

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [Year B]

Sunday 11<sup>TH</sup> April, 2021

**First Reading:** Acts 4:32-35 The whole group was united, heart and soul. **Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. **Second Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6 Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31 After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

### Peace Be With You

The disciples continue to grapple not only with the mystery of the resurrection of Christ, but with the world around them that seems at odds with what they believe. Within this mix Jesus appears to them, not to say “Why did you run? Why are you hiding away?” – no simply to say “Peace be with you.....Receive the Holy Spirit.” In other words, what can He say and do for you to build you up, to strengthen you for the journey ahead, to give you even greater faith. Our experiences in life, when we reflect on them, can be a great source for strength, power and peace, for I am sure this experience is one the disciples would have repeatedly returned to as they spread the good news. Coming from a close family we would each Sunday afternoon go over to my grandmother's house in Roma for a visit. I remember when Grandma died I was about 9 years of age. I remember distinctly one part of the funeral at All Saint's. I was going along fine, until we got to the sign of peace. As I turned to wish the person behind me peace, it suddenly dawned on me, that unlike this person here, I would never see my Grandmother again. I was inconsolable for the rest of the Mass and even after I could not stop crying. Our family friend Mary Wyatt had to bribe me with lollies to stop. It was my first encounter with the mystery of the resurrection and its ultimate meaning. In its own way this experience has strengthened my faith, as it brought me face to face with the need for hope and the promise of immortality. Even at that young age I began the journey to deepen my faith in a God that never abandons us and only want to love us eternally. So at Easter I am reminded of the joy of this celebration and the hope it brings not only the ultimate gift of new life, but the shared gift of God's peace and love here and now.

For it is time for us to say,

***HE HAS RISEN, HE HAS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!***

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who gave of their gifts and talents to make our Easter celebrations run as smoothly and spiritually significant as possible. Thank you to Vicky and the choir for the beautiful music/singing over this time. Thank you to Aylish for playing the violin at the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to John and Gabrielle for all the preparation and background work for each liturgy and those who volunteered to help with readings etc. Thank you to everyone who attended to celebrate Easter, and for your patience with the COVID requirements, especially those who took advantage of the TryBooking to make it easier. Everyone who helped with the signing in of people at the door, thank you. Also thank to those who sprayed the church after each event to keep us safe. Thank you to Melissa and Celia in the office, and Rod for taking online bookings. Most importantly thank you for your genuine participation in every event. Happy Easter! God Bless, Fr. Michael



**PLEASE BE AWARE TRYBOOKING CONTINUES UNTIL WE ARE ADVISED OTHERWISE. AS YOU KNOW IT CAN BE A VERY SLOW PROCESS AT THE DOOR IF YOU FAIL TO BOOK YOUR SEAT. TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR EVERYONE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE – TAKE A GREEN SHEET FROM THE TABLE AT THE ENTRANCE FOR MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.**



*The LIGHT at the END of the TUNNEL*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Alice Palmbald, Brian Stocker, Connie Welsh, and those who have died from Covid-19. 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:** John Connolly, Paul Hannant, Noel Hannant, Msgr Leslie Schuhkraft [1992], Fr John Michael [1968], Fr Lex Herzig [2004], Fr Anthony O’Keefe [2007], Fr Roderick Lynch [1985]

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,** Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Graham McGovern, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), 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 in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering from Covid-19.

Please make sure you have a **GREEN** sheet to explain the process of TryBooking and the other options that are available. Extra copies are available on the table. Thank you for your cooperation. A huge thank you to Celia and Melissa in the office for all their work on this future approach! Much appreciated. Fr. Michael

**TRY BOOKING:** On the parish website ([www.stpats.org.au](http://www.stpats.org.au)) you will find TryBooking available for the following events **Masses:** 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> April; 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> April; 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> May. **YOU MAY BOOK ALL OF THESE EVENTS USING THE TRYBOOKING SITE AS INDICATED ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.** Any queries please phone St Pat’s office on 4637 1500.

**DATE CLAIMER:** St. Patrick’s Cathedral and St. Saviour’s Race Day will be held on Derby Day, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Featuring free entry to the Twilight races and musical entertainment. Dinner included. More information and pricing will be revealed later. If you would like to be a sponsor on the day please contact Sam Hannant at St Saviour’s school on 4637 1600. **Please put this date in your calendar NOW!**

**An invitation to parishioners of the Cathedral parish:** You would be most welcome to visit Sychar (69 Margaret Street) either as individuals or as part of a parish group to experience the peace of the centre and the garden area, to browse the library and to enjoy a cuppa. Please contact me in advance at 0458 020 906 or otherwise at [emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au) to arrange a suitable time. Please see further information on the following pages. God Bless, Sr. Elaine Morzone

<b>Sunday 11 April</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	11am Baptism of Tom Schaumburg 2pm Baptism of Raphael Hood 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 12 April</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tuesday 13 April</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary
<b>Wed 14 April</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting Parish Centre
<b>Thurs 15 April</b>	7am Mass	<b>NO ADORATION –RESUMES 15.04.21</b>
<b>Friday 16 April</b>	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 17 April</b>	7am Mass 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Millie Shulze 12pm Baptism of Tilda Ehrlich
<b>Sunday 18 April</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	11am Baptism of Connor Hinrichsen 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$1500; Loose: \$991; Paypoint: \$760 Sam and Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick’s.		

