

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 5

1st Sunday of Lent — YEAR B

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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 & 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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YOUR WAYS O LORD ARE LOVE AND TRUTH TO THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR COVENANT

Reflect, Repent and Restore....

Each year we are blessed with the gift of this holy season to examine our lives, root out whatever is not of God, and allow ourselves to be more conformed to the goodness for which He created us. On Ash Wednesday we began the season of Lent. We have six weeks preparation for Easter. Lent does not have quite the same practices it used to have. Yet, an important season is beginning. As a Church we have set out on a journey which will end at the Easter Triduum, those three great days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This season of Lent is a time of special grace an opportunity to do some cleansing in our lives and enjoy new life as a result.

Therefore, the Church refers to this season as a joyful time, because it is our preparation for the future joy of Easter that approaches us bringing His blessings, mercy and forgiveness. To practice sincere repentance, the Lord God tells us to change our hearts. We are called to examine our inner most self, those evil ways that we are to let go, once and for all. We must always remember that our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not punish us if we are sincere and turn away from our sins. God is not a God of punishment but a God of love for those who strive earnestly to walk in His righteous ways. As we enter the Lenten Season, remember these words every day that our God is a loving and merciful God.

The Gospel reading for the first Sunday of Lent is always the temptation of Jesus. Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did by prayer, penance, and drawing strength from the word and grace of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us acknowledge our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us through the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control over our evil tendencies, by participating in the Holy Mass, if possible, a few days in the week, setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer. It is a most appropriate time to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, therefore in our parish we will have many opportunities for this. Individual confession/reconciliation is available before Mass on every Saturday from 5.00 pm to 5.20 pm or after weekday Masses by request.

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, Megan Bowden, Carmel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, Judith Angela, Alex Stegman, Kui Liu, Eileen MacDermott, Lorraine O'Leary, Shirley Mead, Rod Grove, Sr Belen, Trish Buckle, Elizabeth Rejmer, Trevor Farley & Evelyn Neave, Jan Effiney & Barry Mewburn.



Recently Deceased: Don Cattanach (Don's family would like to thank everyone for their prayers) & Fr Ian Wren.

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: 100005597

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

St Thomas' Safeguarding Representatives:

Name: David & Veronica Colch

Contact: lsr.stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

This parish is Child Safety Aware and complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Safeguarding policy is situated in the foyer of the church. STOPLINE CONTACT: Phone 1 300 304 400 Email AOB@stopline.com.au

The Week Ahead

Sun – 18th February	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon – 19th February	Mass @ 7am
Tue – 20th February	Mass @ 7am
Wed – 21st February	Mass @ 9am & 6.30pm
Thu – 22nd February	Mass @ 9am Feast of the Chair of St Peter
Fri - 23rd February	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross @ 6.30pm
Sat - 24th February	Devotion of the Holy Rosary @ 7.30am – Church Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun – 25th February	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

Quote of the week

Let go of those who stress you
Embrace those who bless you
Cherish those who you love
Be kind to those around you
Give to those who need you
Pray for those who hurt you
Have a faith God walks with you...!

Call for Volunteers



The parish is in urgent need of volunteers for all weekend masses:

Sacristan duties, Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Altar Serving, Screen Operators, Hospitality and Singers and all musicians.

If you are already listed as a volunteer in our parish and would like to assist again in one of the many ministries, please call the parish office on 3398 1154 or email us at stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au. Full training is provided to all volunteers.

Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion Minister
Sat 17th Feb	Paul Duncan	Yannick Cotta	Os Cotta	Os Cotta	Paul Duncan
Sun 18th Feb - 8.30am	Lyn Kasatchenko	Lyn Kasatchenko/Annette Bongiorno	Amanda Sheridan	Lyn Kasatchenko/ Annette Bongiorno	Tess Paolucci
Sun 18th Feb- 5.30pm	Zuzanna Horniak	Zuzanna Horniak/Oostenbroek Family	Oostenbroek Family	Zuzanna Horniak	Judith Molloy/ Zuzanna Horniak
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 24th Feb	Paul Duncan	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	Eleni Greenaway	Paul Duncan
Sun 25th Feb- 8.30am	Annette Bongiorno	Tammie & James Davies	REQUIRED	Terry McGrath	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 25th Feb- 5.30pm	Caroline Sarra	Michael Ord/Angelique Cahill	Angelique Cahill	Michael Ord	Caroline Sarra

Parish News & Notices



ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL MESSAGE STICK

This week St Thomas' School, Camp Hill & St Thomas' Catholic Parish Camp Hill received the Message Stick as part of the St Stephen's Cathedral Sesquicentenary Celebrations. The Message Stick, an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance, is travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane to herald the 150th Anniversary of the completion and opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane on the sacred lands of the First Nations Peoples of Meanjin Brisbane. The Message Stick holds an invitation for parishioners across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday, 2024, at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion.



Experience an awakening this EASTER...

Make a spiritual pilgrimage with



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 6.30PM

2024
Journey through
Lent
Reflections

Are you longing to hear God's voice?

Come join a friendly group for a light supper and Lenten Reflection. It's a great way to get to know others in the Parish as we journey towards Easter!

Friday 7pm in the hall
16th Feb – 22nd March
Kids welcome!

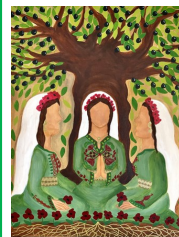
Let's build a

Parish Library



If you have any faith-based books you're happy to donate, bookshelves or creative ideas on how to make this an amazing space, let us know!

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind"



World Day of Prayer 2024:

What is the purpose of the World Day of Prayer?

"It brings women of different races, cultures & traditions together in fellowship, understanding & action throughout the year. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world."

In 2024, World Day of Prayer is dedicated from the women of Palestine. The theme: **'I beg you, bear with one another in love.'** Please show your support for this ecumenical service...

World Day of Prayer Liturgy and light supper 2024 hosted by Faith-Works Uniting Community. 260 Cavendish Rd, Coorparoo.

(cnr York St) **March 1 @ 10am All welcome!**

www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



Family Faith Night



SATURDAY, 9TH MARCH 6:30-8:30PM

Kahoot Quiz

Make new friends!!!

Prepare for a **Lent Well Spent** at Family Faith Night—we'll offer interactive and fun ways to learn about the 3 spiritual exercises of Lent:

PRAY, FAST, GIVE

Kahoot! Games, Crafts, & Prizes!!!

Potluck Dinner Theme:

Meatless Meal
Bring your family's favorite meatless dish to share.

You can drop off your dish before the 5.30pm Mass. Drinks and table settings will be provided.



QUESTIONS OR WANT TO HELP? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 3398 1154, OR ST THOMAS' SCHOOL ON 3398 6633

Everyone is welcome to attend—families & singles, young & old!



Lent Well Spent



23rd March

9 am - 1 pm

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Hall

For primary school aged children.

A day filled with fun, games, activities and engaging messages and prayer.



[More info here](http://www.encountercatholickids.com.au/camphill)

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Readings

1st Sunday of Lent —Year B

First Reading: (Genesis 9:8-15)

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading: (1 Peter 3:18-22)

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: (Mark 1:12-15)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

For the Children...

FIRST WEEK OF LENT—YR B

God saves Noah

Today we begin the season of Lent, a time to prepare our hearts for the new life which Jesus brings at Easter. Lent lasts for forty days, just as Jesus spent forty days in the desert before going out to share the Good News. It is a season of hope and new life, as days lengthen and spring approaches.

LET US PRAY

Lord, when we look at a rainbow, we are reminded of your promise to the world. Help us to keep any promises we have made because of our love for you.



Readings for Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent—Year B

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Second Reading:
Romans 8:31-34
God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.



PROJECT COMPASSION **First Sunday of Lent - 17 & 18 February**

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in our parish or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

