

# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 11

Fourth Sunday in Lent

14th March 2021

## *REFLECTION* by Dianne Bergant CSA

Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin.

Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment are raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life.

We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God.

*In Loving  
Memory*



*Please keep Fr Christopher, and his family, in your prayers on the loss of his father,  
Cletus Emeka Obi who passed away unexpectedly on 8th March at the age of 78.*

*Fr Christopher invites you to join him as he celebrates his father's life with a Memorial Mass,  
followed by a light supper, on **Monday 22nd March at 6pm** in our church.*

*Please register your attendance via this link:*

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/145587168139>

*The Dining Room:  
Feed your hearts during Lent  
with prayer.*



Join us Wednesday evening in the Dining Room of the Parish Office  
for our Lenten Prayer Group.

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday 17th March at 7pm.**

Your place at our table is saved.

We will

- ♥ Listen   ♥ Pray   ♥ Share and
- ♥ Leave with an invitation to challenge ourselves.

Booking is not necessary.

You will need to sign in on arrival and Covid protocols will be followed.

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**1st reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23** *The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people*

**2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10** *When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

**Gospel: John 3:14-21** *God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*

## Parish News & Notices



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us each Friday evening during Lent at 6.30pm as we celebrate the Stations of the Cross in our church.

*All are welcome.*

### Healing Mass and Morning Tea

Our Care & Concern Group will be hosting the first Healing Mass and Morning Tea for this year this coming Thursday 18th March.

If you haven't received your invitation, or would like to be included, please contact the Parish Office.

**Please note, Mass on Thursday 18th March will be celebrated at 10.30am instead of 9am.**

### EASTER MASS TIMES

#### Second Rite of Reconciliation

7.00pm: Friday 26th March  
(following Stations of the Cross)

#### Palm Sunday

5.30pm: Saturday 27th March 8.30am & 5.30pm: Sunday 28th March

#### Holy Thursday - 1st April

7.00pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday - 2nd April

10.00am: Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm: Passion of the Lord

#### Holy Saturday - 3rd April

6.30pm: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

#### Easter Sunday - 4th April

8.30am: Mass of the Resurrection

*NB: Mass is not celebrated on Easter Sunday evening*

**Can you help?** Our Parish Pastoral Council plays an important role in the life and work of our parish. It is a council of parishioners who work with the Parish Priest on pastoral issues and also share in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the Parish.

We are currently welcoming new members to bring fresh ideas and support our existing group. Our Pastoral Council meets once per month so it is not a huge time commitment but you would be adding great value to our community.

If you think you might be interested in being part of this please speak to Fr Christopher or contact the Parish Office on 3398 1154 or [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au) for more information.

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**F: <https://www.facebook.com/StThomasCatholicParishCampHill/>**

### Office hours

8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

### PARISH TEAM:

**Parish Priest** - Fr Christopher Obi  
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### Children's Ministry Coordinator

Sr Analissa Balderama  
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### Parish Secretary

Ms Lisa Moroney  
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### St Patrick's Day Mass



A special St Patrick's Day Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen at 10.00am on Wed 17 March 2021. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass with Fr Gerard McMorro concelebrating.

All are welcome but it is essential to register as numbers are limited. **To register** go to the Cathedral

website: [www.cathedralofststephen.org.au](http://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au)

On the home page, click on "**Mass & Reconciliation**" then scroll down to "**Bookings for Regular Weekly Masses**". Click on "**Weekdays Mon to Fri 10am**" and select 17 March. Follow the prompts. Your name will be on an attendance sheet at door, so no need to bring tickets with you.



### We remember in our prayers

**The sick:** Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Fr Ted Houlihan, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Cletus Obi, Mark, Marjorie Cusack, Joe Sherlock, Sue Lamb, Peter Owen, Jacob Mu, Stephen Imecs

### Recently Deceased: Cletus Obi, Joan Burlew,

### 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, Maureen Harding

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### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

A Reminder that the Catholic Leader is still available in hard copy format, but is now issued monthly. Please take a copy - a donation of \$4 can be placed in the 'Poor Box' located near the current 'exit' door in the church.



### Australian Catholics

The Autumn 2021 issue of Australian Catholics is now available in the church. This issue focuses on 'The Waiting Place' - a time of waiting which most of us have experienced after big changes in our life, similar to that time between the death and resurrection of Jesus. There are some very thought-provoking articles on this topic - making it a great read once again.



### Call to all Catholics



The Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all Baptised Catholics to consider their baptismal call to mission through an advertising campaign, **Call To All Catholics**.

They aim to reach out to those disconnected from the Church and their faith.

All parishes are invited to get involved by:

1. Giving fliers to loved ones who disconnected from the Church (fliers are in the church)
2. Signing up for the prayer campaign to pray for those who will witness the advertising
3. Volunteer to accompany those who respond to the call to go on the journey
4. Be a welcoming presence to new faces in the pews

For more information, go to <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic/>

### HARMONY WEEK



EVERYONE BELONGS  
[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)

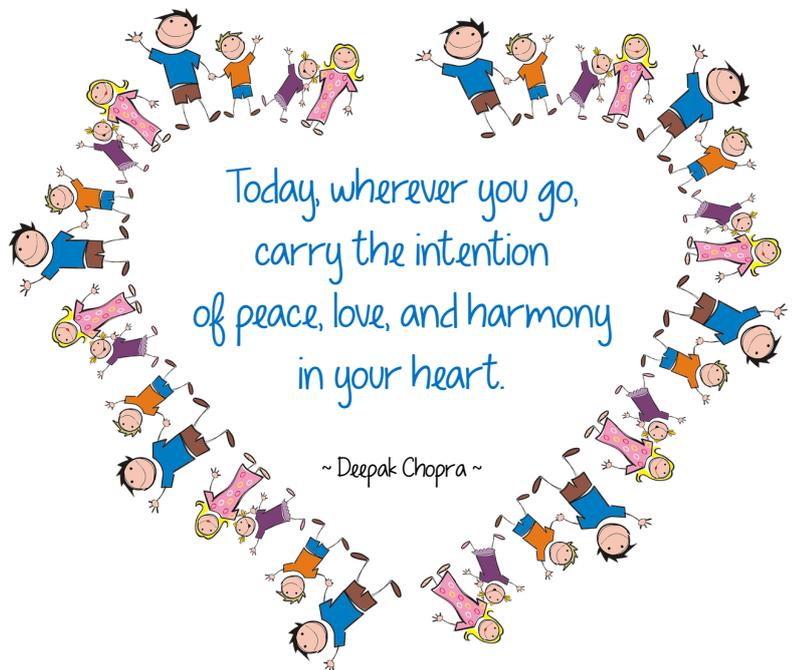
### Harmony Week 15-21 March

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and the successful integration of migrants in our country. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony Week ends on 21st March, the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Our Care & Concern Function this week will support Harmony Week and we are asking attendees to wear multicultural dress or something orange.

For more information on Harmony Week, visit [www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)



### Fourth Sunday of Lent 14th March 2021



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.

You can donate through Parish boxes/envelopes, visit [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phone 1800 024 413.