

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Second Sunday of Lent

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MASS TIMES:

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	5.30pm

Weekday Eucharist

Monday	6.30am
Tuesday	6.30am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Public Holiday	9.00am

Reconciliation

Friday	6.00pm
Saturday	5.00pm

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 19th March 2020 @
9.30am

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**'This is my Son,
the Beloved;
listen to him!'**

(Matthew 17:5)



Be Opened ... to Listen

RCIA Rite of Election

The Rite of Election which normally occurs on the First Sunday of Lent is for those unbaptised seeking communion through the sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Last Sunday's Rite of Election was a beautiful and powerful ceremony presided by Bishop Ken Howell. I accompanied Ian & Katrina Goodchild to St Stephen's Cathedral for the Rite of Election of Catechumens. Every time I come to this annual celebration I am always filled with joy seeing so many Catechumens and Candidates and because God called and is still calling people into the life of the Church.

Let us continue to support Katrina our "Elect" and our Candidates Ian, Michael and Lauren with our prayers; that they may come to know Christ more deeply and be strengthened in their faith.

Sr. Analissa



On Sunday 1st March we had the joy of attending St Stephen's Cathedral celebration of the Rite of Election along with another 120 or more Catechumens and Candidates from the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

We are both looking forward to celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. We have been blessed to be guided through the RCIA Process by Sr. Analissa and appreciate her knowledge and efforts very much.

Ian and Katrina Goodchild



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday evening of Lent at 6.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation during Lent will be celebrated on Friday 3rd April directly following the Stations of the Cross.



We remember in our prayers

The sick: Betty Bendel, Jim Paterson, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Matilda Elisabeth Swain, Joan Burlew, Betty Smith, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Jim Clifford, Tom Grant and Lauren Balcombe, Fr Ted Houlihan, Lola Radford & Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Beatrice Fox, Timothy Marrinan, Antonio Lunaticci, 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.



During Lent and Easter there are many Liturgies and Masses we celebrate as a parish community.

As a season of renewal, Lent can be a time of self-giving rather than of giving something up. We might decide to give our time to help us connect more with people in our lives.

In this spirit, we are asking each of you to consider any way you may be able to contribute to our Lenten and Easter celebrations, giving of yourselves for the sake of getting closer to God.

This week we ask whether you might be able to help set up or dismantle one of our Easter Celebrations.

A sign up sheet is available in the Sacristy.

Please put your name and number down if you are able to help, or contact the office with any questions.



SAVE THE DATE

St Thomas' Care & Concern will hold their annual St Patrick's Day Morning Tea on **Thursday 19th March**.

Invitations were sent out this week.

Please contact the parish office if you did not receive an invitation but would like one.

If you know anyone who might be interested in coming along you are most welcome to invite them - just let us know.

All are welcome



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AUSTRALIA

Second Sunday of Lent 8th March 2020



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city. Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system, which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

Let's Go Further, Together.

You can donate through boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or calling 1800 024 413.

Just a little



to say....

Thank you

We say farewell and thank you to Anthony, who has generously shared his time and talent to play the organ at Tuesday morning Mass for many years. His big heart and amazing talent will be missed by our morning Mass goers. We wish him well with his move and for the future.

Baptisms

We welcome...

Henry Leo Barratt, son of Ashley & Natalie,
Mia Rose Mewing, daughter of Stephen & Lauren,
John Michael Orchiston, son of Jamie & Annabel and
Mila Tilly Rheinberger, daughter of James & Terina
being baptised in our Church this weekend.

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



Parish News & Notices

IMPORTANT: Advice on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This week we received communication from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, following national advice on liturgical implications in light of coronavirus (COVID-19) from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. We are asked us to implement the following protocols which seem proportionate to the current understanding of the coronavirus and the risks outlined by health authorities in this State:

- Parishes are asked to refrain from distributing Holy Communion from the chalice until further notice, remembering that Christ is fully present under either species.
- All ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before and after distributing communion (facilities are available in the Sacristy)
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, people should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" with some eye contact and perhaps an appropriate gesture.
- Holy water should be temporarily removed from fonts at the doors of churches, though still be available for people to take home.
- Parishes and other settings where liturgies are celebrated should make alcohol-based gels or rubs (or like products) available near the entrances. We are currently trying to source some hand sanitisers in the face of the national shortage!

