

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER -YEAR B

7th April 2024



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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 willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents.

By analogy, if we were given a new car but never drove it, the car would be of no use. Or if we won the lottery and the money simply sat in our account unused, what's the benefit? Or if we were gravely ill and were given a medicine that would cure that illness but we never took it, then we would remain ill. So also, if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, but never allow the Mercy that is given by that act to transform us, then we have missed the point. The Divine Mercy is the point of life. It's the only thing worth seeking. It's the only source of satisfaction and fulfilment. It's the only cure for our ills. It's the only source of true riches. In three short words: It Is Everything!

Therefore, use this day as an opportunity to deepen our contemplation of this Gift. Try to spend time reading Jesus' words, His explanations, descriptions and revelations about His Mercy. As we do, if we find that it remains incomprehensible, don't worry. It is incomprehensible! However, since Jesus promised us that our eternity would be spent in contemplation of His Mercy, then we must believe that the more deeply we enter into that contemplation now, the more glorious our lives will become. If we can truly taste of this Mercy, gain a small glimpse of its grandeur, and comprehend even a small aspect of its meaning, then we will truly find much satisfaction in this endeavour.

Reflect, today, upon The Divine Mercy. As we do, humble ourselves through prayer by admitting to God and to ourselves that His Mercy is beyond what we will ever comprehend. Do this in prayer. Reading about God's Mercy is important, but it will only be through prayer that we begin our contemplation. And it will only be through this contemplation that we will begin to live the central purpose of our lives.

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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 Reimer, Trevor Farley & Evelyn Neave, Jan Effiney, Barry Mewburn, Michael & Anne Murphy.

Recently deceased: Barry Mewburn & Mrs Obi(Fr Christopher Obi's Mother).

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brian John Walls (Mick), William Bradbury, Alice Rowely, Ronald Kitchen, Annie Ducey, Cameron McDonald, Dorothy Schlecht, Eileen Dlask, 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, Tom McDonald & Vince Thornton.

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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for Each Month of 2024

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network has released the list of prayer intentions set by Pope Francis for the year 2024. Each month, Pope Francis asks Catholics around the world to pray for a specific intention.

April: For the role of women



We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

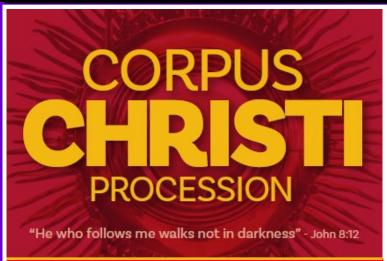


The Week Ahead					
Sun – 7th Apr	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm				
Mon - 8th Apr	Mass @ 7am Solemnity of THE ANNUNCI- ATION OF THE LORD				
Tue - 9th Apr	Mass @ 7am				
Wed - 10th Apr	Mass @ 9am				
Thu - 11th Apr	Mass @ 9am Memorial of St Tanislaus				
Fri - 12th Apr	Mass @ 9am				
Sat - 13th Apr	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am– Church Mass @ 5.30pm				
Sun – 14th Apr	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm				

God knows how long you've waited. Every second will be worth it in the end. Keep the faith.



Liturgy Roster					
THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion Minister
Sat 6th Apr - 5.30pm	Paul Duncan	Melissa & Eleanor Chong	Brian Kilmartin	Caitie Duncan	Paul Duncan
Sun 7th Apr– 8.30am	Moyra Walls	Kathleen Armstrong	Mary-Louise Shearer	Bryanna Witehira	Lyn Kasatchenko
Sun 7th Apr– 5.30pm	Angelique Cahill	Georgia Bergen/ Brian Harding	Brian Harding	Georgia Bergen	Chris Harding
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 13th Apr– 5.30pn	Michael Williamson	Amanda Yeates	Required	Amanda Yeates	Paul Duncan
Sun 14th Apr- 8.30am	Amanda Sheridan	Paul Mead	Mary Rejmer	Alexandra Kelly	Veronica Colch
Sun 14th Apr– 5.30pm	Kathryn Flint	Caroline Sarra/Kathryn Flint	Kathryn Flint	Caroline Sarra	Kathryn Flint



On June 2nd, the Feast of Corpus Christi, join with over 4000 other Catholics making a public testimony of faith by walking in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane city. It will be a colourful display as groups gather from all across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to represent their parish or cultural community. The Corpus Christi Procession will start and end at the Cathedral of St Stephen and feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

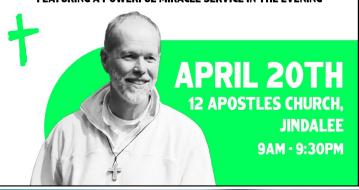
A Petition Booklet for any parish / individual intentions together with the flyers will be placed on the Church table, next to the Sacristy. Thank you.





'HEALING, SIGNS AND WONDERS'

A FULL DAY OF PROPHETIC, WORSHIP AND HEALING MINISTRY, FEATURING A POWERFUL MIRACLE SERVICE IN THE EVENING





SATURDAY 27 APRIL



SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE ORMISTON

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Readings

Second Sunday of Easter —Year B

First Reading: (Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35)

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 15-18. 22-24.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: (1 John 5:1-6)

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children

if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is -

keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel: (John 20:19-31)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you. 'After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

For the Children...

2nd Sunday of Easter

Doubting Thomas

Sometimes people use the saying, "seeing is believing," to mean that it is easier to believe some-

thing when you have seen it with your own eyes than not. Thomas would not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing it for himself.

LET US PRAY

Today we pray for those like Thomas, who cannot believe without seeing. Increase their faith, Lord, and help them to recognise you in the people they meet everyday.

Readings for Next Sunday

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19
You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.