



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Year C - Saturday 06 April/Sunday 07 April 2019

- First Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21 – *I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*
- Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. [Psalm 125]
- Second Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14 – *Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*
- Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
- Gospel:** John 8:1-11 – *Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Synodality – a way of relating - a way of being church. A reflection from Fr. Orm Rush's In service Input

Pope Francis has a vision for the church · This vision finds its deepest source in recent times, in understanding the spirit of Vatican II · It is an invitation to be the people of God who listen to each other and discern the movement of the Spirit as a response to the signs of the times · It is a vision that calls us to be a church whereby everyone is able to speak boldly and is respected by those who listen humbly · For Pope Francis, it is a recovering of the true understanding of the "Sensus Fidelium" – the "people of God" · Pope Francis says, "In all the baptised, from first to last, the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work, impelling us to evangelisation....As part of his mysterious love for humanity, God furnishes the totality of the faithful with an instinct of faith – sensus fidei – which helps them to discern what is truly of God." · To listen humbly and speak boldly reminds us again of the voice of Vatican II that wants the church to be an outwardly looking church, not a "self reverential church", as Pope Francis says · Our very baptism gives us the ability to live this out · We are all baptised, Priest, Prophet and King · Before Vatican II it was only the Bishop who was perceived as having the prophetic and kingly role within the church · Vatican II recognised that this role exists due to our baptismal anointing · The Spirit will flow wherever the Spirit wishes and we have the gift of listening to that Spirit and helping discern the church's direction for the future · Pope Francis calls us to trust in that Spirit because the people of God have an "infallibility in believing", so that we are to trust each other in believing in the work of the Holy Spirit · Pope Francis challenges us to reflect on what it would mean to be a Synodal Church · What would it look like if it wasn't just the Bishops making decisions · What if "it wasn't just some to the Bishops some of the time, but all the church, all of the time" · Speaking boldly and listening humbly is no easy task, but one that Pope Francis believes is the closest to the true understanding of what being faithful to the gospel and message of Christ is · "A synodal Church is a Church which listens, which realises that listening "is more than simply hearing". It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" [Jn 14:17], in order to know what he [the Holy Spirit] "says to the Churches" [Rev 2:7] · As we move ever steadily toward the Plenary Council 2020, we are having our own taste of synodality, where the first step has been an invitation to speak boldly and to listen humbly to each other · The "ball" is now with those who prepare the agenda and ultimately listen to each other at the two sessions of the Council, to show us what can happen when we enter honestly into listening and learning from one another · This experience may well be the beginnings of the future church · There is a great spirituality in an honest and respectful understanding of synodality · We continue to pray that this experience will pave the way for a new way of relating within the church – a way where everyone - the Sensus Fidelium have a bold voice!

God Bless your week, Father Michael

Easter Service Times for St Patrick's Cathedral 2019

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| Second Rite of Reconciliation - 7.00pm (11/04) and 12.15pm (12/04) | Chrism Mass - (15/04) – 5.30pm |
| Wednesday Adoration (17/04) 5.00pm – 6.00pm. | Holy Thursday (18/04) 7.00pm |
| Good Friday (19/04) - Stations 10.00am....and..... | Solemn Service 3.00pm |
| Easter Vigil (20/04) - 7.00pm. | Easter Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am and 5.30pm |

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** . *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:** Beryl McKewin, Fr Leslie Schuhkraft, Fr John Michael, Fr Lex Herzig

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Tina Hobson, Michael Cuskelly, John Smith, Pat Brosnan, Vince Stephens, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Mr Rene Perla, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Robert Badger, Stephanie Shine, Susie Rolls, Andrew Supple (Robina), Mary-Ann Hine, Antony Dunbarr, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Matthew Dwyer, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

✠ **For all those recently baptised:** **Hendrix Jarvis** son of Alex and Karlee, **Georgia Macdonald** daughter of Matthew and Jessica and **Elizabeth Dearling** daughter of Anthony and Katrina. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

Reconciliation: 1st Rite available every Saturday, 9.00am – 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Reconciliation during Holy Week: Please note there is no reconciliation on Holy Saturday (20/04), but will be available after the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (19/04) 11.00 – 12 Noon. The second rite of reconciliation will be offered on Thursday (11/04) at 7.00pm and Friday (12/04) at 12.15pm.

Holy Hour at the Cathedral: You are invited to spend an hour in quiet reflection each Wednesday of Lent between 5.00pm and 6.00pm in the Cathedral.

Ecumenical Blessing of Palms: Next Sunday at 8.30am there will be a blessing of palms with the other inner city churches. We will pray together and then each congregation will walk, singing and waving palms as they return to their respective church communities. This year we will host the event. Please come a little early to the 9.00am Mass and be part of this blessing.

Mass Assistance: There is a lady who lives in Geddes Street, who would like to attend some weekday Masses and Mass on the weekend. If you are able to assist with picking her up and dropping her home, please contact the office on 46371500, thank you.

TCSO parking: Last week the Apostolic Nuncio opened and blessed the new Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office next door. Please feel free to make use of their carpark on the weekends. There is a concrete path near the bell tower for access from the carpark. The parking can also be used during the Easter celebrations.

Invitation for singers and musicians to join St Patrick's Choir or play keyboard at Masses. Instructions will be given and choir practice is Monday from 5.30-7pm. Contact Vicky- 0428781209 or Parish Office 4637 1500.

URGENT: EASTER ROSTERS: Altar Assistants, Communion Ministers, Readers, Welcomers, Musicians and Singers are invited to be part of the liturgies during Holy Week and Easter. There are folders with ministry forms in the Sacristy and on the tables in the eastern transept and front of the Cathedral. **If you are available please put your name on one of the forms this weekend.** Readers must be available to attend a practice session beforehand!

St Saviour's College Open Evening Tuesday 21 May 3.00pm - 6.00pm. All families are welcome to attend. For more details please phone the College on 4637 1600 or visit our website: www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's College ANZAC Day Liturgy: Wednesday 24 April 2019 8.45am, Brother Rodger's Oval, Hill St.

Needed: Helpers for Chrim Mass for filling Oil Bottles for Parishes [**See Notice Board for details**]

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| Sunday 07 April | 7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass | 11am Baptism of Lily May Shevlin [HR] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre |
| Monday 08 April | 9.00am Mass at STM | 5.30-7pm Choir Practice |
| Tuesday 09 April | 7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM | 12.15pm SPC Indoor Bowls |
| Wednesday 10 April | 7.00am Mass | 9.30am St Patrick's Prayer Group in Boardroom 5pm-6pm Holy Hour 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre |
| Thursday 11 April | 7.00am Mass | 9.00am Mass at Yukana 2.30pm Mass at Bupa Retirement Home 6.30pm SVdP meeting Parish Centre 7pm Second Rite of Reconciliation SPC |
| Friday 12 April | 7.00am Mass 9am Mass STM | 9.30am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Centre 9.00am Anointing Mass STM 12.15pm Second Rite of Reconciliation SPC 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre |
| Saturday 13 April | 7.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil | 9.00am – 10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation |
| Sunday 14 April | 7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass | 8.30am Ecumenical Blessing of Palms 11am Baptism of Maddison Isla Joyce and Eloise Maree Turner [FM] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre |
| St Patrick's weekly collection: Planned Giving \$1073.10; Loose Collection \$2375.30 | | |