extraordinary life offered by God.

Oil of the Sick – Christ came to reconcile the world. He showed this often through His healing ministry. The Church carries on His work of reconciliation and healing in many ways; for many of us this healing and reconciliation is shown through love of neighbour and care for the poor or marginalised. Be they in hospital or at home, the Church continues to offer the sacrament of anointing of the sick to strengthen, protect, comfort, and heal those who call on her (*c.f.* James 5:14-16).

Oil of Catechumens – This oil is mark of care and companionship that is used for babies immediately before their baptism and for adults in the weeks or even months prior to baptism during the *catechumenate* or the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA). Many attending the cathedral in recent weeks would have seen these rites in action as three adults have presented themselves in preparation to be received into the Church this Easter.

Oil of Chrism – This is used for priests, prophets, and kings. It was this kind of oil with which King Charles was anointed while under the special canopy before he was crowned. The consecrated oil is used following Baptism, for Confirmation, and at presbyteral and episcopal Ordination. The scent reminds us that the working of the Spirit is often unseen. – NPW

¹ This year The Mass of the Oils is celebrated in Toowoomba at St Pat's on Monday 25 March at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Edwin Nielsen, Peter Nicol.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Don Stephens, Fr Patrick Brady [1954].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Claire Seymour, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Rita Irwin, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Gabrielle Saide, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

Please find the Complete Easter Service Times on the GOLD sheets on the tables.

Parish Council membership. Thank you to all those who showed an interest in being part of the St Patrick's Parish Council. With our Parish Strategic Plan and Vision in place we hope to move forward with many initiatives driven by our desire to BELIEVE, BELONG AND BECOME into the future. We welcome our Parish Council members – Rex Miguel, Angela Travers, Anna Rees, Clinton Shearer, Hughie Boyce, Mark Betts, Pamela Hanrick, Sandra O'Kelly, Patrick Eldridge and Frs Nathan, Brian and myself. We look forward to listening and responding to the needs of the parish community. Should you have anything to talk about, please approach one of the councilors or the priests. God's blessings, Fr. Michael.



Horizon Magazine now available. Your copy is waiting on the table at the Neil St entrance.

Some events to keep in mind in the coming weeks...

† If you have rosemary growing in your garden, please consider donating some for the 3.00pm Good Friday Service. Please drop into the church anytime from Wednesday, 27th March.

† Mass of the Holy Oils has a long tradition within the life of the church. It is not only to bless and consecrate the holy oils used for baptism, confirmation and anointing, for the coming year but also a time for the priests of the Diocese to renew their promises and recommit to their ministry in the life of the church. There will be a light supper afterwards in the Cathedral Centre. Everyone welcome. This year it is on Monday, 25th March at St Patrick's at 5.30pm.

Articles including - Theresa Blatchley's Rosary Campaign and St Pat's Veritas Young Adults retreat. Digital copy available online via stpats.org.au



Sunday 24 March [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] Passion Sunday	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	8.00am Ecumenical Blessing of Palms at Uniting Church, Neil Street. 11am Baptism of Evelyn Jean Fletcher 12 Noon Baptism of Kaizen Amari Lar Dizabal 2pm Baptism of Ada Ivy Lawton Hammesley-Mather 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 25 March Of Holy Week	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM Livestream 5.30pm Mass of the Oils	9.30am Rosary Beads Making, Parish Centre
Tuesday 26 March Of Holy Week	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 27 March Of Holy Week	7am Mass SPC	7.30am Working Bee to remove the palms from Cathedral 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 28 March Holy Thursday	PLEASE NOTE NO MORNING MASS or ADORATION 6pm Mass SPC	
Friday 29 March Good Friday	Livestream 10am Stations of the Cross Livestream 3pm Passion of the Lord	Reconciliation available following Stations until midday. No Bingo
Saturday 30 March Easter Vigil	NO MORNING MASS OR ROSARY or RECONCILIATION 7pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 31 March Easter Sunday	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	12pm Baptism of Ivana Rose Haines 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2739 Planned Giving \$1065 Donation Point \$840 Money Counters this weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly with Jan-Nell and Errol Chase. Money Counters next weekend: Pat Power with Leo and Maureen McMahan.

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.