

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



Fifth Sunday of Lent 26 March 2023

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 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.

Gospel Acclamation: 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.

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There is, all too often, a space between when we realise we need help and when help arrives. The space can be small or large, but it is certainly notable. If you've ever waited for an ambulance or rung the buzzer for a nurse at the hospital, you know the feeling; what is but a matter of minutes or even seconds takes its own form.

It's a similar feeling when lost or having lost something. In the short moments before finding my keys or wandering the shopping centre car parks looking for my vehicle, time seems to simultaneously freeze and race.

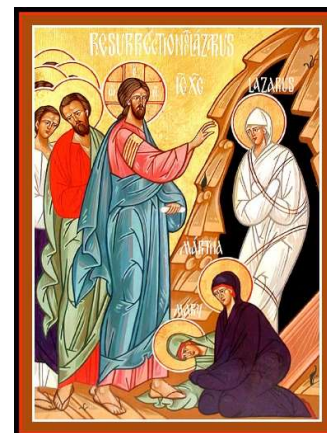
Every time I read the Gospel account for this Sunday (the story of the raising of Lazarus; John 11:1-45), I get the same feeling. I'm urged to ask Jesus to hurry to his friend because I know he's on the brink of death!

But this gospel is not only relevant to emergencies; it's for our life more broadly. Christian life inhabits the space between when we realise we need salvation and when it is fully accomplished. The cycle of *life - death - new life* is continuous.

We continue the preparations for Easter and enter more fully into Christ's Paschal mystery *suffering - death - resurrection*. As we do so, our own experience of the same can help us understand how we might imitate Christ. If Christian life inhabits the space between lost and found, how do we navigate it?

Maybe our lesson from Ezekiel (37:12-14) and the promise of a life that is more/beyond death holds a key to all this. Maybe this explains the (frustrating) delay of Jesus to travel to his friend. So, I ask myself: Am I rushing along the road to Bethany or walking with Jesus in this space?

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✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Pat Pingel, Sheila Gralton. 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:** Patricia Shine, Vince Shine, Gloria De Silva, Don Stephens and Fr Patrick Brady [1954].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Nelle Brennan, 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 Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

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

Holy Week Roster: You will find the sheets for volunteering to assist with the services over Holy Week on the table near the Neil Street door. Thank you for putting your name down in whichever area you are able to be of help. Thanks.

Unit for Rent: One bedroom unit for rent, which would suit an actively independent person. Rent is \$330 per fortnight. 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.

Chrism Mass – On Monday 3rd of April at 5.30pm the Diocese gathers to celebrate Eucharist which incorporates the blessing of the Holy Oils and the renewal of promises by the priests of the Diocese. This celebration highlights the unity between Bishop, priests and people throughout our Diocese. Most priests of our Diocese will be in attendance. We extend a warm invitation for you to join us for the Mass and supper to follow. A great opportunity to renew friendships and share experiences within our Diocesan Family.

Blessing of Palms – As part of our commitment to walking together with our neighboring churches, St Luke's Anglican and St Stephen's Uniting communities will join us for the blessing of palms on Passion Sunday April 2nd at 8.15am on the eastern side of St Patrick's Cathedral. Please come to this blessing of palms following which the Anglican and Uniting communities will make their way back to their churches and we will continue with 9am Mass.

ROSEMARY FOR GOOD FRIDAY: The Liturgy Committee would like rosemary to be placed in baskets for the Celebration of the Passion on Good Friday. If your rosemary bush needs pruning please cut some branches and bring them to the Cathedral on Holy Thursday or on Good Friday morning.

For those who attend **9.00am on Monday at STM**, please be aware that due to the new carpet being laid, Mass will be in the Parish Meeting Room, accessed from the carpark on the southern side of church.

Easter Service Times:

- 6th April – Holy Thursday – 6pm.
- 7th April – Good Friday – Stations 10.00am (followed by confessions);
Solemn Passion 3.00pm.
- 8th April – Easter Vigil – **7.00pm.**
- 9th April – Easter Sunday – 7.00am, 9.00am and 5.30pm.

Sunday 26 March [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	12pm Baptism of William James Mann, Frankie Willow Mann & Sunny Hazel Hosking 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 27 March	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Centre
Tuesday 28 March	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice 5.30pm SPC Grounds Committee Meeting
Wednesday 29 March	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 30 March	7am Mass SPC	Adoration SPC 7.30am – 8.30am 12pm Baptism Ariani Madison Goodall
Friday 31 March	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	SHOW HOLIDAY 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 1 April	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation 11am Baptism Amelia Rose Langerak
Sunday 2 April	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. 9am Live Streaming	11am Baptism Kenzo Amari Basco 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$784 Loose \$1808 Donation Point \$710 Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Mick Cuskelly with Craig or Amanda Hogan. Money Counters next weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly with Jan-Nell and 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. Thank you.