



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Easter Sunday

31 March 2024

First reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! CHRIST HAS BECOME OUR PASCHAL SACRIFICE;
LET US FEAST WITH JOY IN THE LORD. ALLELUIA!**

Gospel: John 20:1-9 The teaching of scripture is That he must rise from the dead.

**MAY THE RISEN LORD FIND A HOME IN YOUR HEART THIS EASTER
FROM ALL THE STAFF AT ST. PAT'S!!**

There is an old World War One story of the soldier making his way back through the muddy fields of the Somme and as he trudges along he notices a helmet and decides to take it home as a sad souvenir. When he lifts the helmet he discovers a man's head underneath and more than that he is alive and blinks at him as the light enters his eyes. The man starts to desperately dig him out. The buried man says, "I wouldn't bother mate, I'm still on me 'orse!" A silly story, sure, but one that reminds us that the more we dig the more we will find. Easter is exactly like that! Easter is about the promise of NEW LIFE. Every death – actual or figuratively – reveals a new pathway – a new direction – a new life. Even if that new life frightens us **for a time** – even if like the disciples we run away **for a time**. Jesus calls us back to know he is always with us – **BE NOT AFRAID**. Easter reminds us that every "death" – here and now – or as we enter the world beyond – leads us into the closer presence of Christ. Be still and know I am with you.

Blessings at Easter, Fr. Michael

Hosanna to Alleluia – what a journey! Holy Week is loaded with ideas, thoughts, and revelations – sorrows and comforts. Every year, my involvement in the celebrations look different. But always, the same anticipation and wonder remain.

Now for the aftermath. Those initiated at Easter begin their time as Neophytes; and the Church reads a lot from the Acts of the Apostles – accounts of how the early disciples responded to the events of the first Holy Week.

For me, the story of Acts and the lives of the new Catholics are reminder to examine my own life. As the festivities of Easter and the chocolate-induced calorie peak subside, I hope to share with the disciples a firm conviction of Christ's ongoing life. He called his disciples to follow Him to Galilee and it was there that He sent them on Mission. Where can I hear Christ calling me to live the resurrection? -- NPW

*Detail of an historiated initial 'F(ratres)' depicting the Resurrection of Christ (14th c.).
British Library Yates Thompson 34 f. 84.*



Why did Jesus Die? (A few reflections inspired by a Sydney Priest – Geoff Plant in his commentary on Luke's Gospel). St Paul sees the willingness of Jesus to accept death as the opening of a new and sure way to understand and approach God: willingly accepting death Jesus offers all that He is and has as a complete act of love for others. Love of self, of one's own comfort, one's own survival ... these are the ultimate barriers to the complete LOVING of others.

Jesus holds nothing back for himself.

Paul uses other images – Jesus' dying, freely accepted, shows in a stunning way how deeply and completely God LOVES all people.

Jesus' final act of selfless love draws to a climax all the other actions of His ministry –

† touching and healing of the man with leprosy. † His tears at the grave of Lazarus. † His tenderness towards the sick and broken ones. † His spontaneous and complete forgiveness of sinners. † His total acceptance of outcasts.

The best way to prepare for our own dying is to spend our life giving it away to others. That's the way of Jesus!

Hal Ranger


Where is the love? this is one of the songs from **Black Eyed Peas** that I liked. The lyrics of the song ask questions that linger in our hearts during moments when life weighs heavily on us or when we witness injustices unfolding around us. Contemplate the scene of Jesus on the cross saying, **"My God, my God why have you forsaken me?"** Even he experienced feelings of abandonment and isolation. Amidst his despair, love remained present. Notwithstanding the harshness and animosity surrounding him, there were opportunities for love. Mary, John, and a few devoted women stood actively by his side at the crucifixion. A repentant thief sought Jesus' mercy. Joseph of Arimathea courageously requested his body for burial. Nicodemus brought spices for his funeral rites. Even Pilate recognized the injustice. Desired to lose him free. These gestures may appear to be of minor importance compared to the brutality of crucifixion; however, they held importance. They exemplified how love can radiate in moments of darkness. As followers of Christ, we desire to emulate Christ's love. We are called to regard others with empathy accompany them without passing judgment and offer solace to those swallowed up in despair. This Easter season let us welcome the love exemplified by Christ's resurrection. Let us sow seeds of hope throughout our communities. Love is more than a word. It's a way of living. It involves empathy, compassion and insight into other's lives. It's, about embodying the spirit of selflessness much like Jesus did when he made the sacrifice for us. Let's recall the teachings from **John 13:34 35; "A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."** May this Easter season bring warmth and optimism to your hearts. Wishing blessings upon all of you. *THEAR BRIAN REDONDO*

Sr Miriam Lorenz and the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver sincerely thank Bishop Ken, Fr Michael, Fr Mick Carroll, Vicky and the choir members, and all who attended the jubilee Mass for her 65th anniversary of religious consecration. Your presence and prayers helped to make it a very memorable occasion for us all. Thank you!

On behalf of all who have attended any of the many liturgies over this Easter time, a sincere thankyou to all who provided their voice and talents in the many areas needed to celebrate so wonderfully. So if you played music, sang, read, assisted in preparing the liturgies or environment or helped out in any way, we as a community thank you and keep you in our prayers for being the blessing that you are. **A MIGHTY THANK YOU!**



- ✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**
Trish Betros, Bernadette Byrne, June Barrett, Ian Bain.
- ✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Madden, Marjory Burke, Phil Manley, May O'Neill.
- ✠ **For all those who are ill in our community -** 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.

Sunday 31 March [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] EASTER SUNDAY	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am		4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 1 April	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM		
Tuesday 2 April	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	No Choir Practice	
Wednesday 3 April	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
Thursday 4 April	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's	
Friday 5 April	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
Saturday 6 April	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism of Timothy Olek Smith and Charlie Jacob & Mia Rose Wolski 12pm Baptism of Emmett Alexander Steele & Levi Griffin	
Sunday 7 April Divine Mercy Sunday	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Skyler Troy Pantoja 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	

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