



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

29 March 2026

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.

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

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Finding Hope in Strange Places....

People may know Reece Walsh for his amazing on field performances playing for the Broncos, or others may know him from some of his off field antics, or even his finger nail polish as part of his preparation for the game, however a group of youth at the Riverina Youth Justice Centre know Walsh for keeping a promise.

Late last year Walsh visited the Centre, located in Wagga Wagga, to the surprise of the youth currently there. Ian Robertson, Centre Manager said, *"By the end of the visit they were sitting there sharing their stories, their journey, their families and future. When you get people like Reece in and they tell their story to the kids...you can see them contemplating change and that contemplation to change turns to motivation to change."* But this was only the beginning. More recently Walsh took a zoom call at his Gold Coast home and spoke with the boys for 40 minutes, asking and answering questions. While Reece was talking with the boys, one said to him, *"can you write RIVO on your wrist and run straight to the camera when you score a try"*. The next game was against Parramatta and five minutes into the game Walsh went over for a try, immediately he went to the camera and pointed to his wrist with RIVO written on it. The Centre erupted, they say you could hear the cheers from ten kilometres away. Broncos lost that game dismally, but the boys didn't care, Walsh kept his promise. In recent months he has extended his connection with them to run a competition to design a pair of footy boots that he will wear and the designer will get to keep one as a prize. Robertson went on to say, *"Kids need people like this. They can have an impact in some areas we can't. What we say is every interaction is an opportunity for change. I say to everyone if we don't believe in second chances, we are in the wrong business."*

Now in no real way am I comparing Reece Walsh with Jesus, however what I want you to hear is that **keeping promises brings hope!** On a real human level this weekend on Palm Sunday we are asked to remember the promise that God made to us through his Son. We are called to find hope in what others may think is a strange place – in the death of Christ. We remember this weekend that the promise is not in the suffering of Christ. The promise is not that we will suffer for no reason, rather it's part of our human frailty. The promise we celebrate over this coming week is that God takes our pain and *will* bring us new life. There is no other pathway for our journey then the pathway to new life.

This is the hope that God's promise is to us. The human need to be strengthened in the promise of new life that will bring us hope in the darkest of our days. Like those boys in Rivo we can feel imprisoned, pushed down, rejected, abused, forgotten, and in a dark place, yet we remember that a **promise kept** is the greatest hand to lift us up bringing us hope in a future we can't see at this time. We are called never to lose hope. To have every confidence in God's promise through Christ, not only in new life after this journey on earth, but *true* new life each day we find hope in God. That hope comes not in the passion but in the resurrection. Everything leads to new life, here and now.

Let God's promise be fulfilled in your life.

Allow and believe in the change that hope is real in God's keeping of the promise of new life.



Keep the Spirit alive. Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Brian 'Pat' Johnson, Paul Gilligan, Jerry Stiel.

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

Harry LeClercq, Don Stephens, Rob Rimmer.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Errol Chase, Austin Amalemba, Janet Brady, Brenden Canning, Ted Philippa, Justin O'Donnell, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar, Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Evandro Andrade, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Jibrán 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, 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 1st 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

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, 22nd March. Please come along and support this ecumenical venture within our city center area.

The Chrism Mass is the celebration not only of the blessing of the Holy Oils for the coming year, but an opportunity for Bishop Ken to ask the priests of the Diocese to affirm their commitment to their priestly ministry. It is a time for the Diocese to come together to celebrate its unity and common mission.

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 stpatrikscathedral@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.

Sacraments At the Easter Vigil next Saturday our Elect Elizabeth, Victoria, Matthew, Damien, Gypsy, Roderick, Jordyn, Matteus and Elias will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church with the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

Katrina, Drew, Henry, Lars and Emma will be received into full communion with The Catholic church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sunday 29 March PALM SUNDAY [SPC - St Patrick's & STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am [Priest ann. in green]	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 30 March	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	2pm Wedding Malcolm Stamp & Amanda Ciozda 5.30pm Chrism Mass – Please consider attending 9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre
Tuesday 31 March	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 1 April	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 2 April HOLY THURSDAY	No 7am Mass 6pm Mass	6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 3 April GOOD FRIDAY	10am Stations 3pm Passion of Christ	10am Stations of the Cross Reconciliation available following Stations of the Cross 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord NO BINGO
Saturday 4 April HOLY SATURDAY	7pm Mass SPC	7PM Mass of the Easter Vigil No Rosary
Sunday 5th April EASTER SUNDAY	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	9am Baptism Louis Polister Lopez 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$3185 Planned Giving \$1000 Donation Point \$1640
Money Counters this weekend: Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase

Money Counters next weekend: Parish Office Staff

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.