

# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 7

Second Sunday of Lent – Year A

5th March 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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### **Parish Finance Council**

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## ***Lent is a time to listen....***

Now as we enter the Second Week of Lent, our task is to continue to examine our hearts and to repent in order to prepare ourselves for the glorious paschal mystery. The Gospel this weekend speaks of the transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of His disciples. This was manifesting to them His divinity to strengthen them in their faith before He enters into His Passion and death on the cross.

The invitation to "Listen to him" is directed to the disciples and us. We need to pray and listen to what God says during this Lent and yet we know God has no need of our prayer, in fact the very desire to pray is a gift from God. Jesus' invitation to "repent and believe in the Gospel" rings in our ears. We are reminded that He continually calls us to rejoice in the life that has been given us and to experience it in its fullness. Repentance or turning back to God involves all aspects of life.

During the Lenten week ahead, we have the opportunity to reflect on our "listening. We sometimes forget to listen to God's voice, especially when we are distracted by things our lives. Today we might consider our "listening". The ability to hear and listen are great gifts that we have received from God. Silence is a good place to listen not to music or news or sports stories, but to the voice of the Lord. The Lord speaks in the silence of our hearts and the only way we can listen is to enter into the quiet. The time spent in silence will enable us to "listen to him."

We spend our lives listening to the Lord as He speaks to us in His word and in and through the circumstances of our lives. We listen to Him as a preparation for that wonderful moment when in eternity we see Him face to face and we can finally say, 'it is wonderful to be here'. As we do so, we can hear the words of the Father over and over: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

This weekend we are being called to listen in two directions: listen to one another; to God speaking in the world around us. Never doubt that God wants to speak to us – not only during this Lenten season but all the time. He loves to speak peace into our lives. So stop and listen today. Stop and listen and pray every day.

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, Rod Grove, Bernice Taylor.



**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Beatrice Fox, Timothy Marrinan, Antonio Lunatici, Theresa King, Antonio D'Alessandro, Daryll King, Eileen Heggie, Margaret Perry, Ross Evans, Raymond Mullen, Neil Harkiss, Mary Wheatley, George Coombes, Mark Pantarotto, James Croning, Gwendolyn Taylor, William O'Sullivan, John Graham, Jim Corbett, Vickie Robbins, Morgan Innes, Beverley McKewin, Margaret Hess, Ronald Ashton, Patricia O'Connor, Maureen Harding, William Bradbury, Ron Kelly, Ian Douglas, Herb Collie, Lorraine Morrison, Bob Bongiorno and Joan Burlew.

### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

**Collections & Planned Giving:-**  
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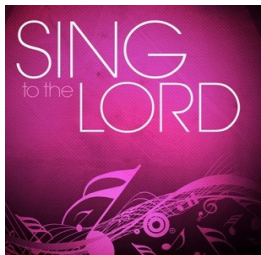
**Baptisms/Sacrament Programs/ Donations/**  
**All other deposits:-**

**Name: Camp Hill Parish**  
BSB:064-786 Acc: 100005597

\* We also have Tap n Go facility in the Church premises.  
Thank you for your generosity.

### 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!!

### The Week Ahead

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| Sun - 5th Mar  | 2nd Sunday of Lent<br>Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm |
| Mon - 6th Mar  | Mass @ 7am                                   |
| Tues - 7th Mar | Mass @ 7am                                   |
| Wed - 8th Mar  | Mass @ 9am                                   |
| Thur - 9th Mar | Mass @ 9am                                   |
| Fri - 10th Mar | Mass @ 9am<br>Stations of the Cross @ 6.30pm |
| Sat - 11th Mar | Mass @ 5.30pm                                |
| Sun - 12th Mar | 3rd Sunday of Lent<br>Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm |



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.

### SAVE THE DATE

*St Thomas' Care & Concern*  
*invite you to St Patrick's Day Morning Tea on*  
*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

*Healing Mass at 10.00am*  
*Morning Tea to follow in the Hall with raffles.*

Invitations were sent out this week. Please contact the parish office if you did not receive an invitation but would like one. If you know anyone who might be interested in coming along you are most welcome to invite them - just let us know.

RSVP; Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Parish Office: 33981154

### Quote of the week

**Life is all about**  
**MOVING ON,**  
**accepting changes**  
**and**  
**looking forward to what**  
**makes you**  
**stronger and**  
**More**  
**COMPLETE.**







## Second of Lent 4 & 5 March



**Tereesa** is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children. Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.



Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

**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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## Becoming Catholic! A Journey of Faith RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Full Communion of Candidates. Presentation to the St. Thomas's Catholic Parish Community on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Sunday at 8.30am. It is with great pleasure we welcome our Catechumen: Angela Nitschke and Candidates: Nathan King, Cameron and Sarah Macintosh who have commenced a journey of enquiry and faith towards Easter in 2023.

Catechumens – are those non—baptised seeking Baptism and Initiation into the Catholic Church

Candidates – are those baptised seeking Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

We will celebrate their Rite of Acceptance, Presentation of the Creed and Lord's Prayer and invite all Parishioners of our Parish to pray for our Catechumens and Candidates during this journey to Easter as they come to know Jesus more deeply in their lives and to join us each week in celebrating the Mass. We ask for many blessings on all who journey in faith and offer our support and prayers for you and your families during this time.

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith?** Welcome! The Catholic Church's mission is to offer people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to deepen their understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ. Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). During the RCIA process, you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. Ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage signify the steps along the way. If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic or learning more about their Catholic faith as an adult, please contact: 3398 1154 Email: [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au).



*Rite of Election at St Stephen's Cathedral on the 26th of February 2023.*

Thank you parishioners for your generous response to the Knights of the Southern Cross request for rosary beads donations. We have received around 40 rosaries which will be sent to the people of Timor Leste.



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 March 3.

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)



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

**Saturday, 25th March 2023  
9.30am-4pm**

**School Hall, Holy Cross Church  
110 Nottingham St, Kippa Ring, QLD, 4021**

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### 2nd Sunday of Lent – Year A

#### First Reading: (Genesis 12:1-4)

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

#### Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22)

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

#### Second Reading: (2 Tm 1:8-10)

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Gospel: (Matthew 17:1-9)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

## For the Children...



### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

When Jesus wanted to pray he would often find a quiet, peaceful place away from the crowds, where he could be alone with his heavenly father. One day he took his disciples with him. He planned to give them a great surprise by giving them a glance of God's glory.

### **LET US PRAY**

Dear God, Peter, James and John saw the light of your glory shining from Jesus on the mountain that day. Jesus shares that light and his love with all of us. May the light in our hearts help us to change so that we will become more like Jesus, filled with his joy, happiness and goodness.

### **Readings for Next Sunday**

3rd Sunday of Lent

#### **First Reading:**

Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

#### **Second Reading:**

Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

#### **Gospel:**

John 4:5-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.