



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 7

First Sunday of Lent – Year A

26th February 2023

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Office hours

8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

MASS TIMES:

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 5.30pm

Weekday Eucharist

Monday & Tuesday: 7.00am

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday &

Public Holiday: 9.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5.00pm-5.20pm

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

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Lent is meant to be a time of repentance and change...

We have now entered the great season of lent. It is important for us to realize that our life is a journey, a movement towards God and the way to prepare ourselves to receive Him fully. During the season of Lent, the Church invites us to examine our lives, to repent of our sins and do penance. By means of fasting, penance and prayers, the faithful obtain the strength we need to overcome our sinful tendencies. What makes each Lent different is our response. This special time can be an opportunity for real conversion of heart. Turning away from the trap of selfishness, turning towards Jesus who gives fullness of life, lasting into eternity, starting here and now.

At the beginning of chapter six of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus calls us to give to the poor, to pray and to fast. But He prefaces this call with a warning not to "practice these good deeds before people in order to be seen by them." Three times He repeats "your Father, who sees all that is done in secret will reward you." Lent is a time for that deeper meeting with God and the true conversion of our hearts. Only out of that conversion can come any good deeds worthy of the name.

A Different Approach to Fasting... Fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward things like giving up food or television. But there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch. Here are suggestions we may want to consider. *Fast from anger and hatred. Give our family an extra dose of love each day. Be more considerate of others - Be more patient. *Fast from judging others. Before making any judgments, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults. Give up gossiping - Speak what is uplifting for other people *Fast from discouragement. Hold on to Jesus' promise that He has a perfect plan for our life. Give up discouragement - Be full of hope. *Fast from complaining. When we find ourselves about to complain, close our eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given us. Be positive - Focus on gratitude. *Fast from resentment or bitterness. Work on forgiving those who may have hurt us. Give up bitterness - Turn to forgiveness. *Fast from spending too much money. Try to reduce our spending by ten percent and give those savings to the poor.

Finally, make this Lent a time to rediscover the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't wait till Holy Week, but find a time early in Lent to reflect on where you need forgiveness and healing and bring it to Confession. The priest will welcome you and help you. The prayer of Absolution is beautiful for the truly penitent to hear. Wishing you Peace, Love, and Happiness during Lent and let's pray for one another as we journey to Easter.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

We at St Thomas' Parish acknowledge the Yuggera people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather. We pay our respects to elders - past, present and emerging, who have walked and cared for this land for thousands of years.

Parish News & Notices

We remember in our prayers

The sick: Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Sue Lamb, Megan Bowden, Carmel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, June Colch, Judith Angela, Alex Stegman, Kui Liu, Eileen MacDermott, Lorraine O'Leary, Shirley Mead, Don Cattnach, Barry Ahern, Brian Toon, Rod Grove, Bernice Taylor.



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Marie Roberts, John (Jack) Cannon, Patrick O'Gorman, John McGovern, Theresa Poole, William Simson, Eileen Crowley, Maureen Sheridan, Kevin Eickenloff, Thelma Bradshaw, Dean Bonke, Barbara Woodroffe, Cecilia Buskey, Mona Costa, Joseph 'Gerard' Cremin, Anne-Maree Denaro, Grace Dalziel, Terry Cooney, Anastasia Forster, Rosemary McDonald, Peggy Cannon, John Roborgh, Fr Pat Dowd, Warwick Marden

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please consider giving to our Planned Giving Program. Your continued support for our Parish is much appreciated.

Collections & Planned Giving:-
BSB:064-786 Acc: 100012966

Baptisms/Sacrament Programs/ Donations/All other deposits:-

Name: Camp Hill Parish
BSB:064-786 Acc: 1000005597

*** We also have Tap n Go facility in the Church premises.**

Thank you for your generosity.

The Week Ahead

Sun - 26th Feb	1st Sunday of Lent Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 27th Feb	Mass @ 7am
Tues - 28th Feb	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 1st Mar	Mass @ 9am
Thur - 2nd Mar	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 3rd Mar	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross @ 6.30pm
Sat - 4th Mar	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 5th Mar	2nd Sunday of Lent Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

Baptisms



We welcome...

Oscar Ewens,

son of Anna & Samuel, **Alison James**

son of Bree-Anna & Nicholas and

Isabel & Eden

Children of Elyse & Jamie Warwick
being baptised in our Church this weekend.

May Jesus, who loves all children, bless your precious child with love and peace on this special day and always.



Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each **Friday** during Lent at 6.30pm

Directly after Stations of the Cross you are invited to join St Thomas' 'Prayer & Share' Group for prayer and reflection at 7pm in the Parish office.

MUSICIANS & SINGERS

Our Parish Music Ministry needs your help! We're calling all musicians and singers to help us raise our hearts and minds in song during mass. No experience in leading the congregation is necessary, we will teach you that part 😊.

Any parishioners who know how to play keyboard, piano, organ or guitar or can hold a tune (all singers) please call or text Melissa Chong on 0467220461.

God is calling you to this ministry, that's why you saw this notice! We would love to hear from you!!

Melissa Chong
Music Coordinator

Quote of the week
**Life is a Bank Account
in God's hands.
Nobody knows the
balance of the remaining
days.
Keep depositing with prayer,
fasting and almsgiving.**



First Sunday of Lent 26 & 27 February



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the Church or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Regina Caeli Parish Coorparoo Heights
invites you to a Lenten Retreat in our beautiful grounds
– 3-6 P.M. Saturday 11th March.

There will be two 20 minute presentations
drawn from the Archdiocesan Lenten Program and Meditations.

There'll be time for personal space and journaling.

6 p.m. Mass for the 3rd Week in Lent.

Please RSVP 0402 588 296 (Brian)
for us to have materials for you.

\$5 to buy 'Ashes to Hope' (Archdiocese)



For the past 96 years Christian women around the world have come together in prayer on the first Friday in March. Over 150 countries participate in this Ecumenical Prayer. All are welcome. Our local World Day of Prayer service will be held at Mt Carmel Church Coorparoo at 10.00am on Friday

Rosary Beads Donations for Timor Leste (East Timor)

The Knights of the Southern Cross are collecting rosary beads to send to Catholic Communities in Timor Leste (East Timor). If you have any rosary beads that you no longer need this is a unique opportunity to share faith across countries. A box for you to deposit the rosary beads has been placed at the middle exit of the church on the hall side. These will be collected after the 26th February 2023. If you have any queries please contact Brian Harding, email harding12@bigpond.com. Thank you for your support.



LENTEN RETREAT IN BRISBANE

with Fr. Roni George VC,
Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby

Saturday, 25th March 2023

9.30am-4pm

School Hall, Holy Cross Church

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For the Children...

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Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days. Over the next few weeks the readings we will hear encourage us to say "YES" to God and "NO" to our own selfishness.

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus, there will be times during Lent when we might find it difficult to keep our Lenten Promises. But, if you are there to help us we will keep on trying.



Readings for Next Sunday

2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Genesis 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel:

Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

1st Sunday of Lent – Year A

First Reading: (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7)

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: (Romans 5:12-19)

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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Gospel: (Matthew 4:1-11)

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.