



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 [Year C] Sunday 3 April, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Gospel: John 8:1-11 Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Preparing for Holy Week

The purpose of Lent is to prepare ourselves for the events of Holy Week. The traditions of fasting, prayer and alms-giving have usually been very personal and individual journeys of preparation. This has been encouraged over the centuries by our church. Alongside this, there is another dynamic completely, that is often missed. Our Holy Week readings tell us of people with power and influence wanting Jesus crucified. They talk about religious leaders not wanting to upset their relationship with Caesar and his armies. Our readings talk about the unjust gruesome killing of Jesus.

Each year we need to face the questions: Why was Jesus killed and what does this ask of me? We know that it was the Roman soldiers that physically crucified Jesus after those with power decided that it was better to get rid of him. But why did they want to be rid of him? In essence he challenged their power and their treatment of those who were poor and vulnerable. He preached a compassionate, merciful God who cares for the least and who seeks true justice. Jesus talked about God and God's qualities in a way that undermined the status quo and the power that religious and political leaders exercised. Often Jesus grouped the Scribes and the Pharisees together as they represented a social structure that needed to be changed. The turning over of the tables in the temple is a classic outward sign of the challenge Jesus presented.

In 1971 the Synod of Bishops declared that 'action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world' are necessary parts of the Good News that Jesus preached. It is what Jesus did and it is why those with power wanted to be rid of him. We are called to be like Jesus seeking justice and seeking better treatment for those who are treated unjustly.

The Social Justice Commission is part of the planning of two events to help us better seek justice. On Palm Sunday at 2pm there will be a peace gathering where we will walk from the Village Green to Queens Park. This will also include a call for peace and freedom for refugees still in detention. On Good Friday, we will walk the Stations of the Cross around the inner city stopping to reflect on the faces of injustice and we will pray! We gather on the Cathedral steps at 7.30am.

Lent, Holy Week and seeking justice are inseparable. So as we near Holy Week, let us ask ourselves how we are going to respond. How are we going to disturb those with power so that justice might be possible?

Dr David Tutty
Executive Director at the Social Justice Commission

The Two Feet of Love *in Action*

"The conscience is called by this social teaching to recognize and fulfill the obligations of justice and charity in society."

—Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 83

"Social justice... concerns the social, political, and economic aspects and, above all, the structural dimension of problems and their respective solutions."

—Compendium, no. 201

"To [those who lack what they need to live a dignified life] are proclaimed glad tidings that God loves them...and comes to visit them through the charitable works that the disciples of Christ do in his name... As we can read in Matthew 25, we shall all be judged on this."

—Pope Francis, Address to Pastoral Convention, 6/17/13



SOCIAL JUSTICE

REMOVE ROOT CAUSES IMPROVE STRUCTURES

- Expand access to affordable housing
- Work to improve the education system
- Extend legal protection to unborn children
- Support environmental protection laws
- Participate in a living wage campaign
- Promote peace
- Advocate for international assistance

CHARITABLE WORKS

MEET BASIC NEEDS AID INDIVIDUALS

- Volunteer at homeless shelters
- Tutor children
- Assist women who face a crisis pregnancy
- Participate in a community beautification program
- Donate to food pantries and clothing closets
- Sponsor a refugee family
- Raise money for an overseas development project



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Tanisa Tawanya Norbu. 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:** Beryl McKewin, May O'Neill.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Fr Raymond Sweeney, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan

Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, 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, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin and those suffering with the long term effects of COVID.

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

PARKING: PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

Rosary Bead making group will meet Mondays in the Parish Centre, commencing 21 March at 10am. Please contact Theresa on 0434 528 904 if you would like more information.

SOME HELP NEEDED IN PREPARING FOR EASTER

Tuesday, 5th April at 10.00am: Working Bee to prepare the church for Easter: cleaning of pews, altar areas, brass etc. Please let Gabrielle know on 4632 4778 (A.H.) or gsaide@bigpond.net.au if you are able to help. Any amount of time would be appreciated;

Saturday, 9th April after 7.00am Mass: Placing palms around interior of Cathedral for Palm Sunday;

At home in your own time: placing of tapers for the Easter Vigil into holders for the sharing of the light on the night. Please contact Gabrielle, as above, if you are available. **Thank you for your generous assistance in this regards.**

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During the lockdowns etc. during the pandemic we may have felt it was a journey of disconnect. Each of us probably have a personal story to share of being apart from family and friends in Australia and overseas. Pope Francis has as a central part of his papal message the need to “remember” what it means to be a Synodal church. In other words a church that understands that we journey together with shared experiences, common visions, and a desire to listen to the Spirit calling us forward, together. We are encouraged to **ENCOUNTER – LISTEN – DISCERN**. St Patrick’s would like to invite you to be part of this journey with us on the local level. The first step is for us to ENCOUNTER AND LISTEN to **YOU**. After Easter we would like to ask you 3 questions that depths your experience at St Patrick’s and enables the council to listen to you and to form a vision for the future based on what you would like to tell us. *We are ready to listen*. After Easter we will be asking you those three questions or you will be given them to consider and write a reply to us. During this Lenten stage we are asking for your email address, so we can send you the questions after Easter. The whole community needs **you** to take the time to prayerfully consider the questions when they are available after Easter. At the doors you will find folders for you to list your email address or you can send an email to life@stpats.org.au

Sunday 3 April	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Max William Porter 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 4 April	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 5 April	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 6 April	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 7 April	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration
Friday 8 April	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 9 April	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am 10am Baptism of Morgan Lennox Clapham 11am Baptism of Grace Elizabeth Hayes
Sunday 10 April	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	Palm Sunday – Ecumenical Blessing at St. Luke’s at 8.15am 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick’s.

Planned Giving: \$662 Loose: \$754 PayPoint: \$550. Helen Huddle, Mick Cuskelly, Joanne Meacle.

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.