

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 12

Third Sunday in 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
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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Gospel Reflection by D iane Bergant

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.



As we continue through Lent,
you will notice additional changes
to our worship space:

Stones: the burdens of sins we
carry and bring to the cross
Rustic Cross: the symbol of Jesus'
suffering and his great mercy to us
which is the centre of our faith
Dried flowers: the barrenness and
loss that sin brings us
Purple cloth: focus on Jesus, our
servant & suffering King

Lent is a time to be proactive, within ourselves and in the world around us. At the **half way point** in our Lenten journey, it's good to reflect upon why we choose to give alms and go without things at this time of year.

- * *What prompts us? Why does this matter?*
- * *What difference does 'going without' make? Do I use the space this makes to focus on my relationship with God?*
- * *What would it be like to carry some of this purpose into the rest of the year? Why would or wouldn't I be willing to do it?*

It is transformative when we allow God's unfathomable mercy and compassion in, and then offer it to others. This week, take a risk:

***Do something a little outside your comfort zone for someone else** ***Forgive someone who has hurt you** ***Thank anyone who provides a service for what they do** ***Look for creative options to react to something or someone who is really challenging your ability to respond with compassion.**

Turn to the back page for a Family Lent Calendar which has some great ideas on how to live Lent in our daily lives

Third Sunday of Lent

1st reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 *This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 *All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 *Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*



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, Jblanda 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 Lunaticci, Theresa King, Antonio D'Alessandro, Daryl 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.



First Holy Communion

We remember in our prayers the children in our parish who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Masses next weekend (30/31 March). We look forward to celebrating with them as a community.

Please note, STYPS will be lead the singing at the Saturday 5:30pm Mass for First Holy Communion.



ST. THOMAS' MUSIC MINISTRY.

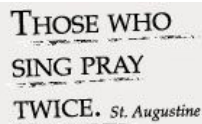
Singing together at Mass draws us into a single worshipping community and enables us to express faith through song.

Our St Thomas' music ministry is in need of new members (musicians and choristers) to help celebrate weekend Masses, Liturgies and special occasions in our community - any time & talent you can give is appreciated.

We would especially love new and existing parishioners join us and share your talents to help celebrate Easter.

Rehearsal for the Easter celebrations will be held in the Church on Tuesday 9th & Tuesday 16th April for approximately 1 Hour on both evenings.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in joining this ministry, or pop over and see Trish and the Choir at Sunday morning Mass.



Stations of the Cross

A reminder that this week, on **Friday 29th March**, the Stations of the Cross will be hosted at St Thomas' Church at 6pm.

The Liturgy Team are organising the celebrations for Easter and are **seeking volunteers**.

Sign up sheets will be in the church (in the Sacristy) for Easter Masses. If you are able to help with **Mass Organising, Welcoming, Reading, Altar Serving, Ministering Communion, Collecting or Operating the Screen**, please put your name on the sheet.

We have included those usually rostered on for that weekend where appropriate. If you are unable to meet your roster that weekend, or wish to attend a different celebration, please amend.

As always, we thank our wonderful volunteers for all



Date Claimer:

The Second Rite of Reconciliation in Lent will be celebrated on Friday 12th April, directly following the Stations of the Cross here at St Thomas'

Baptisms

We welcome...

Alexandra Barbara McGrath, daughter of Frank & Sam
Faith Mary Khin Tu Soe Keogh, daughter of Mark & Nan
and **Sonny James Ogden**, son of Adam & Jacqui,
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



IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NEWS FOR VOLUNTEERS - PLEASE READ!

We are continuing to progress through the paperwork required to meet the Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Children policy. 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.



NEW PARISHIONER'S REGISTRATION

If you are new to the area we invite you to complete a Parish Registration Form, found at the main entrance to the church, and place it in the mailbox above the table.

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>



We are called to be disciples of Christ Could this be your Ministry?

Now in its 33rd year Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally & spiritually to those suffering from mental illness to support people through their spiritual & therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported accommodation and day Centre.

Information on the volunteer training and application process is available on the noticeboard.

Applications close Thursday 18 April 2019.

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

Thank you from Little Kings Movement

A big thank you to our parish community & Fr Christopher, Mike Armstrong and the school community for 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

The Week Ahead

Sun - March 24	Baptisms - 10am
Mon - March 25	Annunciation of the Lord Playgroup - 9am
Tue - March 26	
Wed - March 27	BED Meeting @ St Peters & Pauls - 7pm
Thur - March 28	STYPS Rehearsal - 8am
Fri - March 29	Mahjong - 9.30am Stations of the Cross - 6pm @ Eastern Hills Anglican
Sat - March 30	First Holy Communion at Mass Reconciliation - 5pm
Sun - March 31	First Holy Communion at Mass

Liturgy Roster

30/31 March	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
Mass Organisers	-	-	Brian & Chris Harding
Altar Servers	-	-	-
Communion	-	-	Steve Kelly
Readers	Brian Kilmartin Lisa Moroney Stella Harland	Kathryn Pentland Lewis Hayes	Brian Harding Chris Harding
AV Operators	Lisa Moroney	-	-

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 24	3rd Sunday of Lent - Risking As a family read Luke 13:1-9
Monday March 25	The Annunciation of the Lord Angels bring good news. Be an angel today
Tuesday March 26	Project Compassion asks us to pray for people in Solomon Islands this week
Wednesday March 27	At bedtime, thank God for someone who helped you today
Thursday March 28	Pay attention to someone you are tempted to ignore
Friday March 29	Fast from criticising other people
Saturday March 30	Go for a walk and pray for your neighbours

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

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 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA



Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability.

With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes,
by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

**Can you spot the eight differences
between these two pictures?**