## **SYCHAR - A PLACE OF PRAYER**

*Our SYCHAR, like the Sychar of the Gospel, aims to be ~*

*A place of gathering and encounter with Christ.*

*A place of inclusion where boundaries of gender, of culture, of religious difference are transcended.*

*A place of presence to one another, where judgement is replaced by acceptance and compassion.*

*A place where we can more deeply receive and rejoice in Christ's promise of living water welling up within us bringing newness and healing and hope.*

*A place where we can be set free from the things that bind us so as to become our authentic selves.*

*A place of peace where our lives are touched in a way that makes us want to share our joy and gifts with others.*

# **SYCHAR**

## **What we're about**

Sychar welcomes all who thirst for inner growth and spiritual nourishment; who seek to discover their authentic self and awaken to the Mystery of God in whom they live and move and have their being. They will be encouraged to journey to the heart, to experience more deeply the indwelling presence of Christ and their oneness with all creation. Accessing the unfailing wellsprings of God's creative Spirit will enable those who thirst to be transformed by the fire of God's love and inspired to embrace God's mission with passion and creativity.



*"So he came to a town in Samaria*

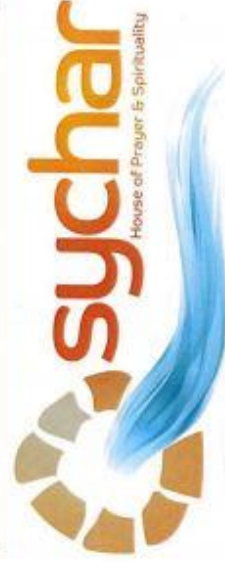
*called SYCHAR...*

*Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was*

*from the journey,*

*sat down by the well."*

*(John 4:5-6)*





## SECOND TERM SCHEDULE – 19 April to 25 June 2021

- Best times for **accessing the library** during term are Tuesday or Wednesday mornings or before or after an advertised Sychar event. Alternatively, you may contact 0458 020 906 to arrange for a time that is manageable for you.
- You are welcome to **enjoy the peace and quiet of the garden** at any time. A flat behind the main house offers quiet space for those wanting a personal day of reflection.
- It is possible to arrange for **spiritual direction** in an ongoing way or simply to find the support of a listening ear at a particular point in time.

**FOR RURAL AREAS:** As far as possible, **your needs** will be a **priority on weekends**. A day or morning of reflection can be made available in your parish at your request. You may wish to consider other ways Sychar can be of help to you – for example, introducing you to a method of spiritual sharing according to the Ignatian tradition which is being used by a group called *Anam Cara* (Soul Friend) that meets fortnightly at Sychar.

You are most welcome to visit if you are in Toowoomba – however, to ensure that someone can be there to greet you, please contact Sr. Elaine ahead of time if possible at 0458 020 906.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Generally closed  Except for occasional specially scheduled meetings or events	9.30am to 12.30pm  Librarians generally present  4.00 pm <b>Christian Meditation</b> (Hilary Fogerty)  7.00 pm – 8.30 pm <b>Reflective Process based on “The Naked Now” by Richard Rohr.</b> (Flyer available) <u>Seven sessions as follows:</u> 4 May; 11 May, 18 May; 25 May; 1 June; 8 Jun; 15 June (Registration required) <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BOBVW">https://www.trybooking.com/BOBVW</a>  or emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au	9.30am to 12.30pm  2.30pm – 4.00 pm <b>Contemplative Sharing of “Field of Compassion” by Judy Cannato</b> (Flyer available)  <u>Six sessions as follows:</u> 5 May; 12 May, 19 May; 26 May; 2 June; 9 June  (Registration required) <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BOBGR">https://www.trybooking.com/BOBGR</a>  emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au	9.30am to 5.00 pm  -----  Occasional stand-alone morning sessions will be scheduled for 9.30 – 12.00 – <u>They will be advertised and will require registration.</u>	Fortnightly meetings of <i>Anam Cara</i> ( a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian tradition)  For information, contact Clare Smith <a href="mailto:clare_james1@bigpond.com">clare_james1@bigpond.com</a> or Jo Cosgrove <a href="mailto:jocosgrove@westnet.com.au">jocosgrove@westnet.com.au</a>  <b>18 June reserved</b> for a special group	Flyers will be made available for special one-off events to be held on  15 May (Pat Quinn)  5 June (Sharyn Murfett)  19 June (Pat Quinn)