



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## Easter Sunday 20 APRIL 2025

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 risen from the dead.

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

What are your memories of Easter's past? As a child, I remember the simple things of finding easter eggs and of church bells ringing on Easter morn. As a student in Rome, I recall one Easter morning Mass in St Peter's Square with Pope St John Paul II where the bright sunshine amazed me after the cold and damp of winter. The new season of sunshine looking towards summer had a particular joy, warmth and hope.

What stands out in your Easter Day memories? No doubt, your childhood reminiscences are hopefully positive with family, food and eggs! The presence of family will likely stand out with a particular gathering that was special. Maybe there was an Easter where you were experiencing grief or hardship and suddenly an aspect of the Easter story touched something deep in your pain. Do you have a remembrance like this? Easter can be a day, or a season [the fifty days] or a reality of something more than a period of time. When we think of the fact that we are Easter people, this means that we see the world and life in a completely different way. Easter people look for life where it seems lacking. They look for hope when despair could be the easy option. They look for ways of being fully human because to limit life to being hard, challenging or without purpose is to deny the very gift of life we have been given.

The Risen Christ walks with us along our road. His life, death and resurrection always point to things we may not realise and of possibilities we never dreamt. As we walk through life with questions, doubts, family trials, job challenges, family conflicts and difficult people, He walks with us, opening our eyes to see His possibilities amid what life can sometimes throw at us. Therefore, the pattern of his dying and rising, becomes our pattern as new hope and life are born within us.

On this Easter Day we celebrate that there are no dead ends with Christ, except if we choose to close our eyes and hearts to His possibilities.

Thank you to each person who has participated in the moving liturgies of these past days and thank you to all who have prepared these solemn ceremonies. Every Easter blessing to you and your loved one. May this Easter Day have its own blessed memories and reassure you, that the Risen Jesus is by your side making you a **Pilgrim of Hope**.

*Bishop Ken Howell*

*"Every book, every volume you see here, has a soul. The soul of the person who wrote it and those who read it and lived and dreamed with it. Every time a book changes hands, every time someone runs their eyes down its pages, it's spirit grows and strengthens"* A short passage from "The Shadow of the Wind" by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. When he visits the "cemetery of forgotten books". This is what happens every time we read and hear the Easter story. Every time we embrace the story of New Life. Where our faith is strengthened and our hope is renewed. The gift of those words grow in us so we **become** the words themselves – we become the resurrected Christ.

**HE IS RISEN – ALLELUIA!**

*Blessings at Easter, Fr. Michael*

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom” (Luke 23:42).** These remarks of the thief, articulated in suffering and humility, were met with a hope of a heavenly paradise. Even in the dying moments on the cross, mercy answered. In Jesus’ last hour and breath, love was in the air in the quiet courage of Mary and John, the compassion of the thief, and the devotion of the women at the tomb. Christ's optimal surrender marks these small acts that reveal that love shines even in darkness. This Easter, the Risen Christ invites us to walk with faith in the path of love of empathising, connecting and journeying with our neighbours with hope from Hosanna to the Highest of Palm Sunday to a bloody Crucify him and eventually to the singing of the Alleluia because Jesus is Risen!

**"May your grace, O Lord, transform us into tireless cultivators of Gospel seeds. May the grace of the Jubilee year reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for heaven’s treasures and spread the joy and peace of Christ across the earth." Alleluia! Happy Easter!**  
*Fhear Brian Redondo*

**Happy Easter to all of you and your families!**

We rejoice as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, the triumph of life over death. This holy Easter invites us to rediscover the joy and great hope found in the Risen Christ. Let us all not forget to bring this joy and hope with us on our journey of life, in each ordinary day, and in every present moment. Particularly, in this Holy Year of Hope, may this Jubilee be an opportunity for each of us to be renewed in our baptismal life and to become strong witnesses to others of the good things the Lord has done for us. Let us allow the Grace and Light of the Risen Christ to shine and inspire our daily lives, helping us to live through all situations, particularly in challenging times. We are renewed and filled with the hope that only Christ can give. **"Hope does not disappoint us."**

**(SPES NON CONFUNDIT) (Romans 5:5) Fr. Francis Kritisada Sukkaphat**



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**


Colin Stephens, Elaine Martin, Angela Gray (Stark).

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community -** Sue Englart, Robert Wilson, Gerard George, Amelene Creggy, Mary Boland, Michael Luce, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Cocozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Dorothy Marsh.

Prior to 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.

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!**

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| <b>Sunday 20 April</b><br>[SPC – St Patrick’s]<br>[STM – St Thomas More’s]<br><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.<br><b>Live Stream 9am</b>             |   | 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |
| <b>Monday 21 April</b><br><b>Octave of Easter</b>  | 5.30pm Mass SPC<br>9.00am Mass STM                      |   |                                      |
| <b>Tuesday 22 April</b>  | 9am Mass SPC  | No Choir Practice   |                                      |
| <b>Wednesday 23 April</b>  | 7am Mass SPC  | 9am SSPS Easter Mass<br>7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre  |                                      |
| <b>Thursday 24 April</b>   | 7am Mass SPC  | 7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick’s   |                                      |
| <b>Friday 25 April</b>   | 7am Mass SPC<br>9.30am Mass STM                         | ANZAC DAY<br>7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre   |                                      |
| <b>Saturday 26 April</b>   | 7am Mass SPC<br>6pm Mass SPC<br><b>Fr Leo O’Donohue</b> | 6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick’s<br>8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC<br>10am Baptism of Matthew Steven Kent<br>11am Baptism of Harper Skye Jiminez Dinsmore |                                      |
| <b>Sunday 27 April</b><br><b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>   | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm<br><b>Live Stream 9am</b>              | 11am Baptism of Ollie John Jeans<br>12pm Baptism of Pedro & Bruno Ryan<br>4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre  |                                      |

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