

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Fifth Sunday in Lent

21st March 2021

On Monday evening of 22nd day of March, I will celebrate the memorial Mass for the peaceful repose of my Dad's soul. At the same time I will be celebrating a faithful father, husband and grandpa, who made great sacrifices for his family. He was a perfect gentleman and disciplined. A likeable person yet very firm in his attitude to life. The gracious ways of receiving his visitors, and the radiant face with which he does so, is typical of Christian courtesy. We will miss him the more the shadows of his passing looms round us. He is old school, no doubt; yet open to new things especially from his children, whom he considered examples of new times and a changing world. There is a particular couch he loves sitting on, where he reigns as the Chairman of the family. He enjoys listening to Handel's Messiah and instrumental music from Yanni, a Greek composer. We will miss him in our lives, and most of all in the family, from where we have risen to declare him, Blessed!

When Jesus says things like: "whoever loves his or her life will lose it;" or "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain." We get the feeling Jesus is at the same time speaking of creating relationships or bonds and making friendship. Although the partners Jesus had in mind here are between God and people, where God takes the initiative to suffer and die so that we can live and rejoice. It can also be said and of course, this point is very important, that human relationships are founded on sacrifice. The best of friends in forming close bonds realises that they thrive on the rich soil of sacrifice. A father, like my Dad, as with other parents can be considered as dying little by little in the sacrifices they make for their children.

In the entire life of Jesus Christ to the event leading to his suffering and death were all about creating a new kind of relationship between God and us. This weekend readings throw more light on how Jesus was able to make great a sacrifice, which we live out whenever we celebrate the events of Holy week to Easter. He offered us the blood of the new covenant; on the cross he was lifted up as victim of love [2nd reading]; and when he died on the cross we see how he renewed the relationship between God and humanity [Gospel]. Today, as Christians, we are the many fruits shooting out from the single grain of wheat --- Jesus Christ, because we carry within us the law of love [1st reading].

Looking back at the life of my father and also stemming from the recently discovered documents and notes he meticulously locked inside his drawer, which my brother has shared with me via our WhatsApp video calls. I've come to the conclusion, his life and the many relationships he built were rooted in and garnished by his faith in Jesus Christ. And this is central to the message of Jesus' preaching that we not allow our real self to be buried under the layers of vanity and pride; and by being willing to produce in its richness a harvest of goodness spoken of by Jesus requires the giving up of our lives in love.

God Bless, *Fr Christopher*

*In Loving
Memory*



Fr Christopher invites you to join him for a Memorial Mass followed by a light supper as he celebrates the life of his father, Cletus Obi, who passed away on 8th March.

Mass will be on **Monday 22nd March at 6pm** in our church.

Please register your attendance via this link:

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



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Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

Donate through Parish boxes/envelopes, visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413.

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1st reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 *The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9 *He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

Gospel: John 12:20-23 *If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Parish News & Notices



Second Rite of Reconciliation

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated following the Stations of the Cross on **Friday 26th March**. Stations of the Cross commence at 6.30pm.



Please note:
The Parish Office
will be closed on
Friday 26th March 2021

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.

**MONDAY 22nd MARCH AT 2PM
AT THE CHURCH.**

We'd love to have some of the school parents/carers join us and will be finished before the school bell. Just turn up at 2pm!

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Office hours

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

PARISH TEAM:

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Seeking accompanists!

We have some very talented accompanists in our parish but are always looking for more people to play the piano or organ. We are especially after someone to assist with our St Thomas' Young Parish Singers (STYPS) who rehearse once a week (Thursday morning) during term and play at selected celebrations throughout the year.

If you can help, please contact the Parish Office. Thank 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, Megan Bowden

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

EASTER MASS TIMES

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*

Hop to it!



booking for
Easter Mass
essential.

Although restrictions have eased, larger crowds expected at Easter time require us to be vigilant and follow COVID safe practices.

