

# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 11

Third Sunday of Lent

15 March 2020

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## Office hours

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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

## PARISH TEAM:

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## Archbishop Emeritus John Bathersby 26 July 1936 - 9 March 2020

*The retired Archbishop John Bathersby passed away on Monday 9th March, following a recent stroke.*

A priest for 58 years, Archbishop John is remembered as a dedicated and long-serving servant of the church. He was born in Stanthorpe and ordained to the priesthood in 1961. In 1962 he took his first parish appointment in Goondiwindi before being invited to study spiritual theology in Rome. In 1986 he was ordained Bishop of Cairns where he stayed until appointed to succeed Archbishop Francis Rush in Brisbane in 1991.

Archbishop John led the Archdiocese from 1991 until 2011, retiring at 75 years of age. With his passing we recall with gratitude the episcopal ministry of our sixth bishop, characterised by a deep desire to know and love Jesus and to share this with all. It is also a time of thanksgiving as he is released from the debilitating illness that has been with him in these latter years.

Parishioners are invited to participate in funeral liturgies for Archbishop Bathersby:

- ♦ **Funeral Vigil Liturgy at 5.00pm on Sunday 15 March** at Cathedral of St Stephen, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.
- ♦ **Morning Prayer for the Dead** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral at **8am on Monday 16 March**
- ♦ **Solemn Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal at 11.00am on Monday 16 March** at the Cathedral of St Stephen. (NB: no parking available at the precinct on the day.)
- ♦ **Webcasts** of the Vigil and the Mass can be watched live at [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw)

Please see the back page of the newsletter for a Coronavirus update from the Archdiocese of Brisbane

## World Day of Prayer 2020

*Zimbabwe - Rise! Take your mat and walk!*

World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement held on the first Friday in March each year. People in over 150 countries around the world, in over 88 different languages, join in prayer for peace and justice.



**Last Friday 6th March**, members of St Thomas' Parish joined with our neighbouring parishes to gather at Regina Caeli to celebrate and share World Day of Prayer. It was wonderful to see people from different ecumenical groups and churches in our area united in prayer.

In 2021 we will come together at St James' Coorparoo with a focus on *Vanuatu - Build on a Strong Foundation!*

## Third Sunday of Lent

**1st reading:** Exodus 17:3-7 *Give us water to drink.*

**2nd Reading:** Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 *The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

**Gospel:** John 4: 5-42 *The water I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*



## 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, Cletus Obi

**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 and Bob Bongiorno



## SILVER CLEANING;

*Many hands make light work!*

You are invited to help prepare for the great feast of Holy Week by cleaning the silver. This is a very simple task (not messy like the 'old days') and a great chance to chat to fellow parishioners.

Let's make our church beautiful for Easter.

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 2PM  
AT THE CHURCH.**

We'd love to have some of the school parents/carers join us and will be finished before school finishes.

Just turn up at 2pm!



## IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: CARE & CONCERN FUNCTION

Due to the current situation with Coronavirus we have to review our regular Care & Concern function.

The Healing Mass will go ahead at 9am however we may review the practices during the Mass based on advice from the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Unfortunately we have made the decision to cancel the St Patrick's Morning Tea. We are currently looking at alternative arrangements.

Please contact us if you have any questions.



## SAVE THE DATE

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: for children currently in Grade 3

- 18/19 July:** Parents Information Session after all masses
- 25/26 July:** Enrolment Weekend – children bring enrolment forms to one of the masses.
- 1/2 August:** Commitment Weekend during all masses
- 8/9 August:** Come to Mass with the little card
- 15/16 August:** Come to Mass with the little Card
- 22 August:** Confirmation Workshop

**Actual Celebration of Confirmation:  
Friday 28 August 2020  
(5.00pm & 7.00pm)**

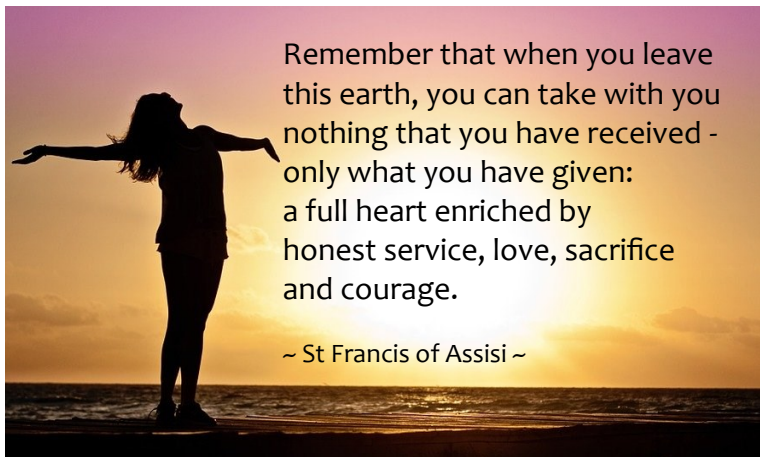


## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated each Friday evening during 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.



Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

~ St Francis of Assisi ~



## 'FAITH GIVES YOU WINGS'

This week we offer the school Logo as part of the St Thomas' School theme.

