

# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 10

Third Sunday of Lent – Year A

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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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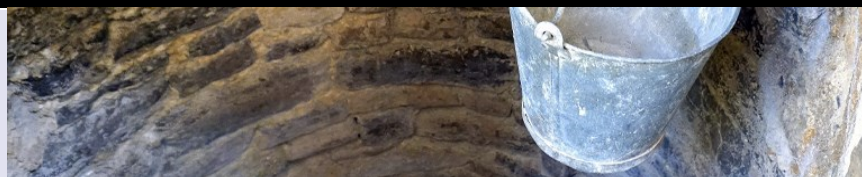
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## **The Sacrament of Baptism: Gateway to New Life....**

On this third Sunday in Lent, the theme of the readings centres around water, and the links to Baptism are clear. Water is the source of life, but also of destruction. We have the story of the Flood, which brought salvation to Noah and his family, but death to a sinful world; the crossing of the Red Sea, which meant life and liberty to the Israelites, but death to the army of the Pharaoh; and the water from the rock for the Israelites in the desert dryness. We will hear more about these at the Easter Vigil during the blessing of the baptismal water.

This weekend's Gospel is about the Samaritan woman at the well, and it also centres around the theme of water and life. The story begins by Jesus showing Himself as a person in need: tired, hungry and thirsty. She is very surprised at Jesus' approach, but her surprise allows Jesus to turn the tables and offer her 'living water'. At the beginning, she understands Him literally, asks how He can give it as He has no bucket. But the water that Jesus will give is different. Those who drink it will never be thirsty again, and it is eternal life. Again, literally, the woman wants this water that lasts forever. Then she will never have to come to the well again. Jesus connects with the Samaritan woman at the well and gives her the living water. Through this she and the people of the place are able to trust and accept the eternal life he gives them. They recognize Him as the Messiah, the Saviour of the world.

What is this water that Jesus speaks about? It is God's Spirit which comes to us in Baptism and it is the very essence of life. The Sacrament of Baptism is not just a ritual producing magic effects. It is the outward, symbolic sign of a deep reality, the coming of God's spirit into every aspect of a person's life. Baptism gives us new life as adopted children of God. We become partakers of divine life and temples of the Holy Spirit and members of the Church, the Body of Christ. We are now made righteous by God and live in a state of grace, that is, we live in union with God because of His gracious and loving presence.

Let us pray for all those preparing to be baptised at Easter may find that life-enriching faith for their lives.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation for Lent - Tuesday March 14th at 6.30pm**—We will be offering the Second Rite of Reconciliation this Lent, the sacrament will take place on Tuesday March 14th at 6.30 pm in the St Thomas's Church. This is another great opportunity to gather during Lent as the people of God in an atmosphere of prayer, forgiveness and reconciliation with the God who loves us. Everyone is welcome!

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.

**Recently Deceased :** Brian Toon.



**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:-**  
BSB:064-786 Acc: 100012966

**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.

### The Week Ahead

Sun - 12th Mar	2nd Sunday of Lent Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 13th Mar	Mass @ 7am
Tues - 14th Mar	Mass @ 7am Second Rite of Reconciliation 6.30pm
Wed - 15th Mar	Mass @ 9am
Thur - 16th Mar	Healing Mass @ 10.00am
Fri - 17th Mar	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross @ 6.30pm
Sat - 18th Mar	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 19th Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

### Baptisms

We welcome... Emmeline Greig daughter of Megan & Simon, Edward Dilger son of Carolina & Timothy and Audrey Sharp daughter of Kristen & Kent 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.*



**2nd Rite of  
Reconciliation**

**Second Rite of  
Reconciliation for Lent  
- Tuesday March 14th  
at 6.30pm at  
St Thomas the Apostle  
Parish. Camp Hill.**



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.



Congratulations to all the  
children who have done  
the 1st Reconciliation  
this weekend. Let us pray  
for them as they continue  
their faith journey.

*Join us for*

## EASTER CHOIR

WEEKLY SATURDAY PRACTICES  
STARTING 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH

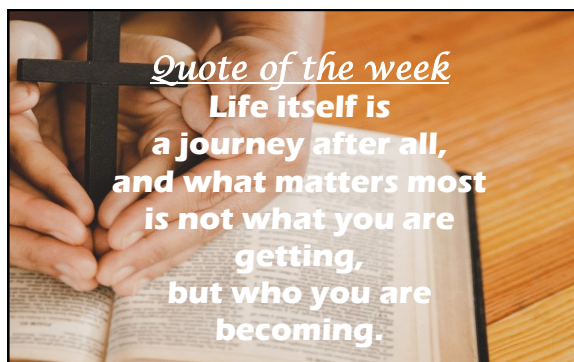
3.30PM IN THE CHURCH

ALL AGES WELCOME



### Quote of the week

**Life itself is  
a journey after all,  
and what matters most  
is not what you are  
getting,  
but who you are  
becoming.**







## Second of Lent - 11 & 12 March



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought. While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

**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).



Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
invites you to the annual

# CHRISM MASS


**Thursday 30th March 2023  
@ 7:00pm**

**Cathedral of St Stephen  
249 Elizabeth Street,  
Brisbane**

*A celebration for the entire Archdiocese*

*All Welcome*

*car parking available from 6:00pm*



## THE CATHOLIC GUY PARISH EVENT IS COMING TO OUR LADY OF GRACES CATHOLIC PARISH! FOUR ALL NEW NSPIRING AND LIFE CHANGING SESSIONS THIS LENT 23-28 MARCH 2023

- SESSION 1: Thursday 23 March - 9.45am or 7.00pm
- SESSION 2: Friday 24 March - 9.45am or 7.00pm
- SESSION 3: Monday 27 March - 9.45am or 7.00pm
- SESSION 4: Tuesday 28 March - 9.45am or 7.00pm

All sessions will be in our main Church building, will run for approximately 1½ hours and we will share a cup of tea or coffee together afterwards. Flyers available at the entrance to the Church and more information available at [BruceDownes.org](http://BruceDownes.org)



**When:** 6pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – 4pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
**Where:** Riverlife Centre (47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks, QLD)  
**Cost:** Early bird is \$170pp | \$150pp for groups of 10+ (ends 12 March). You can find out more about the Summit by heading to [brisbanesummit.com](http://brisbanesummit.com)  
 After early bird is \$200pp | \$170pp for groups of 10+

## For the Children...

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

*The Woman at the Well*

Today we hear about a meeting between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. The Samaritan came from a place called Samaria. The Jews from Galilee and Judea hated them because the Samaritans had built a temple for God on Mount Gerizim, in their own country, and refused to worship at the temple in Jerusalem



### LET US PRAY

We thank you, Jesus, for the blessing of water; For being able to turn on a tap and know that it will flow; For the rain and the rivers and the mighty oceans. Thank you for the "water life," poured out and shared with us at our Baptism, so that we can have everlasting life.

## Readings for Next Sunday 4th Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13  
 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14  
 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41  
 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

### 3rd Sunday of Lent – Year A

#### First Reading: (Exodus 17:3-7 )

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

#### Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 94:1-2. 6-9)

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

#### Second Reading: (Romans 5:1-2. 5-8 )

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Gospel: (John 4:5-15)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water  
will get thirsty again:

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give  
will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming

when you will worship the Father

neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know;

for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –

when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:

that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'