



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 30 MARCH 2025

First reading: Joshua 5:9-12 The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against you.

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Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32 Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

Laetare Sunday

Investiture & Commissioning of Altar Ministers

It's a week now since I returned from overseas to attend and vest a friend getting ordained. It was an honour for me to vest an ordinand who asked me to do it for him. He was one of my last seminary mates who discerned to be ordained since our graduation in 2019 by God's grace. It was my first time vesting an ordinand helping him wear his chasuble as a priest for the first time. I also had the joyful encounter for our seminary homecoming after 6 years since graduation and meeting joyful colleagues, now serving in different ministries across the world. This experience reminded me of the beauty of saying "yes" to God's call and the mission we all share in bringing God's love to others.

Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is a day of joyful anticipation as we journey towards Easter. The word "Laetare" means "Rejoice!" and reminds us that even in the midst of Lent's penitential season, hope and renewal are at hand. This Sunday, we celebrate a special commissioning and investiture of our altar ministers who step forward in faith to serve at the Lord's table.

The Gospel today, Luke 15:1-32, presents the parable of the Prodigal Son. This powerful story of mercy, reconciliation, and joyful homecoming reflects the journey of every believer. Like the father in the parable who welcomes his lost son with open arms, the Church embraces our young people, guiding them as they grow in faith and service.

As these young altar ministers are commissioned, they embody the spirit of Pilgrims of Hope.

"Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom."

We are thankful for their "yes" in joining the altar ministry. Their dedication is a witness to the Gospel and a sign of hope for our community. Let us rejoice in their commitment and continue to support them in faith.

Fhear Brian Redondo



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Patricia Lucas, Rodney Reiss.

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

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Gerard George, Amelene Creggy, John George, Mary Boland, Stewart Frater, Michael Luce, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Cocozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Dorothy Marsh.

MASS TIME CHANGE: Please note that on Tuesday, 1st April, there will be a St Saviour's Harmony Day Mass at 9am, which you are welcome to attend, however there will also be a **7.00am Mass** that morning for those who are unable to come at 9.

EASTER CEREMONIES ROSTER We are looking for volunteers for the Easter Ceremonies. If you can assist, please add your name and details to the sheet on the table in the Eastern Transept. We need as much help as possible during this busy period.



SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION in preparation for Easter will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday, 2nd April at 5.30pm and at St Thomas More's on the same day at 9.30am.

HEALING OF THE HEART, A TALK ON PRAYER. Presented by Brother Massimo Chang of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God (saintaugustinecf@gmail.com) **Thursday 3rd April** at Sacred Heart Parish Wilsonton 6pm Mass, followed by a talk, Q&A/Discussion, and a light supper, **Friday 4th April** at Sacred Heart Parish Wilsonton 10.30am Talk, Q&A/Discussion. 12 noon Mass to follow. Contact Marion on 0418 609470 for any queries. All welcome.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS, TOWOOMBA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS The Knights invite all parishioners of Toowoomba parishes to join them in remembering their centenary of service and support in Toowoomba. Bishop Ken will celebrate the 9.00am mass on Sunday 6 April at St Patrick's Cathedral followed by morning tea in the grounds.

Sunday 30 March Forth Sunday of Lent [SPC St Patrick's STM St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	9am Commissioning & Investiture of Altar Servers 11am Baptism Heidi Joan & Stella Grace Winton 2pm-4pm Altar Servers Practice 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 31 March	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group - Cathedral grounds
Tuesday 1 April	7am Mass SPC and 9am Mass SPC	9am Harmony Day Mass (St Saviour's College)
Wednesday 2 April	7am Mass SPC	STM 9.30am 2 nd Rite Reconciliation SPC 5.30pm 2nd Rite Reconciliation 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 3 April	7am Mass SPC	7.30am - 8.30am Adoration 6pm - 7pm Choir Practice in the Cathedral
Friday 4 April	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group - Cancelled 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 5 April	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Stations of the Cross at SPC 8am - 9am Reconciliation SPC 10am Violette Victoria Pimm 11am Baptism Addie-Mae Jensen-McGee 12pm Baptism Aria Hickey
Sunday 6 April Fifth Sunday of Lent	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	10am Morning Tea - Knights of the Southern Cross 12pm Baptism Pedro & Bruno Ryan 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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Please keep in your prayers the following young ones as they prepare for Confirmation and First Eucharist:

Sandrine Adikari, Leona Al Masri, Julio Aragona, Zharina Bagos, Austin Beadle, Ashlyn Beard, Mary Campbell, Holly Coffison, William Fitzpatrick, Jaishan and Fivanthy Francis, Isabella and Lucia Fraser, William Freier, Cormac Hannam, Robbie Heneghan, Candace Jacinto, Kaiya Jeffrey, Ivy Land, Vance Luciano, Henry and Matilda McGaw, Eeve McLoughlin, Cooper and Carter Middleton, Ashayla Mitchell, Penelope Morgan, Matilda Parker, Ewan Phillips, Alice Prust, Sophia and Noah Ragh, Zion Sumalinog, Ivan Tembo, Mahdi Valencia, Indi and Jase Wakefield, Angus Ward and Imogen Williams- Donald.