The Archdiocese will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide further advice as required. In the meantime we pray fervently that the threat of COVID-19 will ease, that those suffering from the virus will be cured and that those working for its relief will be strengthened. Thank you for your support.




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*"During these 40 days,
let me put away all my pride.
Let me change my heart and give up
all that is not good within me.
Let me love God with all that I am
and all that I have."*


~ Genesis Grain ~



'FAITH GIVES YOU WINGS'

This week we offer the symbol of the **HAND** as part of the new St Thomas' School theme.

"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (St Thomas the Apostle, John 20:25)



These words, spoken by St Thomas, help remind us of his **struggle to believe** in what he could not see. He reminds us that faith does not exclude doubt and questions, or does it exclude moments when we wonder whether God is truly with us. St Thomas challenges us to **deepen our faith**, trust and commitment to Christ, **even if we have not seen him**.

This year, the symbol of the hand will remind us that Christ is always in our midst, inviting us to touch him and believe, just as St Thomas encourages us to **keep the hope in things we cannot see**.

The Week Ahead

Sun - March 8	Baptisms @ 10am
Mon - March 9	Playgroup - 9am
Tue - March 10	
Wed - March 11	
Thur - March 12	STYPS Rehearsal - 8am Liturgy Team Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri - March 13	Mahjong - 9.30am Stations of the Cross - 6.30pm
Sat - March 14	
Sun - March 15	Baptism Preparation @ 9.30am

Liturgy Roster

14 & 15 March	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
Mass Organisers	Jeff McKee	Angela Moore	Kathryn Flint & Caroline Sarra
Altar Servers	Jamie Edwards	Rocco Veraa Yannick Cotta Isaac Dowley	-
Readers	Michael Williamson		
Communion	Clare Flynn	Paul Bertini Kay Bertini	Caroline Sarra Judith Molloy
AV Operators	Jeff McKee	-	-

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR LENT 2020

Lent is about Becoming, Doing and Changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now.

Joan Chittister, OSB

Sunday 8th March	Second Sunday of Lent <i>Be Opened to be Listen</i> As a family, read Matthew 17: 1-9
Monday 9th March	St Frances of Rome Explore why pretzels are a traditional food during Lent in some cultures.
Tuesday 10th March	Write a thank you note to someone who has helped you
Wednesday 11th March	Project Compassion asks us to pray for people in Cambodia this week.
Thursday 12th March	Be gentle on yourself. No one is perfect.
Friday 13th March	Fast from your favourite thing to do.
Saturday 14th March	At the end of the day, take time to thank God for all the graces you have received during the day.

Second Sunday of Lent

1st reading: Genesis 12:1-4 *The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1 : 8-10 *God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9 *Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John.*

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

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In this edition:

- Coronavirus had transmitted from human-to-human contact in Australia, marking the next stage of the outbreak, as federal health authorities switched from a mindset of "containment" to "minimisation".
- Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge said he felt fine as he returned from high-level talks in Rome last week amid Italian coronavirus outbreak.
- Josephite Sister Moya Campbell is packing her bags for the land of the long white cloud after nearly six years as Brisbane archdiocese's Vicar for Religious.
- Queensland police, politicians and community leaders are searching for solutions to the fatal scourge of domestic violence as "coercive control" highlighted as key indicator.
- Catholic Leader looks at practical strategies for reducing carbon emissions & caring for creation.
- Town of St George in western Queensland welcomes the rain.
- Inspired by memories from a childhood play in Herberton, Beverley Cains has written a play of her own about Our Lady of Fatima.

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE



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Now in its thirty-fourth year Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported accommodation and our day Centre.

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The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am - 3:30pm, from 6 May to 27 November 2020. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries.

Applications close Friday 17 April 2020.

Written applications can be sent to:

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