For churches in the Archdiocese of Brisbane this means **everyone must pre-register and book to attend Masses.**

Please book via our Eventbrite page:

[St Thomas' Parish Events | Eventbrite](#)

Or go to our parish website:

www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au

We look forward to seeing you there.

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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 24th March at 7pm.

Your place at our table is saved.

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

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



THE IONA PASSION PLAY

For over 60 years *The Iona Passion Play* has travelled to metropolitan and regional areas throughout Australia from its Brisbane base. We are a Christ-centred community whose ministry is to bring to all peoples, the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, as told in the four Gospels. Further information about the history and mission of the Play is on our web-site: www.passionplay.org.au

In just over a week we will be performing 3 shows at

Iona Performing Arts Centre, Iona College, 85 North Road, Lindum (Wynnum West), QLD:

* **Saturday 27 March at 2pm & 7pm** * **Good Friday 2 April at 7pm**

Tickets can be purchased online at www.passionplay.org.au. The best value tickets are group bookings, so consider getting together a group of 10 or more. One of the highlights is the involvement of locals who join us to be 'extras' in the cast: as crowd, apostles, soldiers etc. This involves minimal rehearsal and all costume are supplied. It is a great opportunity for people to be fully immersed in the story. All ages are welcome and we often have entire families join us. Please contact Michael on **3333 1993** for further details. You would be required to attend a dress rehearsal on Sunday 21 March

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.

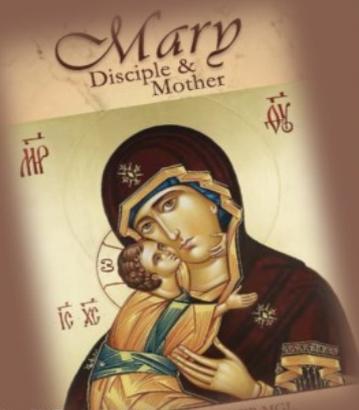
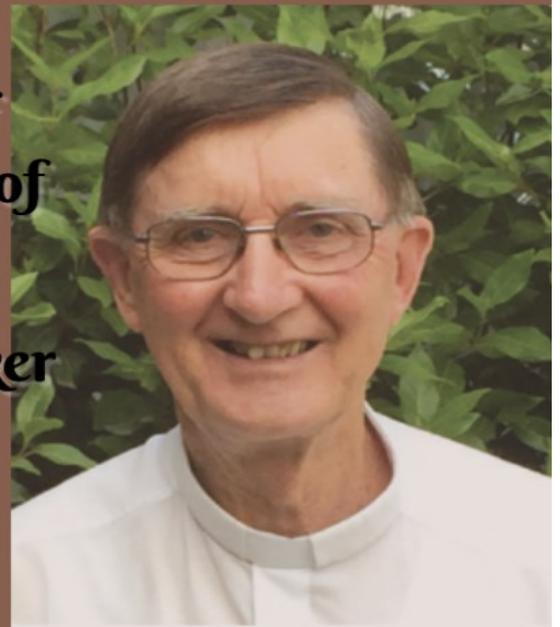
Walk with your feet
on earth, but your heart
in heaven.

~ St John Bosco ~

Retreat, Mass, Healing Prayers, Book Launch

St Thomas', Camp Hill
April 25th, 10.45am to 4pm

**Founder of
Missionaries of
God's Love**
Fr. Ken Barker



MASS @ 11am
BOOK LAUNCH BY BISHOP BRIAN FINNIGAN

RSVP: fdsilva@gmail.com or mobile contact below.

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Care & Concern **Healing Mass** and **Morning Tea**

This year our Care & Concern group adopted the Harmony Week theme to celebrate their annual March Healing Mass and Morning Tea. Harmony Week celebrates Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Guests and our Care & Concern team members were encouraged to wear national dress or something orange - the colour of Harmony Week. It was another wonderful event and a great chance for our senior parishioners to catch up over a cuppa and some internationally-inspired food prepared by our wonderful Care & Concern group. We are very grateful to Veronica, Susette, Kay, Teresa, Nicole and Liza for their wonderful efforts.

