

# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No.10

Palm Sunday, Year A

29 March 2026

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8:30 am - 3:30pm: Thurs & Fri

### Sunday Eucharist

Saturday : 5.30pm  
Sunday : 8.30am & 5.30pm

### Weekday Eucharist

Monday: 7.00am  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday &  
Public Holiday: 9.00am

### Reconciliation

Saturday : 5.00pm-5.20pm

### Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

## PARISH TEAM:

### Parish Priest

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## Walking with Christ through Holy Week ....

This weekend, with Palm Sunday, we begin the most solemn week of the Church's year. Once called the Great Week, we now know it as Holy Week. In these sacred days, we witness the total self-giving of Jesus. St Paul describes this as His kenosis: His self-emptying, "He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave" (Philippians 2:7). Jesus gives Himself completely, holding nothing back, in loving obedience to the Father for our sake. Our liturgy invites us to walk closely with Jesus, step by step. We begin with His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, welcomed with joy and praise. Yet we know how quickly that praise turns into rejection. On Holy Thursday, we gather at the table of the Lord, where Jesus gives us the Eucharist His Body and Blood and shows us the meaning of love through the washing of feet. From there, we follow Him to the Garden of Olives, where He wrestles with fear and surrender. On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the Cross with Mary, witnessing the depth of Christ's love as He gives His life for the world. It is a day of silence, fasting, and profound prayer. On Holy Saturday, we wait in stillness at the tomb, holding the sorrow of the world, yet trusting in God's promise. Then, as darkness falls, a new light dawns. At the Easter Vigil, the greatest of all liturgies, we move from darkness into the radiant light of Christ. The Paschal Candle is lit, and the risen Lord shines in our midst. The sorrow of the Cross gives way to the joy of the Resurrection. Jesus is not dead He is alive, strong and powerful, and alive in us.

Dear friends, I warmly invite you to enter fully into these sacred celebrations. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Thursday at 6:30 pm, a period of one hour of silent adoration will follow for those who can remain. On Good Friday, we gather for the Stations of the Cross at 10:00 am and the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 pm. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. All Catholics in good health aged 18 to 60 are required to fast. The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 6:30 pm is the high point of our faith, as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. On Easter Sunday, Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am, with no evening Mass.

Let us not allow these holy days to pass as just another break or routine. Rather, let this be a time of grace; a time for prayer, reconciliation, and renewal. I encourage each of you and your families to participate as fully as you can in the liturgies of this Holy Week, which culminate in the great joy of Easter. May this Holy Week draw us closer to Christ and to one another.

Have a blessed and grace-filled Holy Week.

*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:** Stan Rejmer, Deborah Houghton, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Megan Bowden, Carmel Horn, Judith Angela, Jan Effiney, Alex Stegman, Kui Liu, Eileen MacDermott, Lorraine O'Leary, Rod Grove, Sr Belen, Trish Buckle, Evelyn Neave, Michael & Anne Murphy, Kay and Paul Bertini, Anne & Peter Kelleher, Leo Plowman, Margaret Jermanus, Lachie James Edwards, Aldo, Michael Colch & Giuseppa Petriella, Lynne Jordan and Lynn Toon, Ray Duncanson, June Simpson, Catherine Challinor, Mildred Duncan & Paul Duncan, Hannah Parton.



**Recently deceased:** Eleanor Hart (sister of Fr Jim Browne), Fung Jang Liu, Fr Peter Casey

**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 McMahan, Daphne Frawley, Neil Murphy, Barry Morrison, Margaret Carroll, Tom McDonald & Vince Thornton, Lillian May O'Gorman, & Mary Ashton Schooth.

