

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No.8

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A

15 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 & 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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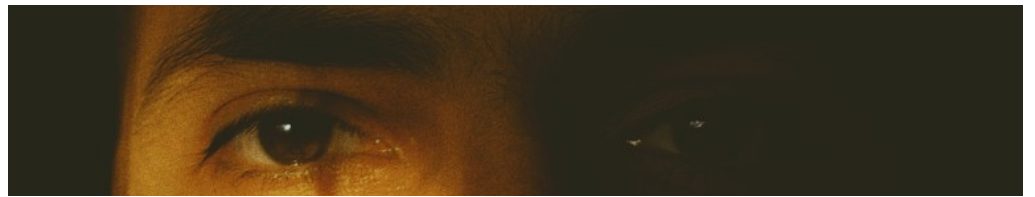
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From Darkness into Light.... This Fourth Sunday of Lent presents us with the beautiful and powerful Gospel story of the man born blind (John 9:1-41). It is a Gospel that speaks deeply to the heart of the Lenten journey. Lent is a time when we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus, to step out of darkness and into the light, and to look towards the future with hope rather than despair. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a man who has lived his whole life in darkness. With compassion, Jesus heals him and restores his sight. Yet the miracle is not only about physical sight. It is also about a deeper kind of seeing - the ability to recognise who Jesus truly is. As the story unfolds, the man gradually comes to see not only the world around him but also the truth about Jesus. His eyes, both physical and spiritual, are opened.

Throughout this section of the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks about Himself as the 'Light of the World'. Light is a powerful symbol in our Christian faith. Light allows us to see clearly. It guides our steps and shows us the path ahead. Without light we stumble in darkness, unsure of where we are going. In many ways, Lent is a journey from darkness into light. It is a season when we are invited to reflect honestly on our lives and recognise the areas where we may have lost our way. Sometimes we can become spiritually blind. We may fail to see God's presence in our daily lives, or we may overlook the needs of others around us. At times we may even allow discouragement or despair to cloud our vision. But the good news of this Gospel is that Jesus comes to bring light into our lives. He comes to heal our blindness and help us see again. When we allow His light to enter our hearts, we begin to see things differently. We begin to see ourselves as beloved children of God, and we learn to see others with greater compassion and understanding.

The journey of Lent leads us towards the great celebration of Easter. At the Easter Vigil, one of the most moving moments is the lighting of the Paschal Candle. From a single flame, the dark church is gradually filled with light as each person lights their candle. It is a beautiful sign that Christ, the Light of the World, has entered our darkness and filled it with hope. It reminds us that our faith is not simply about believing certain truths, but about allowing Christ's light to guide the way we live each day. During these remaining weeks of Lent, let us ask the Lord to open our eyes. Let us pray for the grace to recognise His presence in our lives and to follow the path He shows us. Through prayer, acts of charity, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we allow the light of Christ to shine more brightly in our hearts. So that when we celebrate Easter, we may rejoice with renewed faith, hope, and joy in the risen Lord.

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: 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, 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: Beatrice Fox, Timothy Marrinan, Antonio Lunatici, 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:

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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@stopline.com.au

Quote of the week

“Positive thinking isn't about expecting the best to happen every time but, accepting that whatever happens is the best for this moment.”



The Week Ahead

	4th Sunday of Lent Year A
Sun - 15th Mar	Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 16th Mar	Mass @ 7.00am
Tue - 17th Mar	No Mass until further notice <i>Solemnity of St Patrick, bishop</i>
Wed - 18th Mar	Mass @ 9.00am
Thu - 19th Mar	Healing Mass @ 10:30am <i>Solemnity of St Joseph,</i> Eucharistic Adoration 6-9pm
Fri - 20th Mar	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross 7pm
Sat - 21st Mar	Devotion of the Holy Rosary @ 7.30am – Church Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 22nd Mar	5th Sunday in Lent Year A Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm

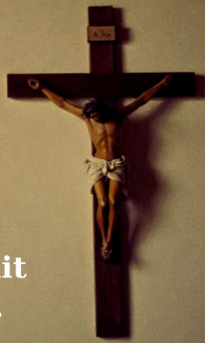
Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd	Communion
Sat 14th Mar – 5.30pm	Tammie Davis	Paul Bergin	Paul Bergin	Required	Tammie Davis
Sun 15th Mar – 8.30am	Iubu Kelly	Amanda Sheridan & Paul Mead	Amanda Sheridan	Paul Mead	Tess Paolucci
Sun 15th Mar – 5.30pm	Zuzanna Horniak	Kathryn Flint	Kathryn Flint	Zuzanna Horniak	Zuzanna Horniak
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 21st Mar – 5.30pm	Required	Mary Harris & Anna Morton	Mary Harris	Gervais Morton	Mary Harris
Sun 22nd Mar – 8.30am	Moyra Walls	James Mann & Tammie & James Davis	James Mann	Tammie & James Davis	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 22nd Mar – 5.30pm	Caroline Sarra	Angelique Cahill	Angelique Cahill	Required	Caroline Sarra

**Opportunity for Individual Confession
- Lent Preparation -**

Prepare your heart for Easer by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Every Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:20pm
- Thursday 19th and Thursday 26th of March 6:00pm - 7:15pm Fr. John Barlow will be available



Take this opportunity for spiritual renewal as we await the resurrection of Christ.

Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION Fourth Sunday of Lent
14-15 March 2026

Life was hard for Manaini and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.



Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

EASTER TRIDUUM 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.

St Thomas'
Care & Concern
Invite you to
**St Patrick's Day
Morning Tea**
On Thursday 19th March 2026
Healing Mass at 10:30am
Morning Tea to follow in the
Hall with raffles.
RSVP: 10th March 2026
Parish Office: 3398 1154

Bring a plate to share!
And bring the family!

Guest speaker
Stephanie Hinrichs
Care Kits for Kids
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Join us for
Table of Plenty
Saturday 21st March
St Thomas Parish Hall
6.30pm

ST THOMAS MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

EASTER CHOIR

PRACTICES ON
TUESDAYS 17TH, 24TH
& 31ST MARCH

7.15PM
IN THE CHURCH

!! EMAIL SCAM ALERT !!

We have been made aware that are **scam emails and text messages** circulating, claiming to be from Fr Dantus Thottathil and asking for money or financial assistance. Please be assured that these messages is not from Fr Dantus or St Thomas Parish.

If you receive any email, text message, or online request asking for money, gift cards, or urgent financial help please ignore it and delete it immediately. Do not reply, click any links, or provide personal information. St Thomas Parish will never request donations in this manner.

You can also check the email address matches one of those on the front page of the newsletter. Emails from our office will always end with @bne.catholic.net.au.

If you are unsure about any message you receive, feel free to contact the parish office for clarification.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe and informed.

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

For the Children...

Draw 2 things he would have seen when his eyes opened after he washed in the pool.



The man said:

**"LORD ... I BELIEVE YOU ARE
THE SON OF GOD"**

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
The Lord promises to raise his people
from the dead.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
The Spirit of God dwells in us.

Gospel: John 11:1-45
Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.