



# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 8

4th Sunday of Lent — YEAR B

10th March 2024

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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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*God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.*

## **God so loved the world...**

There is a story that goes like this.....Once a saint asked God to show the difference between Heaven and Hell. So God asked an angel to take the saint first to Hell. There the saint saw men and women seated around a large table with all kinds of delicious food. But none of them were eating. They were all sad and yawning. The saint asked one of them, "Why are you not eating?" And they showed the saint their hands. A long fork about 4 feet long was strapped to their hands such that every time they tried to eat they only threw the food on the ground. "What a pity!" said the saint. Then the angel took the saint to Heaven. There the saint was surprised to find an almost identical setting as in hell: men and women sitting around a large table with all sorts of delicious food, and with four-foot forks strapped to their arms. But unlike hell the people in heaven were happy and laughing. "What!" said the saint to one of them, "How come you are happy in this condition?" "You see," said the man in Heaven, "Here we feed one another...." Can we say this of our families, our neighbourhood, our church, our world?" If we can say that, then we are not far from the Kingdom of Heaven.

As Christians, we are meant to lead a life of repentance and on-going conversion, bringing us and others to a renewal of life with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us. The transformation of the Spirit comes when we work with Him to be liberated from the bondage of evil habits by using the Divine strength we receive through prayer, Bible reading and participating in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. I would like to remind you in this season of Lent; it is a most appropriate time to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. In our parish, parishioners and visitors have many opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. In this Season of Lent, individual confession/reconciliation is available Saturday 5.00 pm - 5.20 pm and after Mass on weekdays by request. As well individual confessions will be celebrated at 7.00 pm following the Stations of the Cross on Friday 22nd March at 6.30 pm.

God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving and merciful. Let us try, with His help, to make an earnest effort to include these qualities as we share our love with others during Lent.

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, 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, Michael & Anne Murphy.



**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, Joan Burlew & Brian Toon.

### 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:

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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](mailto:AOb@stopline.com.au)

### Steering Committee for the Renovation of the Parish Hall

A steering committee has been formed by the Parish for overseeing the renovation of the Parish Hall. We are seeking if any parishioners would like to be part of this committee and the planning process. Currently the Committee members are Michael Williamson, Anthony Oostenbroek, David Colch and Mike Harris. If this interests you, please contact the Parish Office on 3398 1154, [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au) or talk to Fr. Dantus before the 13th of March. Thank you.

### World Day of Prayer 1 March 2024



It was lovely to join with parishioners from our cluster of parishes consisting of St James, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, St Stephen's Anglican, Regina Caeli, Faith Works Uniting and St Thomas' Parish for another beautiful service of love and unity. The Theme this year was "I beg you....bear with one another in love" prepared by the women of Palestine and hosted by Faithworks. The candle was passed onto Regina Caeli for our next World Day of Prayer 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 which is being prepared by the women of the Cook Islands.

### The Week Ahead

Sun -10th March	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 11th March	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 12th March	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 13th March	Mass @ 9am
Thu - 14th March	<b>No 9.00am Mass</b> Healing Mass @10.00am PFC Meeting@7.00pm
Fri - 15th March	Mass @ 9am <b>Stations of the Cross @6.30pm</b> <b>Lent Reflections @ 7pm at the Parish Hall</b>
Sat - 16th March	<b>Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am- Church</b> Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 17th March	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

### Quote of the week

**Happy moments, praise God.**  
**Difficult moments, seek God.**  
**Quiet moments, worship God.**  
**Painful moments, trust God.**  
**Every moment, thank God.**

### Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion Minister
Sat 9th Mar	Michael Williamson	Amanda Yeates	REQUIRED	Amanda Yeates	REQUIRED
Sun 10th Mar- 8.30am	Amanda Sheridan	Paul Mead	Mary Rejmer	Mary-Louise Shearer	Veronica Colch
Sun 10th Mar- 5.30pm	Kathryn Flint	Caroline Sarra/ Kathryn Flint	Kathryn Flint	Caroline Sarra	Kathryn Flint
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 16th Mar	REQUIRED	Yannick Cotta	REQUIRED	Os Cotta	REQUIRED
Sun 17th Mar- 8.30am	Lyn Kasatchenko	Annette Bongiorno	Amanda Sheridan	Lyn Kasatchenko	Tess Paolucci
Sun 17th Mar- 5.30pm	Zuzana Horniak	Zuzana Horniak/ Oostenbroek Family	Oostenbroek Family	Zuzana Horniak	Judith Molloy/ Zuzana Horniak



## Holy Week & Easter Mass Times -2024

**Palm Sunday – 23rd/24th March**

Saturday at 5.30pm

Sunday at 8.30am & 5.30pm

**Holy Thursday - 28th March**

6.30pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until  
8.30 pm

**Good Friday - 29th March**

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday - 30th March**

6.30pm: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

**Easter Sunday - 31st March**

8.30am: Mass of the Resurrection

**(No 5.30pm Sunday Mass)**

## EASTER CHOIR

Do you love to sing?  
Join us for choir practice,  
All welcome!

"Make a joyful noise to the  
Lord" ~ Psalm 93:4

TRIDUUM MASS CHOIR PRACTICES

MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 6.30PM

MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 6.30PM

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 7.00PM

St Thomas' Care & Concern  
invite you to  
St Patrick's Day Morning Tea

on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Healing Mass at 10.00am

Morning Tea to follow in the Hall  
with raffles.

RSVP; Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Parish Office: 33981154

Join us for an hour of love and healing...

Stations  
of the Cross

The Sacrament  
of Penance

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
6.30pm-7.30pm

Mercy, Compassion & Forgiveness

**Chrism Mass 2024**—Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual Chrism Mass to be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thursday 21 March 2024** commencing at 7:00pm. This Mass is a celebration for the whole Archdiocese, and everyone is welcome. The Cathedral car park will be available from 6:00pm. A light supper will be served following the Mass.



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

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



### PROJECT COMPASSION Fourth Sunday of Lent - 9th & 10th March

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Please donate to Project Compassion. 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 from our parish or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## Readings

### 4th Sunday of Lent —Year B

#### **First Reading: (2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23)**

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136**

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

#### **Second Reading: (Ephesians 2:4-10)**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

#### **Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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#### **Gospel: (John 3:14-21)**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

### **For the Children...**

#### **FOURTH WEEK OF LENT—YR B**

#### **The light of the world**

While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration, one of the Pharisees, called Nicodemus, came to see him secretly one night. Nicodemus believed in Jesus and wanted to know more about this extraordinary man.

#### **LET US PRAY**

Jesus, you are the light of the world. You promised that if we stay close to you, we will never be lost in the darkness. Help us to stay with you always.



#### **Readings for Next Sunday**

##### **Fifth Sunday of Lent—Year B**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9

**He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.**

**Gospel:** John 12:20-33

**If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.**