

# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER [Year B]

Sunday 18<sup>TH</sup> April, 2021

**First Reading:** Acts 3:13-15,17-19. You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead..

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord let your face shine on us. **Second Reading:** 1 John 2:1-5. Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 24: 35-48. It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead..

### *Recently I read this reflection on "The Road to Emmaus" by Gloria Couvion which I thought was worth sharing....*

Recently, after a parish function, I found myself among many people I did not recognize. We gathered in the cafeteria where the ladies' guild served snacks. I was exhausted and hungry after a long day, so my goal was food. I filled my plate and turned to find a seat. Not having recognized anyone at first glance, I walked to the back and sat down alone. I wasn't lonely or feeling outcast, just hungry and tired. Quite frankly, the peace was welcome, but just when I felt that I would eat and run, someone recognized me. Before long the table filled, and I was surrounded by friends. I suddenly found new life in the breaking of bread in table fellowship. The laughter, the company and the food were delightful. As believers we are not typical pilgrims. Instead we are disciples on the road to Emmaus where in our own grief, challenges and busyness, we often fail to recognize what is right in front of us. The disciples lost hope and were confused as they walked the 7 miles toward Emmaus. They were trying to make sense of what they had been told when Jesus appeared to them. They had no expectations of such a possibility and were not exactly sure if what they were seeing was real or to be trusted. Startled by these circumstances, they were unwilling or unable to believe, even though they witnessed his wounds with their own eyes. It wasn't until they shared hospitality and Jesus gave them food did their eyes open fully. Though it is not always that dramatic for us, Jesus can be present even in the mundane. In the ordinary action of living, life is found. We meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus each time we attend the celebration of the Eucharist. We assemble as one body where we hear the word of God and the body and blood of Christ is shared as one community. We gather for a communal experience of a meal consisting of the blessed body and blood of Christ. Our eyes are opened, and we are called to go forth to spread the saving word in the world. Each eucharistic celebration brings us together as the body of Christ where we are reminded that we are the eyes, ears and hands of Jesus. We are called to do his work in community and as individuals. We are disciples on the road to Emmaus each time we gather in his name. A peace comes from sharing with and loving our sister and brothers who walk among us, are with us, and a part of us; just as Jesus walked with his disciples on the road initially as a stranger. He is real and he is among us. Jesus is especially present in the poor and marginalized, in the immigrant who is seeking a better life. It is in the hospitality shared with the least among us that he is most present and powerful. We share, we build relationships, and we nurture the call from Jesus to bring our faith to action. We don't flourish in a personal vacuum but rather thrive in a community of love, faith and hope. Our eyes are opened in faith, community, relationships and hospitality. Living out that call from the Lord means leaving our comfort zone and reaching out to touch the wounds of Jesus in those around us. Our conversion leaves us vulnerable and at times afraid. It is through that vulnerability that we experience forgiveness and repentance which lead to peace. The only way to bring peace is to be that peace — and that takes risk. I was feeling like a stranger at that parish gathering. I sat alone turning in on myself. I was not a stranger, I just could not see until my eyes were opened by fellow community members who gathered around me and shared food. We are a part of an unfinished story that unfolds daily in our lives. Jesus is with us on the journey and exists in faith and through the gift of new eyes. The road to Emmaus continues through us.

*May God bless your week with many Emmaus experiences.....Father 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.**

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Alice Palmblad, John Areekuzhy (brother of Fr. Thomas), 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:** 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:** 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> April; 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> May. 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</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!**

**Unit for Rent:** One bedroom unit for an elderly person at St Patrick’s Community Village is available for rent. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick’s Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> May, at St. Mary’s Warwick, Brian Renaldo will be ordained Deacon. In the near future he will be ordained into the Priesthood for the Toowoomba Diocese. Brian began his studies in the Philippines and completed them at Holy Spirit Seminary, Brisbane. Everyone is very welcome to join him at 11.00am on the first to celebrate his Diaconate and place within the Toowoomba Diocese. You will find more about Brian in the latest edition on the Horizons. Please ring St. Mary’s on 4661 1033 to register your attendance. May God continue to strengthen his journey within the Toowoomba Presbyterate.

<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
<b>Monday 19 April</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Father Hal away 19/4 – 30/4.
<b>Tuesday 20 April</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary
<b>Wed 21 April</b>	7am Mass SPC	6pm SVdP Meeting Parish Centre
<b>Thurs 22 April</b>	7am Mass SPC	3pm Wedding: David Bennett & Kate Riley <b>5pm – 6pm ADORATION at SPC</b>
<b>Friday 23 April</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 24 April</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Xavier Bonell 12pm Baptism of Lucy Sommerlad
<b>Sunday 25 April</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> 11am Baptism of Rylie Cannavo 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving: \$680; Loose: \$592; Paypoint: \$420 Kevin & Judy Lindores, Jim Harris Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick’s.		