



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.

PALM SUNDAY – Year C - Saturday 13 April/Sunday 14 April 2019

- 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? [Psalm 21]
- Second Reading:** Phil 2:6-11 – *He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*
- Gospel Acclamation:** 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:** Luke 22:14 – 23:56 – *The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

The BIG WEEK – HOLY WEEK: The Gospels provide a lot of detail about the experiences, words and actions of Jesus during the final days before His death. In many ways those events sum up His Ministry 2000 years ago in Israel: celebrating and to some extent re-living the events is an annual renewal of our commitment to the things that really matter. We'll gather this weekend as usual on four occasions to commemorate Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast of that final year. No grandstanding about the entry, not what many in His time were expecting from the Messiah, no free Israel from Roman occupation... rather a simple country man from Nazareth riding a donkey. But the ordinary people responded, spontaneously tearing branches from the palm trees, laying them in His path and singing Hosanna! Our re-enactment before each Mass will invite us to re-live this event. And importantly **this year the special blessing of palms will take place on the eastern lawn by the Cathedral with our sisters and brothers from the Anglican, Lutheran and Uniting church communities in Toowoomba.** We'll sing boldly and loudly our hymns of praise and hopefully we'll be more faithful and genuine disciples than so many in those original crowds turned out to be. Then into the week – recalling and exploring the meaning of events that happened [and still happen] the following days:

- ✚ He goes to the Temple to pray and angered by what He finds, overturns the trading tables "My house shall be called a house of prayer: you are making it a den of robbers." But His message went much deeper than the expulsion of the money merchants!
- ✚ He goes out of Jerusalem to the nearby village of Bethany to share a meal with friends... and the crowds follow, believers and harsh critics, and He allows Himself to be anointed with precious oil. We'll reflect upon anointing and its significance on Monday evening during the 5.30pm Chrism Mass.
- ✚ The enthusiasm of the crowds builds: and the determination of the Jewish religious leaders to get rid of Jesus hardens. Judas takes the offer to betray Him out of greed, self-interest, confusion! Just like us sometimes!!

And we come to the Big three days: Try to be part of the action on next Thursday evening at 7pm here in St Pat's. This is the Eucharist that provides the lens into understanding every Eucharist and into understanding what is involved in living in communion together with Jesus.

- It is full of the memory of the Passover of Israel [and each of us] from slavery into freedom.
- There's the powerful sign of service where the leader washes the servants' feet.
- There's the ever-new experience of breaking and pouring out, eating and drinking, absorbing the Spirit of Jesus together.
- And finally an opportunity to remain in silence after a movement from the table to a quieter place, to remember His agony and fear, our agonies and fears, His loneliness and ours for as long as we wish, into the night.

Thence to Good Friday:

- At 10am to follow the journey to Calvary, the way of the Cross.
- At 3pm to hear again the details of a mock trial, to walk in our minds and hearts that frightening, painful journey, carrying His cross and our crosses together. Time to pray for each other and our world. Time to venerate the symbol of suffering, dying and hope that is the cross. Finally to enter again into Communion with Him and one another and move home quietly to reflect and rest, becoming ready to embrace a new beginning at Easter of our lives IN CHRIST.

God Bless, Fr Hal

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Matthew Dwyer, Fred Berge. *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:** Philomena Jackson, Fr Anthony O'Keefe, Fr Roderick Lynch.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Kate Allen, Tina Hobson, Michael Cuskelly, John Smith, Vince Stephens, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Mr Rene Perla, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Robert Badger, Stephanie Shine, Susie Rolls, Andrew Supple (Robina), Mary-Ann Hine, Antony Dunbarr, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

✠ **For all those recently baptised:** **Lily May Shevlin** daughter of Keith and Peta and **Carter Thomas Wicks** son of Christopher and Nikki. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

Reconciliation: 1st Rite available every Saturday, 9.00am – 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Reconciliation during Holy Week: Please note there is no reconciliation on Holy Saturday (20/04), but will be available after the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (19/04) 11.00 – 12 Noon. The second rite of reconciliation will be offered on Thursday (11/04) at 7.00pm and Friday (12/04) at 12.15pm.

Holy Hour at the Cathedral: You are invited to spend an hour in quiet reflection each Wednesday of Lent between 5.00pm and 6.00pm in the Cathedral.

THANK YOU: to Fr Peter Dorfield and John Neylon for gathering the palms you see enriching our Masses this weekend. A special thank you to all those involved in the arranging of the palms in the church. I'm sure you'll agree they look great and give the Cathedral a great atmosphere for Passion Sunday.

See this week's **Catholic Leader** - articles on the Nuncio's visit and the Blessing of the statue of St Patrick!

Mass Assistance: There is a lady who lives in Geddes Street, who would like to attend some weekday Masses and Mass on the weekend. If you are able to assist with picking her up and dropping her home, please contact the office on 46371500, thank you.

TCSO parking: As the new building has been opened and blessed, please feel free to make use of their carpark on the weekends. There is a concrete path near the bell tower for access from the carpark. The parking can also be used during the Easter celebrations.

Invitation for singers and musicians to join St Patrick's Choir or play keyboard at Masses. Instructions will be given and choir practice is Monday from 5.30-7pm. Contact Vicky- 0428781209 or Parish Office 4637 1500.

St Saviour's College Open Evening Tuesday 21 May 3.00pm - 6.00pm. All families are welcome to attend. For more details please phone the College on 4637 1600 or visit our website: www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's College ANZAC Day Liturgy: Wednesday 24 April 2019 8.45am, Brother Rodger's Oval, Hill St.

Expressions of interest are sought for the part-time position of Office Assistant at Holy Name Parish, Toowoomba. To apply please register your interest with a CV, contact details, and a covering letter outlining your skills to almamater1@rocketmail.com. **Applications close 29th April 2019.**

Easter Service Times for St Patrick's Cathedral 2019

Chrism Mass - (15/04) – 5.30pm

Wednesday Adoration (17/04) **5.00pm – 6.00pm.** Holy Thursday (18/04) **7.00pm**

Good Friday (19/04) - Stations **10.00am....and....Solemn Service 3.00pm**

Easter Vigil (20/04) - **7.00pm.** Easter Sunday **7.00am, 9.00am and 5.30pm**

Sunday 14 April	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	8.30am Ecumenical Blessing of Palms 11am Baptism of Maddison Isla Joyce and Eloise Maree Turner [FM] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 15 April	9.00am Mass at STM	5.30pm Chrism Mass
Tuesday 16 April	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 17 April	7.00am Mass 5pm-6pm Holy Hour	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 18 April	NO MORNING MASS 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Holy Thursday
Friday 19 April	10am Stations of the Cross 11am – Noon Reconciliation 3pm Celebration of the Passion	Good Friday
Saturday 20 April	7.00am Mass 7.00pm Easter Vigil	
Sunday 21 April	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Easter Sunday 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
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