



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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

## SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION – Year C – Saturday 20 April/Sunday 21 April 2019

- 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. [Psalm 117]
- Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4 – *Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*
- Gospel Acclamation:** 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.*

# H A P P Y E A S T E R

## CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

*Love has triumphed over hatred.....* "If they kill me, I shall rise in the [Salvadoran] people. If the threats come to be fulfilled, from this moment I offer my blood to God for the redemption and resurrection of El Salvador. Let my blood be a seed of freedom and the sign that hope will soon be a reality" (St Oscar Romero) *Jesus the one who raised the weak.....* It was a woman, not the leadership of the church that discovered the empty tomb. It was the weaker one, as seen in the society of the time, who moved first and led the supposedly stronger one to the truth. *It is often like this.* The helpless child makes the parent generous, the handicapped makes the healthy helpful, the needy make the better off merciful and the deceased make us live a better life. *Let us proclaim the love of the risen Christ who has triumphed, not the hatred that brings about wars and enemies.* *Have a peaceful and joyful Easter, Fr. Nandana*

St Paul sums it all up clearly –

*"If Christ were not raised from death then our faith is futile;  
but in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all those who have died!"*

To believe that Jesus is risen is to believe that when we've worked it all out, Jesus is the point where all human histories converge. In fully embracing human nature Jesus gives a new dignity to every human and assures us all of an eternal destiny. In Christ and through Christ something has happened within history that alters forever what is possible. Death remains real but "it" has also been overcome, conquered. God has much much more to offer when we have run out of energy and come to the end of our resources. We die, having one way or another poured out our life in this world, then God re-makes us. God raises us to new life, a fuller never ending life, just as God raised Jesus. Today we celebrate not only an "isolated miracle" of 2000 years ago, but a present reality. It's a reality that orders and organises our life together as Christians, life in the Body of Christ, wherein there is hope and faithfulness, unending love and mercy - life forever.

*God Bless, Fr Hal*

Tell me, where have you put him?

One of my favourite jokes for Easter is the story of the man fishing at a certain river. Another man approaches him and says, "I am a fisheries inspector and I happen to notice your bucket of fish. I have to inform you that you are fishing out of season and most of those fish appear to be undersize." To which the fisherman replies, "Ah, you don't understand these are my pet fish. Every Sunday I take these fish down here to the river for a swim. I release them and after a while I let out a whistle and they come back to shore and I gather them up and take them back to their pond in my backyard. In fact we were just about to head home" The inspector is amazed and immediately requests to see such a thing. "Sure" says the fisherman and promptly empties the bucket of fish into the river. After a little time has passed the inspector says, "Mate, are you going to whistle those fish back?" To which the fisherman replies, "What fish?" Like today's story of the resurrection, we might say, "Where is the evidence?" An empty tomb is all we have to see! **The evidence of the resurrection is, like Mary realised, right in front of our eyes! Jesus' tomb becomes the hidden place where our saviour dwells within us, so the tomb leads to a temple and that temple is our very selves. Every time we forgive, uplift, gently challenge, bring joy, celebrate life, love, bring peace – and live in the light, we reveal the risen Christ to those around us. So let us STAND UP and be the true temple of the risen Christ and allow the light to shine from us NOW AND ALWAYS! May you have a blessed, uplifting and fulfilling Easter time and may you find joy in the gift of this time of journey!** *God's Blessings from Father Michael*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Donald Reeves, Paul Tathem. *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:** Fr Anthony O'Keefe, Fr Leo O'Donohue.

✠ **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:** **Maddison Isla Joyce** daughter of Gregory and Danielle and **Eloise Maree Turner** daughter of Coden and Morgan. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

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

**Holy Hour at the Cathedral:** Each third Wednesday between 5pm and 6pm there will be adoration at St Patrick's Cathedral. Consider some quiet time each month to reflect on life and faith. Next time: 15/05.

**Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Friday from 2pm at the convent of Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 71 Margaret Street, Toowoomba.

**SOME SPECIAL THANK YOUS:** Kathy Pingel for creating the Power Points that have assisted in making our Easter celebrations visually compelling! A great and sincere thank you to all those who generously gave of their time and skills for reading, setting up for Masses, ministers of Eucharist and the numerous tasks that occur in the background that subtly add to the wonderful experience that is Lent and Easter. To Mary Schwartz, Tony and Vicky Coccozza and choir/organists, John Neylon, Gabrielle Saide, Melissa Stevens, John Smith, Fr Peter Dorfield and all those who have "volunteered" to help with preparation for these celebrations – 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.

**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](http://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](mailto:almamater1@rocketmail.com). **Applications close 29th April 2019.**

**St Ursula's College Open Day:** Date - 26th May 2019 Time - 10am to 2pm Location: St Ursula's College, 38 Taylor Street, Toowoomba Come along and discover why our students love it here! Our student leaders will personally show your family around. Website: <https://www.st-ursula.qld.edu.au/>

<b>Sunday 21 April</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 22 April</b>	9am Mass at STM	<b>Father Hal away this week</b>
<b>Tuesday 23 April</b>	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	Start of School Term 2 9.30am SSPS Easter Mass [FM] 2pm STM School Easter Mass [FM] 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls
<b>Wednesday 24 April</b>	7am Mass 5pm-6pm Holy Hour	9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 25 April</b>	7am Mass	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> 6.30pm SVdP meeting Parish Centre
<b>Friday 26 April</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Henry and Winnie Eakin and Gloria Ching [HR] 2.30pm Wedding of Miller Glockner and Geordie Payne [HR]
<b>Sunday 28 April</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Levi Bonell [HR] <b>We wish Fr. Nandana safe travels during May as he visits his family in Sri Lanka.</b> 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
St Patrick's weekly collection: Planned Giving \$1682.20; Loose Collection \$2492.85		