

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 11

Second Sunday in Lent

17 March 2019

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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
Wednesday	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 21st March 2019

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - A Journey of Faith

The RCIA is a process beneficial to the whole parish community. It has several stages for faith development of those adults thinking of entering/becoming members of the Catholic Church.

Last Sunday afternoon (10 March), a catechumen from our parish, Nikki, her fiancée Linh and myself went to St Stephen's Cathedral for the Rite of Election of Catechumens. The Rite of Election which normally coincides with the First Sunday of Lent closes the Period of the Catechumenate. At this rite, upon the testimony of godparents/sponsors and catechumen's affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church makes its 'election' of these catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

It is always been a joy to be present at this annual celebration not only because I get to meet a lot of people from across the Archdiocese: Bishops, priests, RCIA team, godparents, sponsors and families of Candidates and those Catechumens who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter but because it gives me an opportunity to reflect again and again on the question "what does it mean to be elected/chosen?" How could I relate it with my own calling and the Church's mission? The Rite of Election gives an opportunity to reflect on what God is doing in and through our lives. What a wonderful blessing!

The Elect are signs that God is indeed still with his Church, blessing it with his Spirit. As we draw closer to the celebration of Easter, let us pray for Nikki (Nicola Welch) and those elect who will be joining the Catholic Church and receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Sr. Analissa

Below is Nikki's testimonial about her faith journey...

My faith journey through the RCIA program has been a wonderful experience. It has enabled me to learn more about Catholicism and build on the foundations from my years at a catholic primary and secondary school. I have enjoyed my weekly lessons with Sr. Analissa, who was a welcoming, sincere and engaging teacher. Our discussions have provided a new perspective on my spirituality.

Attending the Rite of Election at St Stephen's Cathedral last weekend, reinforced that I was making the right decision in joining the catholic faith and provided a sense of peace and community. I am looking forward to receiving the sacraments at the upcoming Easter Vigil and continuing on my faith journey.

Nikki Welch



Parish News & Notices



We remember in our prayers

The sick: Betty Bendel, Henry Bendel, Jm Paterson, Jan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Matilda Elisabeth Swain, Aidan Hunt, Jan Burlew, Betty Smith, Jlanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Mary O'Leary, Jm Clifford, Tom Grant & Lorna Dagwell

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, Jm Corbett, Vickie Robbins, Morgan Innes, Beverley McKewin, Margaret Hess, Ronald Ashton, Patricia O'Connor, Maureen Harding, William Bradbury, Ron Kelly, Ian Douglas & Herb Collie.



Care and Concern Group

A number of longstanding members of the Care & Concern Group have recently retired, which means **we need new helpers**.

If you are able to commit to 4 meetings a year and 4 functions a year and would love to help provide hospitality to our parishioners, or can offer cooking from time to time, we'd love to hear from you.

We will be having a special meeting on **Monday 18th March at 1.00pm** in the parish meeting room to discuss the future direction of the group. All are welcome to come or please contact the Parish Office for more information. We hope to continue to support our parish community in the future.

Thank you from Little Kings Movement

A big thank you to our parish community and Fr Christopher, Mike Armstrong and the school community for their support in obtaining this years Grand Total of approximately \$3,700 for the disabled clients of The Little King Movement.

God Bless, Paul and Kay Bertini



STYPS

Alive & Well!



At the end of last year, we lost eleven of our members with our seven senior girls beginning the next step of their life's journey at secondary school, and four of our boys moving off to the boys colleges. However, I'm pleased to report that our other thirteen (13) members re-enrolled and this year sixteen (16) new members have joined us taking our current total membership to twenty-nine (29). We work hard every Thursday morning beginning at 8am, as we rehearse and continue to build our repertoire. The sound being produced by these youngsters is amazing.

This year we will be leading the singing at the Saturday 5:30pm First Communion mass on 30 March.

Future commitments include the Sunday 8:30am mass for Mothers' Day in May and Fathers' Day in September as well as the sacramental celebrations of Confirmation in June and First Reconciliation in November. We also lead the singing by invitation at various St Thomas' School celebrations.

I would like to again extend my sincere thanks to all of you, the parishioners of St Thomas', for your support and encouragement of STYPS.

Bronwyn, Leader of STYPS

We welcome...

Nikki Welch, who will be baptised in our Church at Easter



May she be strengthened in her journey and sealed with the spirit of God's promise on this day and always

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NEWS FOR VOLUNTEERS - PLEASE READ!

As you may be aware, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has introduced new Safeguarding Children processes and volunteer requirements which all parishes are required to administer. We are progressing through the paperwork and have completed those who volunteer on our main committees (Pastoral Council, Finance Council & Liturgy Team) and are also starting with our Children's Ministry and Sacramental Team.

The next group of volunteers to finalise are those who Minister at Masses - **Readers, Communion Ministers, Mass Organisers and Hospitality**. There are various forms to be completed and identity documents to be checked & witnessed. and we have been given a deadline of mid May to have this completed. We are trying to streamline the process to make it as easy for all and are considering dates for people to complete the paperwork in one sitting.

We will be in contact with all those who volunteer in the Mass related ministries in the next week or so. As always, we thank you for giving your time and talent to our parish and appreciate your cooperation in making our parish a safe and welcome place for all.

