

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



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Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

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Office hours:

Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri
8:30 am - 1:30pm

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday : 5.30pm

Sunday : 8.30am & 5.30pm

Weekday Eucharist

Monday & Tuesday: **No Masses
until further notice**

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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With very good reason, the story of the road to Emmaus is thought to be the best parallel we have in the New Testament to our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. This idea could be a little surprising for some who might think the Last Supper would hold more similarities. Luke, however, reminds his community, who are like us, that even though they, like us, are prevented from seeing Jesus, they can still have a life-changing experience of his presence.

The disciples are on a journey of faith and Jesus meets them where they are, as they are. This is a critical detail in the story. Jesus listens to their expectations, hopes and disappointments and only after they have expressed the reality of their situation, does Christ open the scriptures to them. In doing so he takes their disillusionment and enables them to see the connections with the story of salvation. This leads them to hope. Even then, they do not recognise who Jesus is until he breaks the bread and in that action he is revealed as the one in whom they had been hoping. This experience drives them back to Jerusalem to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection. Every Sunday as part of our journey of faith we embark on our road to Emmaus. There is never any point in us coming here pretending to be different from how we actually feel and who we are. God sees our hearts and minds and wants to meet us in the midst of our lives, whatever they may be like. The Emmaus story teaches us that Jesus firstly wants to listen to us before he wants us to listen to Him.

Emmaus, however, was not just about the disciples and their lives, in the same way that the Eucharist is not just about our lives either. Christ opens the scriptures to us each week so that we can make sense of our experience, see the ways in which God is present and absent and recognise our own foolishness. As with the Emmaus disciples, we are welcomed to the table of the Lord where we recognise Christ in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup. This meal enables us to go out from here and proclaim to all we meet that Christ is risen. One of the things the Church values most deeply is its connection to the experience of the earliest Church. And rightly so. It's a great privilege for us to recall that what we do here each Sunday is built upon the faith and weekly celebration of countless generations.

And though, appropriately, many things can be different in various cultural settings for the Eucharist throughout the world, several elements always stay the same. It is the Risen Christ who accompanies us, listens to us, opens our minds to the scriptures, hosts us at his table, and sends us out to tell the world that He has been raised from the dead. This is the best way to understand ourselves as 'traditional Catholics'. We share with thousands of generations the same fire of God's faithful love burning in our hearts as we are welcomed here each week, are listened to, taught, nourished and sent out to do our bit for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

Richard Leonard SJ is the Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting

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: Richard Drum, 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 Petrilia, Lynne Jordan and Lynn Toon, Ray Duncanson, June Simpson, Catherine Challinor, Hannah Parton.



Recently deceased: Mildred Duncan, Rick Rooke, Eleanor Hart (sister of Fr Jim Browne)

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barry Mewburn & Mrs Obi (Fr Christopher Obi's Mother). 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, 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: 10005597

* We also have Tap n Go facility in the Church premises.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

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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



"While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them."

Luke 24:30

The Week Ahead

	Third Sunday of Easter Year A
Sun - 19 April	Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 20 April	No Mass until further notice
Tue - 21 April	No Mass until further notice
Wed - 22 April	Mass @ 9.00am
Thu - 23 April	Mass @ 9.00am Eucharistic Adoration 6-9pm
Fri - 24 April	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 25 April	Devotion of the Holy Rosary @ 7.30am – Church ANZAC Day Service @ 9.00am Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm
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Sun - 26 April	Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm

Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion Minister
Sat 18 Apr – 5.30pm	Tammie Davis	Paul Bergin & Irene Poh	Paul Bergin	Irene Poh	Tammie Davis
Sun 19 Apr – 8.30am	Iubu Kelly	Amanda Sheridan & Paul Mead	Amanda Sheridan	Paul Mead	Tess Paolucci
Sun 19 Apr – 5.30pm	Zuzanna Horniak	Erica Brauer	Kathryn Flint	Zuzanna Horniak	Zuzanna Horniak
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 25 Apr –	Required	Mary Harris	Mary Harris	Required	Mary Harris
Sun 26 Apr – 8.30am	Moyra Walls	James Mann & Tammie & James Davis	James Mann	Tammie & James Davis	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 26 Apr – 5.30pm	Caroline Sarra	Required	Angelique Cahill	Required	Caroline Sarra

ANZAC Day Mass

On Saturday 25 April at 9:00am we will gather as a parish community to commemorate ANZAC Day.

We are grateful to Fr John Barlow, who has kindly offered his help and will be celebrating the Mass.

All are welcome to join us in prayer for peace, justice, and the protection of all who serve.

Urgent Call for Volunteers

We are very grateful for the wonderful team of committed volunteers who help out at Masses each week, and are hoping to find more people to join the team.

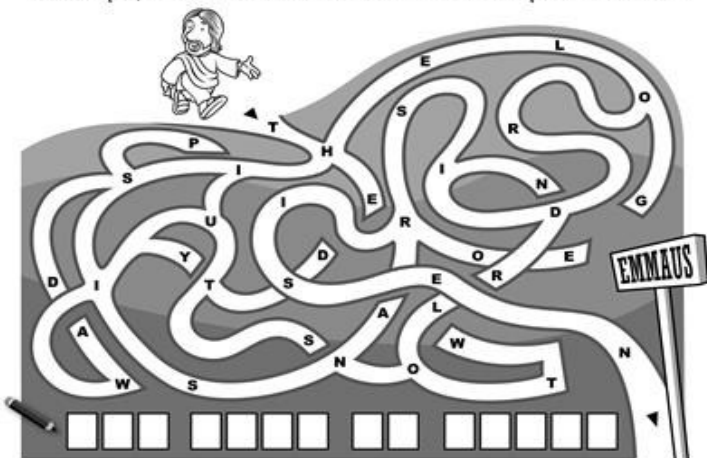
We are seeking more volunteers for our roster of Mass organisers, readers, and Communion ministers.

Could you help out one weekend a month?

If so, please contact the parish office for more information: stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

For the Children...

Draw yourself walking beside Jesus as you try to find the way to Emmaus. As you pass through the letters along the correct path, write them down in the boxes below to discover what the disciples learned at Emmaus.



Middle East Emergency Appeal



Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



Volunteers - Children's Liturgy of the word

Would you like to be involved in facilitating our Children's Liturgies?



We are looking for people willing to run CLOW once per term during the Sunday morning Mass alongside another volunteer

If this sounds like something you are interested in, please contact the parish office for more information:

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Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.