



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

7 April 2024

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.

**Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are 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.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION AT EASTER

What happened at the Easter vigil? I mean beyond the 'smells and bells', the crowds, the extensive readings, the *décor*, the elaborate music, or the bordering-on-theatrical lighting works.

We saw one adult baptised and two adults received into the Church. Then the three of them were Confirmed and received Holy Communion for the first time. It has been a few years since this part of Easter was celebrated in full at this Cathedral; it is also sometimes a little confronting to the average Catholic who experiences and sees baptism take place at birth and confirmation during elementary school years.

This is the culmination of a process known as the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA). Adult baptism and Confirmation were quite normal in the early Church and have been a constant through our history. The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council ('Vatican II'; 1962–1965) restored the process and encouraged its use.



These rites accompany those who inquire and seek to know the Church. They can help us – her members – to do two things: Firstly, they allow us to pray for and support these individuals who seek relationship with God and knowledge of the truth; and secondly, they allow us to renew and review our own experience of coming to know God in the Church.

Eastertide now lasts some 50 days. This is not only a time for us to rejoice in the resurrection as an historic event. This is a time for us to rejoice in the new birth of baptism and the life of the Spirit which has been offered to these three new Catholics. Perhaps it is also an invitation for us to look at our own lives and consider where the Spirits might be moving. And perhaps, it is also an invitation to consider those around us who have either no faith or have left the faith behind.

Seeing adults like this make a professional faith and public commitments to the Church is a reminder of the many journeys of faith. One could jokingly reference the adage 'all roads lead to Rome'. However, more importantly, we have seen over the past few weeks that the Spirit has called these three new Catholics home. We praise and thank God for the new life of baptism, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and for the Eucharist which we share. -- NPW



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Columba (Colm) Murray, Max Brennan.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joscelyn (Power) Hjort, 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** - Claire Seymour, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Rita Irwin, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Gabrielle Saide, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

On behalf of all who have attended any of the many liturgies over this Easter time, a sincere thank you to all 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!**

We always welcome comments and suggestions after important liturgical events, if you would like to provide any thoughts on any of the Easter Masses please email admin.



As we come to the end of collections for Project Compassion we thought to update everyone. St Patrick's community has given generously and our running total is sitting at \$6505. An astounding amount that will bring forth real change in so many lives. Thank you to all who have given.

Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. This year we have raised over \$2000 to send as support to Christians living, teaching and learning.

Altar Servers – recently we have had the joy of reintroducing this ministry to our weekend Masses. We extend an invitation to all ages, from first Eucharist and for as long as you can walk; junior altar servers to aspiring Acolytes. Contact Fr Nathan Email nathan@stpats.org.au to express your interest in serving.

Latest edition of the Catholic Leader is now available from the information table. Articles include the Easter Messages from each of the Queensland Bishops.

Due to a slight oversight during the Easter Masses the bulletin failed to be distributed. Should you wish to read the messages from each of our priests you will find remaining copies on the information table.

Sunday 7 April [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Skyler Troy Pantoja 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 8 April The Annunciation of the Lord	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room 9.30am Mass at Brodribb
Tuesday 9 April	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	No Choir Practice
Wednesday 10 April	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 6pm Meeting of SVdP in Parish Centre
Thursday 11 April Saint Stanislaus	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 6pm SPC Parish Council meeting in Presbytery
Friday 12 April	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 13 April	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 10am Baptism of Clancy George Toop 12noon Baptism of Willow Rose Garner 2pm Baptism of Sophie Hopkins
 Sunday 14 April Third Sunday of Easter	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 11am Baptism of Sonny Patrick Duggan & Adalyn Lee Moore 12pm Baptism of Grace Jane & Stella Mae Richardson

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$5202 Planned Giving \$1141 Donation Point \$1050 Money Counters this weekend: Kevin & Judy Lindores with Jim Harris.

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Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number or name in donating. Thank you.