

# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No.9

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

22 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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**Come Forth: Christ Calls Us to New Life....** With just two weeks remaining until Easter, our Lenten journey is moving toward its most sacred days. During these weeks we have travelled with Jesus through many powerful moments in the Gospel. We joined Him in the desert during the temptations, stood beside the well in Samaria with the woman who discovered the living water, and last Sunday we witnessed Jesus giving sight to the man born blind in Jerusalem. Today the Gospel brings us to Bethany, the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus close friends of Jesus. Here we hear the moving story of the raising of Lazarus from the tomb. In his Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius Loyola encourages us, when reading the Gospel, to place ourselves within the scene and imagine how we might feel if we were one of the characters. This can be a powerful way of praying with Scripture. Imagine placing yourself in the position of Lazarus. You are lying in the darkness of the tomb, separated from everything and everyone. Suddenly a voice calls out: "Lazarus, come out!" If we imagine ourselves in that place, our reactions might differ. Some might respond with joy, while others might feel hesitant and think, "Thank you, Lord, but I would prefer to stay where I am."

This reflection can help us recognise how "tomb-like" our own lives can sometimes become. A tomb is a place of darkness and no hope. In our daily lives we too can become trapped in attitudes, habits, or ways of thinking that are not life-giving. We may become bound by fears, worries, ambitions, or resentments that draw us away from the fullness of life God wants for us. At the heart of today's Gospel are the powerful words of Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life." Our Lord assures us that He has both the power and the desire to raise us to eternal life. The raising of Lazarus reveals that Jesus shares deeply in our human sorrow He even weeps for His friend yet He also shows that He has authority over death itself. This miracle reminds us not only of the resurrection on the last day, but also that even now Jesus can call us out of the "tombs" we find ourselves in during our lives.

Today Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs and calls us to come out. He invites us to step out of darkness and meet Him through the Sacraments. In Reconciliation we experience His mercy and step into the light again. In the Eucharist we receive His life and share already in the promise of the resurrection. This journey is not always easy, but it is what Lent is all about: moving from darkness to light, from the tomb of our own struggles through repentance to the new life of Easter. As we gather for the Eucharist, may we hear the Lord gently calling each of us by name: "Come forth." And at His word, may we be unbound and set free.

Blessings,

*Fr. Dantus Thottathil.*

## 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 Petriila, 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@stoline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stoline.com.au)

### *Quote of the week*

“One hand that helps you when you're in trouble is far more valuable than a thousand hands clapping when you succeed.”

### The Week Ahead

	<b>5th Sunday of Lent Year A</b>
Sun - 22nd Mar	Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 23rd Mar	Mass @ 7.00am
Tue - 24th Mar	<b>No Mass until further notice</b>
Wed - 25th Mar	Mass @ 9.00am
Thu - 26th Mar	Mass @ 9.00am Individual Confession 6-7:15pm Eucharistic Adoration 6-9pm
Fri - 27th Mar	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross 7pm
Sat - 28th Mar	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am – Church Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun- 29th Mar	<b>Palm Sunday Year A</b>  Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm

### Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion Minister
Sat 21st Mar – 5.30pm	<b>Required</b>	Mary Harris	Mary Harris	Irene Poh	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	Erika Brauer	Caroline Sarra
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 28th Mar – 5.30pm	Mary Harris	As per Holy Week roster	As per Holy Week roster	As per Holy Week roster	Mary Harris
Sun 29th Mar – 8.30am	Moyra Walls	As per Holy Week roster	As per Holy Week roster	As per Holy Week roster	<b>Required</b>
Sun 29th Mar – 5.30pm	Catherine Dimmick	As per Holy Week roster	As per Holy Week roster	As per Holy Week roster	Catherine Dimmick



**Thank you**

We'd like to say a big thank you to the group of volunteers who helped clean the silver last Sunday. It was lovely seeing people from the community come together to help us get everything shiny again.

ST THOMAS MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

# EASTER CHOIR

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

## 7.15PM

IN THE CHURCH

# Baptisms

This Sunday  
We welcome

Sophie Rice daughter of Robert & Roisin Rice,  
Lachlan Elsworthy son of James & Eliza-Jane Elsworthy, and Isla & Eden Rogers daughters of Luke & Terry Rogers being baptised in our Church this weekend.

*May Jesus, who loves all children, bless your precious child with love and peace on this special day and always.*

### 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.

**PROJECT FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
COMPASSION 21-22 March 2026

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

**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](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)  
**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

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

### Holy Week and Easter Mass times 2026

	<b><u>Palm Sunday – 28th/29th March</u></b> Saturday at 5.30pm Sunday at 8.30am & 5.30pm
	<b><u>Holy Thursday – 2nd April</u></b> 6.30pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30 pm
	<b><u>Good Friday – 3rd April</u></b> 10.00am: Stations of the Cross 3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
	<b><u>Holy Saturday – 4th April</u></b> 6.30pm: The Easter Vigil on the Holy Night
	<b><u>Easter Sunday – 5th April</u></b> 8.30am: Mass of the Resurrection <b>(No 5.30pm Sunday Mass)</b>

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay invites you to the annual

# CHRISM MASS

Thursday 26th March 2026  
7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen  
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese  
All Welcome  
The undercover carpark will be available from 6:00pm

## Second Sunday of Lent Year A

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129.**

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

### **Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

### **Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

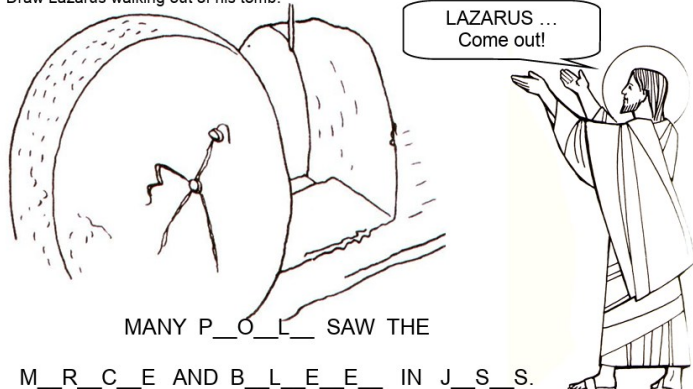
**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **Gospel: John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45**

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

### For the Children...

Draw Lazarus walking out of his tomb.



### Palm Sunday Year A

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

Despite rejection, Isaiah does  
not abandon his call.

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

Jesus made himself lowly  
and was exalted.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66**

The Passion and death of Jesus.