### 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 on the Notice Board outside of the church. STOPLINE CONTACT: Phone 1300 304 400 Email AOB@stoline.com.au

### The Week Ahead

Sun - 29th Mar	<b>Palm Sunday Year A</b>  Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 30th Mar	Mass @ 7.00am
Tue - 31st Mar	<b>No Mass until further notice</b>
Wed - 01st Apr	Mass @ 9.00am
Thu - 02nd Apr	<u>The Sacred Pascal Triduum</u>  <b>THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> Mass @ 6.30pm Followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30 pm
Fri - 03rd Apr	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>  10.00am: Stations of the Cross 3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Sat - 04th Apr	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>No Rosary</b> The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night @ 6.30pm
Sun - 05th Apr	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  Mass @ 8.30am <b>NO 5.30pm Mass</b>

### Quote of the week

**At my lowest: God is my hope**

**At my darkest: God is my light.**

**At my weakest: God is my strength**

**At my saddest: God is my comforter.**

### Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion
Sat 28th Marc – 5.30pm	Mary Harris	Brian Kilmartin/ Michael Williamson	Brian Kilmartin	Michael Williamson	Mary Harris
Sun 29th Marc – 8.30am	Moyra Walls	Mary Rejmer/ Brian Harding	Mary Rejmer	Brian Harding	<b>Required</b>
Sun 29th Marc – 5.30pm	Angelique Cahill	Angelique Cahill / Carmen McCrone	John Mackie	Angelique Cahill	Catherine Dimmick
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 4th April – 5.30pm	Mary Harris	Brian Kilmartin/ Michael Williamson	Brian Kilmartin	Michael Williamson	Lyn Kasatchenko
Sun 5th April – 8.30am	Moyra Walls	Mary Rejmer/ Brian Harding	Mary Rejmer	Brian Harding	Veronica Colch
Sun 5th April – 5.30pm	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>

**Important Parish notices**

Please note the following changes to our week-day Mass schedule:

**No Masses on Easter Monday 6 April, Tuesday 7 April, and Wednesday 8 April.**

From **Monday 13 April to Tuesday 19 May**, there will be no Weekday Masses on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are grateful to Fr John Barlow, who will be assisting with weekday Masses during my holidays period.

If there are any further changes to the schedule, they will be communicated through the parish newsletter.

From Monday 13 April, the parish office will return to its normal working days.

- Maria will be in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Talitha will be in the office on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**  
**Fr.Dantus.**

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI  
**WALK WITH JESUS**

Procession begins at  
**2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026**  
CORPUSCHRISTIBRISBANE.COM

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

**Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection**



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land through welfare assistance, housing, health, education, and employment, and supports parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres. Due to current and recent events, this is an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land. There will be two collections, one during Stations of the Cross, and one during the Good Friday service. Please bring cash for this collection. Envelopes will be available at the doors of the Church.

**Holy Week and Easter Mass times 2026**



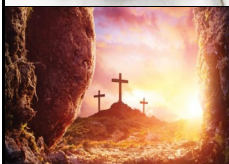
**Palm Sunday – 28th/29th March**  
Saturday at 5.30pm  
Sunday at 8.30am & 5.30pm



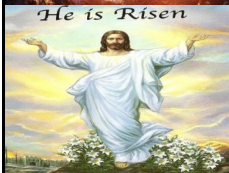
**Holy Thursday – 2nd April**  
6.30pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30 pm



**Good Friday –3rd April**  
10.00am: Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord



**Holy Saturday –4th April**  
6.30pm: The Easter Vigil on the Holy Night



**Easter Sunday – 5th April**  
8.30am: Mass of the Resurrection  
**(No 5.30pm Sunday Mass)**

**Project Compassion 2026**



As we enter Holy Week, we reflect on those facing extreme poverty and injustice and thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's annual Project Compassion Appeal this Lent.

Caritas Australia's work is made possible through the dedication of local partners, heroes who work tirelessly to create a better future for their communities. This year's featured partners include:

- Diocese of Mbulu Development Department in Tanzania
- Caritas Bangladesh in Bangladesh
- Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises and Development in Fiji
- Caritas Jerusalem and Catholic Relief Services in Gaza.

Together, we're helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures and break the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us.

Please return all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the parish office as soon as possible or donate online via the Caritas Australia website at

[www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

#projectcompassion



## Palm Sunday—Year A

### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

### **Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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

### **Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Draw Jesus riding the donkey as he was entering Jerusalem as a King.



### **Easter Sunday Year A**

#### **First Reading:**

**Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43**  
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

#### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

#### **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.