If you have any questions, please contact David Colch, our Safeguarding Representative, via the Parish Office.

Second Sunday of Lent

1st reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-19 *God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:20 – 4:1 *Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36 *As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Parish News & Notices



St Thomas' Prep Enrolments 2020

A HEART FOR MIND AND SPIRIT
1929 - 2019

Prep Enrolments for students who are commencing in 2020

have opened at St Thomas' School.

Please visit our website or the School Parent Portal to find a link to enrolment. <http://www.stthomascamphill.qld.edu.au>

For new families still exploring their schooling options, Mr Mike Armstrong, Principal of St Thomas, is hosting a special Principal Tour on Thursday 28th March 9:15-10:15am. Join Mr Armstrong for an informative discussion and in-depth tour of the school. Please register your attendance at the school website - stthomascamphill.qld.edu.au

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**PROJECT
COMPASSION**



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school.

With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

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

Welcome to Catholic Early EdCare

We are excited to announce the launch of a new brand for Centacare Child Care Services. We are now Catholic Early EdCare — a new name which better reflects our connection to school and parish communities and the positive experience we provide for children and families at our 126 kindergartens, long day care centres and outside school hours care services across the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Please join us online to share more of our story.

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WATCH THEM GROW

JEFF CAVINS VISIT

Jeff Cavins, who is well known by EWTN audiences worldwide for his regular program **Life on the Rock** and **Understanding the Mystery of the Bible** will be in Brisbane to talk about **Catholic Faith and Scripture**.

Date: 05 May 2019 (Sunday)

Venue: St. James Catholic Parish Catholic Church, 165 Old Cleveland Rd., Coorparoo

Time: 12 noon to 5:00 pm

Fee: Free (but we request donations to defray expenses)

Bring-a-plate to share.

Drinks provided

Enquiries : Sonny on 0421 437 752

The Week Ahead

Sun - March 17	Baptism Preparation - 9.30am
Mon - March 18	Playgroup - 9am
Tue - March 19	
Wed - March 20	
Thur - March 21	STYPS Rehearsal - 8am Care & Concern Healing Mass & M/T from 9.30am PFC Meeting - 7pm
Fri - March 22	Mahjong - 9.30am Stations of the Cross - 6pm @ St Thomas'
Sat - March 23	First Communion Workshop - 4.15pm Reconciliation - 5pm
Sun - March 24	Baptisms - 10am

Liturgy Roster

23/24 March	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
Mass Organisers	-	Annette Bongiorno	Brian & Chris Harding
Altar Servers	Annabelle Yeates	-	Indira Wood
Communion	Amanda Yeates Rum Raddatz	Amanda Sheridan Lyn Kasatchenko Letitia Lee	Chris Harding A Marinucci-Kelly Tim Stephens
Readers	- Charlotte Yeates Eliza Yeates	Trish McGrath Terry McGrath	Brian Harding Margaret Stephens
AV Operators	-	-	-

2019 FAMILY LENT CALENDAR

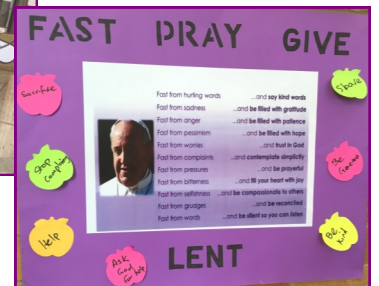
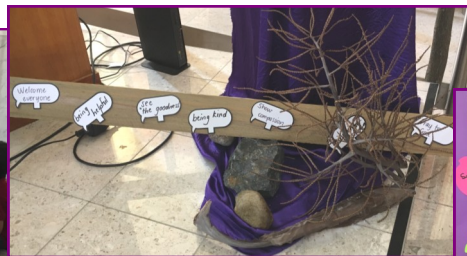
Here are some small actions which you and your family may like to include in your daily life over the next week:

Sunday March 17	2nd Sunday of Lent - Transforming As a family read Luke 9:28-36
Monday March 18	Wear something green today and learn about St Patrick
Tuesday March 19	St Joseph spouse of Mary Read a bible story about Joseph
Wednesday March 20	Project Compassion asks us to pray for people in Indonesia this week
Thursday March 21	At bedtime, thank God for plants and trees that give us fresh air
Friday March 22	Fast from television
Saturday March 23	Look after God's Creation by saving electricity

PARISH PICS



The children discussed their thoughts and ideas on Lent at Children's Liturgy last week and enjoyed sharing them with the parish community.



TRANSFIGURATION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word TRANSFIGURATION?

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As Lent progresses, we add to our worship space:

Rustic Cross: the symbol of Jesus' suffering and his great mercy to us which is the centre of our faith

Dried flower arrangements: the barrenness and loss that sin brings us

Purple cloth: focus on Jesus, our servant & suffering King

Lent is a transformative time, a time to shed those habits that diminish us as human beings.

It was in prayer that Jesus was changed & transformed.

- How can we use this period of Lent to commit to a time of prayer each day - or to an extra time of prayer each day?

It could be as simple as a breath prayer prayed for just one minute:

Choose a simple prayer that can be prayed in two phrases - one on the in-breath and one on the out-breath, such as:

- * Loving God...bring peace.
- * God of compassion...live in me.
- * Merciful God...come near.
- * 'Yes', God...I choose you.