

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 9

5th 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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"I tell you most solemnly, it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest."

John 12:24

Ready to let go and let God....

Lent is a time of prayer and renewal and an opportunity to re-focus our relationship with God. This leads us to the Easter Sunday celebration of our risen Christ. We are just one week away from Holy Week - celebrating God's love shown in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a time of special grace in which we experience the presence of a personal God who cares and loves us. Our response is to open ourselves and live according to His will. Turning back to God is what our Lenten journey is about, acknowledging our sins and returning to the joyful purpose of our lives. The call for repentance is one that is fundamental to our Catholic Christian tradition. And the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the greatest gifts offered as an opportunity for real conversion, healing, and happiness deep within. To do so, we need the grace of God given to us in the sacrament.

As we approach Holy Week beginning next Sunday with Palm Sunday, let us recall the Passion of our Lord Jesus, who took up that cross and suffered for us, so that by gathering all of our sins to Himself, He redeemed us all, His beloved people. Let us keep away from our past sins and wickedness, the things we have done in disobedience against God and walk from now on in His ways. I would like to remind you that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), the first Rite takes place in our parish for Lent, after the 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross on Friday 22nd March.

Let us also draw closer to God this Lent, by deepening our relationship with Him through prayer, that in everything, we do it prayerfully, knowing that God is with us, and that we exist to be with God. Let us all show our commitment to Him by devoting our lives more wholeheartedly to Him through our active participation in the Holy Week liturgies.

So today, let us learn to see Jesus, the Jesus of the Gospel. The Jesus who let go of everything for us and who invites us to be with him all the way. Let us pray for His courage and trust in His Father, that the life and happiness and fulfilment we all long for is in that letting go and letting God.

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 Lunaticci, 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:

Name: David & Veronica Colch
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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

Baptisms

We welcome... Eloise Fairley daughter of Scott & Claire Fairley, Zachary O'Toole son of Kerry & Jo-Ann O'Toole 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.



EASTER CHOIR

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



"Make a joyful noise to the Lord" ~ Psalm 98:4

TRIDUUM MASS CHOIR PRACTICES
MONDAY 11TH MARCH, 6.30PM
MONDAY 18TH MARCH, 6.30PM
TUESDAY 26TH MARCH, 7.00PM

The Week Ahead

Sun - 17th March	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 18th March	Mass @ 7am Solemnity of St Patrick
Tue - 19th March	Mass @ 7am Solemnity of St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed - 20th March	Mass @ 9am PPC Meeting@6.30pm
Thu - 21st March	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 22nd March	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross @6.30pm Lent Reflections @ 7pm at the Parish Hall
Sat - 23rd March	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am-Church Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 24th March	PALM SUNDAY Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

Quote of the week

**If you don't
leave your past in
the past, it will
destroy your future.
Live for what today has to
offer, not what yesterday
has taken away.**

Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion Minister
Sat 16th Mar	Paul Duncan	Yannick Cotta	REQUIRED	Os Cotta	Paul Duncan
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
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 23rd Mar	Paul Duncan	Eleni Greenaway	REQUIRED	Eleni Greenaway	Paul Duncan
Sun 24th Mar- 8.30am	REQUIRED	Tammy & James Davies	James Mann	Terry McGrath	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 24th Mar- 5.30pm	Caroline Sarra	Michael Ord / Angelique Cahill	Angelique Cahill	Michael Ord	Caroline Sarra

Parish News & Notices

Happy St Patrick's Day!

Yesterday we gathered for our Care & Concern Group's annual St Patrick's Day Healing Mass. It was followed by a delicious morning tea and a beautiful get together. As always, our Care & Concern team did an amazing job planning, cooking and making sure everything ran smoothly. Thanks also to those who help set up for Mass, our Yr 6 students from St Thomas Primary school who participated in the Mass and to our musician. We are, as always, very grateful for each of you!!!



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

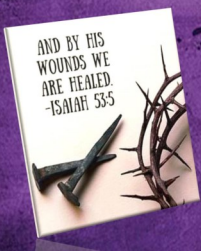
(No 5.30pm Sunday Mass)

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.

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

*Stations
of the Cross*

*The Sacrament
of Penance*



Friday 22nd March
6.30pm-7.30pm

Mercy, Compassion & Forgiveness



Family Faith Night



St Thomas's first Family Faith Night held on the 9th of March was a great turn out with lots of happy faces and the children as well as the adults all enjoyed themselves. We would like to acknowledge Mel & Veronica and everyone who assisted for all your hard work and planning in making the event a success. If you missed out, don't worry as we will be organizing another **"Family Faith Night"** soon!!! Do keep a look out in our News-letter for the upcoming dates!!!



PALM LEAVES - We are in need of Palm leaves for Palm Sunday(23rd & 24th March). 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 Church or Parish office by Friday 22nd March. Thank you for your help.

EASTER ROSTERS Easter is fast approaching and we require help with the various Masses. Sign up sheets will be in the church this weekend (in the Sacristy) for the Easter Masses. If you are able to help as **Mass Organiser, Welcomer, Reader, Minister of Communion, Altar Server, Collector or Screen Operator**, please put your name on the sheet. Thank you to the volunteers who have already put their names down. We have included on the sheet those usually rostered on for that weekend where appropriate. If you are unable to meet your roster that weekend, please cross your name off. Many thanks.



PROJECT COMPASSION Fifth Sunday of Lent - 16th & 17th March

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. 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 or by calling 1800 024 413.



Readings

5th Sunday of Lent —Year B

First Reading: (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-15.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: (Hebrews 5:7-9)

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

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Gospel: (John 12:20-33)

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.'

Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

For the Children...

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT—YR B

A grain of wheat

After his triumphant ride into Jerusalem and before celebrating the Passover, Jesus spoke to his disciples about his approaching suffering and death.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, you willingly gave up your life so that you could Share your everlasting life with all of mankind. Thank you for your courage and love and for dying to save us all.



Readings for Next Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord **Year B**

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: Mark 14:1 – 15:47
The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.