

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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EASTER SUNDAY [Year B]

Sunday 4TH April, 2021

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.

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.

**I HAVE RISEN AND I AM WITH YOU STILL ALLELUIA!! TOO WONDERFUL THIS KNOWLEDGE ALLELUIA!
HAPPY EASTER FROM EVERYONE AT ST PATRICK'S – Bishop Robert, Priests and Staff!!**

At the Easter Vigil, the ancient *Exultet* exhorts us:
“Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.”

These words have proclaimed the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world for most of the Church's history. Perhaps they seem particularly strange in our day, as we find “all corners of the earth” in turmoil, seemingly knowing no end to “gloom and darkness”? Each year the experience of the Easter Vigil itself never ceases to provide a response to this reality: As the flame of the paschal candle is brought into the Church and enthroned in our midst, it flickers and dances as it pushes back the vast darkness around it. If you stand a long way off from the flame, it will indeed appear insignificant and perhaps even overcome by the gloom. But if you come close enough to it, you begin to see. Our own faces become illumined by the warm glow of that light and the darkness appears insignificant. It seems to me, dear brothers and sisters, that while the world may be shrouded in much darkness this Easter, those who come close to Christ our light will indeed know an end to gloom and darkness and be touched by that gladness which He alone can provide. My prayer for each of you this Easter is that you strive to come close to Jesus, crucified and risen, and that you be touched with the soft glow of his joy and peace.

Happy Easter and Blessings – Fr Thomas Duncan.

Here's a little quiz for you to try out on people over Easter – multiply the first number of your age by 5, add three, double the result, add the second number in your age, then subtract 6. The answer should be your current age! Well, I'm no mathematician, so I have no idea how that works, but it does! I'm sure there is some formula that explains it, but if I knew that then it would lose its mystery, so I don't bother to think about the intricacies of how it is done. We miss the point too with the resurrection if try to reason what happened. The book I am reading at the moment is titled, “A Traveller at the Gates of Wisdom”, by an Irish author, John Boyne. He traces history from Rome 1AD to the modern times through the telling of stories that share a connection. The premise of his story telling is that “Some stories are universal. They play out across human history. And time is the river which will flow through them all.” It takes quite a mind shift to realise that it is not the people in the novel that are central, but rather the story that is being unravelled itself through time. So attention is given to the story, the characters become the carriers of the message, but the message (the story) stands alone. **TODAY**, we become not only the carriers of the story of the resurrection, but we become the message and the meaning that has been flowing through time – we become the river that weaves the *truth* into the world of today. Let our cry be **ALLELUIA!** Christ is Risen – **YOU HAVE RISEN TO NEW LIFE.**

May God indeed bless your Easter journey. Fr. Michael



“They killed him by hanging him on a tree. Yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain people ... now we are those witness”
from the first reading today (Acts 10: 39-41).

So people believed in the power of mockery and insult. They believed in the pride of the majority. They believed in the power of the religious and the political authority. They believed in the punishment and curse. They believed in the death and it's weaponry.

But Jesus rose again; the love rose again; Mercy and forgiveness rose again; peace and justice rose again.

We can not stop his rising again among the oppressed; among the marginalised; among the needy and the sick.

Therefore we sing the song of hope....

No woman no cry
 No woman no cry
 Don't shed no tears
 No woman no cry

Sung by Bob Marley in their struggle.

May love and peace of risen Christ be with you. Fr Nandana.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** John Stocker, Jim Welsh, Merv Fogarty 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:** May O'Neill, Matt Dwyer, Beryl McKewin, Audrey Rielly, Drusila Solomon Canete.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,** Levi Smith, Eileen Hanna, 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.



The LIGHT at the END of the TUNNEL

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: As from Monday 15th March on the parish website (www.stpats.org.au) you will find TryBooking available for the following events **Masses:** 10th/11th April; 17th/18th April; 24th/25th April. **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.

EASTER SUNDAY 4 April	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 5 April	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 6 April	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary
Wed 7 April	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thurs 8 April	7am Mass	NO ADORATION -RESUMES 15.04.21
Friday 9 April	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 10 April	7am Mass 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Charlotte Hopkins and Victor Long
Sunday 11 April	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Tom Schaumburg 2pm Baptism of Raphael Hood 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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