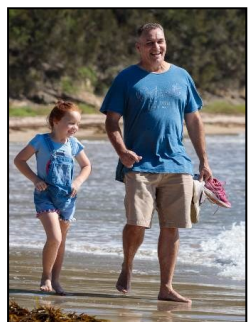
The symbol of the **three hands** represent the **church**, the **school** and the **wider community** coming together to form the shape of a **heart**.

St Thomas' School is a centre point, or heart, where the church, students & staff, parents, and the local community connect...**a heart for mind and spirit.**





## Third Sunday of Lent 15th March 2020



Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he's an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or calling 1800 024 413.



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

We are asking our parishioners 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 act as a Minister of Communion, or Reader, during our 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.**



### Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....

Trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://www.palms.org.au) will provide thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. Look at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) Call Roger on 0422472567, or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



At St Thomas', we are proud of our many volunteers who give their time so generously. We are also proud to report that we are making great progress in completing the online registration of our volunteers, as required by the Archdiocese of Brisbane - **we have 114 volunteers now registered!**

**Only nine volunteers haven't registered.** If you think this might be you, or you'd like to become a volunteer, please register at <http://archbne.org/welcome> and we will be in touch.

Volunteering is a great way to connect with the community through sharing your talent & time to help others. **There are so many ways, big and small, to become involved within our parish.**

For more information on our groups or ministries, visit: [www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/volunteers.html](http://www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/volunteers.html), or contact the parish office.

***'The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve'***  
Matthew 20: 20-28

### The Week Ahead

Sun - Mar 15	Baptism Preparation @ 9.30am
Mon - Mar 16	Playgroup @ 9am
Tue - Mar 17	St Patrick's Day
Wed - Mar 18	
Thur - Mar 19	STYPS Rehearsal @ 8am Healing Mass @ 9am Finance Council Mtng @ 7.30pm
Fri - Mar 20	Mahjong @ 9.30am Stations of the Cross @ 6.30pm
Sat - Mar 21	
Sun - Mar 22	Baptisms during 8.30am Mass

### Liturgy Roster

20 & 21 March	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
<b>Mass Organisers</b>	-	Annette Bongiorno	Brian & Chris Harding
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Annabelle Yeates	Riley Gaffney Erin Gaffney William Dolphin	-
<b>Readers</b>	Diane Kearney Charlotte Yeates Eliza Yeates	Damien Rossi Trish McGrath Terry McGrath	Brian Harding
<b>Communion</b>	Amanda Yeates	Amanda Sheridan Lyn Kasatchenko Letitia Lee	Chris Harding A Marinucci-Kelly
<b>AV Operators</b>	-	-	-

# 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*

<b>Sunday 15th March</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Be Opened to the Living Water</i> As a family, read John 4: 5-42
<b>Monday 16th March</b>	Project Compassion asks us to pray for First Australian people this week.
<b>Tuesday 17th March</b>	<b>St Patrick</b> Wear something green today and pray for the people of Ireland
<b>Wednesday 18th March</b>	<b>St Cyril of Jerusalem</b> Pray for those preparing for baptism at Easter
<b>Thursday 19th March</b>	<b>St Joseph, spouse of Mary</b> What did St Joseph do for a living?
<b>Friday 20th March</b>	Fast from gossip
<b>Saturday 21st March</b>	Don't sit around all day - do some extra walking, running or other activity

## **UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS**

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is monitoring the development of Coronavirus closely, and has plans in place to support the safety, health and wellbeing of our parish communities, and the many people we engage with through church agencies.

The Archbishop has also issued a set of protocols which are to remain in effect until further notice, namely:

- refraining from distributing communion from the chalice
- removal of Holy Water from fonts in churches (it is available privately. Please ask Parish Office)
- at the Sign of Peace, saying 'peace be with you' and smiling or waving, rather than shaking hands
- All ministers of Holy Communion, including the priest, are required to wash their hands before and after distributing Communion

Please note as at Thursday March 5 Archbishop Mark did not preclude receiving communion on the tongue, the right of which remains with the communicant, however you are encouraged to receive communion on the hand. He may still revisit this in light of new events.

We will continue to follow the advice of public health authorities, particularly in relation to gatherings of people. All members of our community are encouraged to protect themselves and others from infection by practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene.

## **How can I prevent the spread of COVID-19 away from the parish?**

Coronavirus is transmitted from person to person, usually when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Transmission may occur from contaminated surfaces, so it is important to frequently wash your hands. Please be understanding if fellow parishioners do not wish to shake hands during the sign of peace.

To protect yourself and others from infection practice good hand and respiratory hygiene including:

- cleaning your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs
- covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing
- avoiding contact with others, such as touching
- staying home if you are unwell

If you have been overseas in the last 14 days and feel unwell please call 13HEALTH, your GP or local hospital to arrange an assessment.

## **More information from the health authorities**

You can access the latest information and advice from the Queensland Government (please google Queensland Government Novel-Coronavirus) and Australian Government.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane will also provide regular updates to parishes and via our website. ([archbne.org/zhz](http://archbne.org/zhz))