

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 17

Third Sunday of Easter

26 April 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Before the emergence of the current pandemic, our parish aimed to foster a sense of community and interconnectedness among ourselves and neighbouring parishes. Devotionally, our collective input gave birth to a parish prayer which espoused this vision as part of our spiritual enrichment. But little did we know it was also a prayerful journey that will open other possibilities of appreciating God's presence in and around our world through the social media platform.

It is interesting to note under the leadership of Caroline Sarra, the Parish Pastoral Council did not resort to defeatism and resignation in the face of the current pandemic. Such attitude so helps us to gain a favourable perspective in finding new ways of entering into a relationship with God, ourselves, and friends at this time. "We want to get it right," she keeps saying. And we are!

We are happy to announce that we will be launching a parish Facebook page this week, which can be found by searching **St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill**.

I invite all our parish members, friends and young parents to set aside time and set up a Facebook account [if we have not done so!] and be ready to like our page, tag your friends and comment constructively for the common good of our parish. Be assured that we took the necessary precaution required by the Archdiocese in setting up the page, and have assigned tech savvy members to help us keep it alive. Secondly, you may also like to download this app, *Zoom Cloud Meeting* to iPhone and Android, create your account. I am hoping to use this platform to share scripture readings and reflections for that weekend every Wednesdays 10-10:30 am, for example. So much that is spiritually valuable will flow from these.

Perhaps it is providential that this launch happens on the 3rd Weekend of Easter. The Gospel is so inspiring. The two disciples walking to Emmaus are sad, their hopes shattered because of their partial understanding of what Jesus' mission means, and unaware of Jesus' presence in their journey, "stopped short, their faces downcast." Our story, right? There are days of sterile sadness, worries and disappointments. At least, I know after the private weekend masses I celebrate inside our empty parish church often leaves me somewhat downcast. How can we experience the Risen Lord Jesus in such low spirits? That is Jesus' question to us. He's walking along with his disciples and with us, is an opportunity to know that Jesus wants us to invite him in our hearts and homes. In our everyday life, Jesus joins us to walk, expounding to us the value of his suffering, death, and resurrection. The Emmaus walk is an example of being in constant conversation with Jesus through prayer. By walking together with Jesus, we are in touch with ourselves and our feelings, as well as with the real person of the Risen Jesus.



God Bless and stay safe.

Fr Christopher



This Saturday we commemorate Anzac Day. We mark the anniversary of the first major military action by Australian and New Zealand soldiers in WWI on April 25, 1915 and remember all who serve or have served, and those who have died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Fr Christopher will celebrate Anzac Day Mass without a congregation.

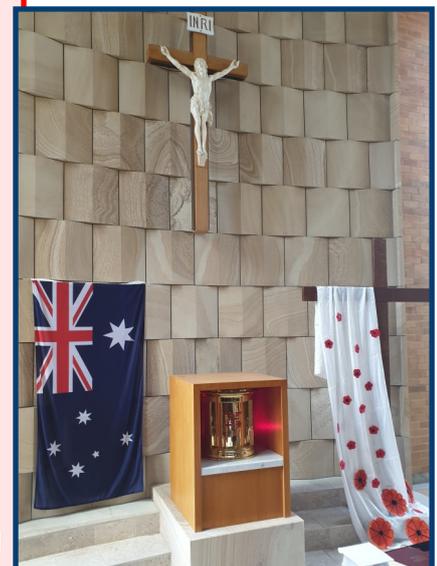
We are hoping to have this up on our website for you to watch, so please keep an eye out.

www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au

Anzac Day Mass will also livestream from St Stephen's Cathedral at 11.30am Anzac Day
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

All Australians are invited to light a candle and stand in the driveway, balcony or living room at 6am on Anzac Day to 'Light up the Dawn' and remember all those who have served and sacrificed.

Go to <https://rslqld.org/> for more information



Parish News & Notices

We remember in our prayers

The sick: Betty Bendel, Jim Paterson, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Matilda Elisabeth Swain, Joan Burlew, Betty Smith, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Jim Clifford, Tom Grant and Lauren Balcombe, Fr Ted Houlihan, Lola Radford & Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Cletus Obi, Mark, Trish Buckle,

Recently Deceased: Rosemary Suter, John Mercer

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Bradbury, Alice Rowely, Ronald Kitchen, Annie Ducey, Cameron McDonald, Dorothy Schlecht, Eileen Dlack, Mervyn Harbeck, Elizabeth O'Connor, Joan Rowley, Miriam O'Reilly, Brian Kirby, Bernard O'Reilly, Mary Graham, Santo Cavallaro, William Lyons, John Moran, Ivan Harris, Mary Dwyer, Peter Traynor, Bill Gordon, Glen Crouch, Ann Jorgensen, Brian Trimble, Ned Rosengren, Campion Healy, Irene McMahon, Daphne Frawley, Neil Murphy, Barry Morrison & Margaret Carroll,



Holy Water

Holy Water is a visible symbol of our faith, a symbolic reminder of repentance of sin, protection from evil and Baptism.

This year, we have bottled some of the water which Fr Christopher blessed at the Easter Mass to share with you. Holy Water can be used to bless yourself, your home, your family and the sick.

Bottles of Holy Water will be placed outside the Parish Office on Tuesday & Thursday next week during office hours (8.30am to 1.30pm), to be collected if you would like some.

You are welcome to also take a bottle to share with friends or family.

A small donation would be appreciated.



Planned Giving

If you would like to continue your weekly offering you are welcome to do so by direct debit or credit card. Please go to our website or contact the Parish Office to find out how.

We understand this is a difficult time for many and we really appreciate your continued support.

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We are very excited to announce our new Facebook page which is live this week!!

Our page is called:

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill
so please find and like us.

We look forward to a new way to share news and events and for our community to stay connected.

To start us off, we'd love to share some photos and stories of your 'Faith at Home' journey.

- ♥ Do you have a prayer corner set up or are you enjoying praying in nature?
- ♥ Are you joining the Anzac Day 'Light up the Dawn' celebration in your driveway?
- ♥ Is there something you are grateful for?
- ♥ Can you share a small blessing? Have you done something to make a big difference in a friend or stranger's day which might help others do the same?
- ♥ If you have other ideas please let us know.

We'd love to share these moments on our Facebook page.

Please email photos and/or stories to stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

Remember to visit our website for many ways to stay connected and live your faith at home, including the weekly Sunday Readings :

www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au
(click on the Stay Connected button)



An online gathering to build up faith in young people and grow community. Each week we hear from an inspirational speaker sharing their story and insights. Grow in faith with worship led by Emmanuel Worship.
FRIDAYS 7PM

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Lest We Forget

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.