



St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 12

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year A

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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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Coming out of the Tomb....

It is nearly Palm Sunday and Holy Week, but not quite yet! There is still a week to go. We are entering the Fifth Sunday of Lent. In our Gospel this weekend we see how Jesus was invited into the lives of Mary and Martha and even when they thought nothing else could be done, He raised their brother Lazarus from the tomb. Their situation changed completely. It went from mourning to rejoicing. Maybe, at this moment, we also feel like we're in a tomb. Perhaps, we may have lost a loved one, or missed a great opportunity, or have been diagnosed with a terminal illness or feeling that all hope is lost. Do not despair, remember, God can raise you from your grave and restore you to an even better condition. Have you invited Him in prayer to come to help you? If you have done that, then wait. Though His response may not be immediate, He will certainly never disappoint.

It is significant to know that Lazarus means "God is my help". He represents all of us who lie helplessly in the tomb of sin awaiting Jesus to raise us to life. We often bind ourselves with chains of addictions and bury ourselves in the tomb of despair. Sometimes we are in the tomb of selfishness, filled with negative feelings. Today, as we approach Holy Week, Jesus calls out to us "Come out". He wants to raise us from our tomb of sins. When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus calls our name and commands, "Come out"! As Lazarus answered this call, so are we also required to answer the call to rise from sin and return to a life of righteousness.

We look to the life that is not just an extension of our physical life here on earth but an eternal life in heaven. This eternal life begins the moment we give up our sinful ways and follow a righteous life. This can be the beginning of eternity. Jesus is calling us. We are all Lazarus. He is calling us to come out of the darkness, and come into His Light. He is calling us to come out of the place of death and come into His Life. Lent may be coming to its final days, but there is still time for us to receive the Sacrament of Penance. There is still time left for our Lenten cleaning. Take the opportunity to be at peace with ourselves and with our Lord.

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 - 26th Mar	5th Sunday of Lent Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 27th Mar	Mass @ 7am
Tues - 28th Mar	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 29th Mar	Mass @ 9am
Thur - 30th Mar	Mass @ 9.00am
Fri - 31st Mar	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross @ 6.30pm
Sat - 1st Apr	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 2nd Apr	PALM SUNDAY Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

Baptisms



We welcome... **Louis Bertini** son of Stephanie & Luke,
Francesca Moorhead daughter of Gabriela & William,
Isla Tunbridge daughter of Kristy & Jack, **Matilda Wilson**
daughter of Courtney & Morgan and **Audrey Peace** daughter of Sally
& Alexander 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.



Are you currently unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist or the Anointing of the sick; or do you know someone who is sick and housebound in the parish who might also like to receive the Eucharist?

Please contact the Parish Office : 3398 1154 or email:
stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au



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.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The Weekly Round-Up

The March issue is now available in Church for only \$4 or subscribe to the weekly email - catholicleader.com.au

Join us for

EASTER CHOIR

WEEKLY SATURDAY PRACTICES
STARTING 11th MARCH

3.30PM IN THE CHURCH

ALL AGES WELCOME



Quote of the week

THE BEST
WAY TO HEAL
A BROKEN
HEART IS TO
GIVE GOD
ALL THE
PIECES.



Holy Week & Easter Mass Times



Palm Sunday – 1st/2nd April

Saturday at 5.30pm

Sunday at 8.30am & 5.30pm

Holy Thursday - 6th April

6.30pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30 pm

Good Friday - 7th April

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - 8th April

6.30pm: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday - 9th April

8.30am: Mass of the Resurrection

(No 5.30pm Sunday Mass)

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We are **seeking volunteers** to help us celebrate Easter. Sign up sheets will be in the church (in the Sacristy) for Holy Week and Easter Masses. We need help with **Mass Organising, Welcoming, Reading, Altar Serving, Ministering Communion, Collecting or Operating the Screen.**

Washing of the Feet - Holy Thursday

We are also looking for 12 volunteers to have their feet washed as part of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, a representation of Jesus washing his disciple's feet. The Mass is at 6.30pm on 6th April, Holy Thursday.

If you are interested and can help, please put your name on the sheet or please call the Parish office at 33981154 or email at stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au.



As always, we thank our wonderful volunteers for all you do to make our celebrations special.

PALM LEAVES - We are in need of Palm leaves for Palm Sunday (1st & 2nd April). If you happen to have a palm tree at home, we would appreciate it, if you are able to assist. We require the palm leaves to be dropped off at the Parish office by Friday 31 March. Thank you for your help.



The River City Clippers are a non profit organization that has existed for 30 years. It provides singing opportunity for men to experience the fun of a Capella singing. No experience is required. Contact number: 0418 800 030. Websites: <https://www.rivercityclippers.org.au>

<https://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneRiverCityClippers>.



Fifth Sunday of Lent - 25th & 26th of March



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.



Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations. 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.



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





Join us to Journey in April. Are you facing a big life decision but don't know which direction to take? Need help figuring out where God is calling you? Maybe it's your vocation, maybe it's your career or something else that's weighing on your heart. Join the Journey community, the women's discernment group led by Sr Theresa Maria Dao. Each month we gather to share our life situation with one another whilst going for a walk, gathering in prayer, and sharing a drink. This month, we meet at 7.30 am by the St Paul De Chartres Chapel for Palm Sunday Mass (8 am) and walk the Boronia Bushland Reserve, followed by light brunch hosted by the Sr's of St Paul De Chartres. All single women 18-40 years welcome. Source: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/JourneyApril2023>

5th Sunday of Lent – Year A

First Reading: (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 129)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: (Romans 8:8-11)

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: (John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45)

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

For the Children...

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Lazarus comes back to life.

God is the giver of life and for him, nothing is impossible. In today's Gospel we hear how a good friend of Jesus falls ill and dies. But death is not the end of life, and Jesus uses this event to show people that he is truly the son of God.



LET US PRAY

Lord, help us to be like Martha, to see clearly that you are the son of God and the life of the world.

Make our belief and your life in us,
Grow a little stronger each day of our lives.

Readings for Next Sunday

PALM SUNDAY

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew