

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Easter Sunday

5 APRIL 2026

1st Reading: Acts 10:34 We have eaten with him after his resurrection from the dead.

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

2nd 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.

Easter reflection from Bishop Ken

As we celebrate Easter this or any year, the realities of Good Friday are never far from us. We know that we hold within us both the reality of Good Friday and Easter in the experiences of life. On Good Friday we hear the prophet foretelling that there would be one who "was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. On him lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed." [Is 53:5] Healing is a most needed thing. The wounds of life can run deep, and our world is scarred by war, injustice, and terror. Closer to home the scourge of domestic violence comes through wounded people that don't know how their sufferings can be healed. The sick, both physical and mental, seek solace from the questioning that accompanies them. The wounded One of Good Friday submitted to the worst that humans can do. Yes, God in Jesus has undergone treachery, contempt, abuse, violence and pain, so that when we walk into our Good Friday experiences in life, God has been there, and that makes all the difference.

The Easter life we all need comes through our Good Friday times that want to overwhelm us. Yes, we know these dark times, however, as I once heard: the night is darkest just before the dawn and the steepest part of the mountain is just before the peak. The life of the Risen Christ is our life, for we have been plunged into his death through Baptism and have been raised to live Christ's life at every step of our journey.

This Easter, as we once again celebrate death and life, we earnestly pray for peace in our troubled world. These are dark times at an international level, but the light will not be extinguished. May the Risen One bring all that his life offers to every situation of darkness at home and in our world.

Can I thank you for your prayerful presence during these days of our Easter liturgies. Particular thanks to all who have ministered or assisted our Cathedral team to co-ordinate such beautiful and prayer filled ceremonies. We are also richly blessed by those new members of our Church who have been baptised and welcomed into the faith. You are most welcome and a joy to all of us.

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones.

He 
is Risen

from Fr. Michael

I've been reflecting lately on a saying I heard, (when I wasn't asleep during our philosophy lectures), from the Philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard. It goes like this "*We live life forwards, but understand it backwards*" It reminds me that as we journey through life, we gain the opportunity to look through the eyes of our own experiences and so we see our walked path in a different light. This is how it must have been for the disciples after the resurrection. When they looked back they could see the importance and meaning behind everything that Jesus had said or done in his 33 years. *And* they discovered it was all about love. And so it is for us as we look back at our upbringing, our family, our friends and we see it is all about God's love for us, and we cry
ALLELUIA!

From Fr Lulu

One of the forces that keep life moving is the sense of newness within it. The season of Easter reminds us of this beautiful reality—being renewed in spirit and in faith.

As a member of the Holy Spirit Fathers, I am drawn to the spirituality of our society, rooted in **Easter-Pentecost Spirituality**. It invites me to reflect that the great mysteries of Christian life—Incarnation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—are not merely events of the past, but living realities that unfold in our daily lives.

Incarnation happens when we make others experience Christ through our lives. It is **Easter** when we rise above our limitations and struggles. It is Pentecost when we allow ourselves to be renewed and transformed by the Spirit. May this Easter bring a fresh vision to the life we lead. Wishing you all the peace of the Risen Christ. God bless!

from Fr B)

“Today is the first day of the rest of your life.” Which is one of those ‘duh’ proverbs that seems so common sense as to not be worth saying. But although it may be true of every day, this is certainly true of today. Easter Sunday, the great day of the Resurrection of the Lord, is truly the first day of the rest of our lives. Today is the day on which human life no longer merely extends to a finite horizon limited by suffering, loss, and the eventual cessation of pain, but it is the day on which this human life of ours extends into the infinite and abiding Love that gives Himself to us.

Christ destroyed death and restored life, so that this day truly is the first day of the rest of our lives. **Alleluia!**

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Eileen D’Arcy, Errol Holm.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Ornella Brennan, Joscelyn (Power) Hjort, Marshall Ney, Stewart Ney.

✠ **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.

This weekend there are a couple of pieces of gratitude to note. We appreciate once again, the kind gift of large palms from the trees of Kyle Dunlop and the group of volunteers who assisted in creating the environment of the Cathedral. The Mass of Oils requires a team of people to bottle the blessed oils for parishes – thank you Gabrielle for your organisation of this and the team that assisted you. Over this sacred Triduum thank you to the altar servers for their dedicated service.


The choir who have been rehearsing this event carefully and generously – thank you for your time and efforts. Thanks also to Kathy Pingel and the team for preparing and presenting the slides throughout the Easter ceremonies.

On behalf of all who have attended any of the many liturgies over this Easter time, a sincere thank you to those 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 TO ALL!

Congratulations to those welcomed into the Catholic church this Easter:-

Elizabeth, Victoria, Matthew, Damien, Gypsy, Roderick, Jordyn, Matteus, Elias, Katrina, Drew, Henry, Lars and Emma. Thank you to all who have assisted them on this journey. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sunday 5 April EASTER 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 6 April	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	Easter Monday Holiday	
Tuesday 7 April	9am Mass SPC		
Wednesday 8 April	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
Thursday 9 April	7am Mass	7.30am-8.30am Adoration & 6-7pm Choir	
Friday 10 April	7am Mass 9.30am STM	2pm Wedding – Jacob Weekes and Morgan Edwards 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	
Saturday 11 April	7am Mass 6pm Mass	6.30am Rosary in Cathedral 8-9am Reconciliation	
Sunday 12 April	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre	

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