

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 13

Fourth Sunday of Lent

31 March 2019

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Office hours

8:30 am - 1:30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

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

PARISH TEAM:

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Congratulations on your First Holy Communion

May you always feel as close to Jesus as you do today,
May you always count on Him to gently guide your way,
May you always trust in God to answer every prayer,
May you always feel Him blessing you with His loving care.

St Thomas' Parish warmly welcome the children who are celebrating their First Holy Communion with our parish community this weekend.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is the sharing in the body and blood of the Lord at Mass (Eucharist) for the first time. Pope Francis says 'The sacraments...are privileged places of encountering Christ'. When we receive Communion, we believe that we receive the person of Jesus into our very beings. We become one with him, and with each other, in a joyful and meaningful way.

Preparation for First Holy Communion is an important time for the family. We thank you, the parents and families, for preparing your children in prayerful and practical ways and for being a living example to your children through your words and actions.

The celebration of this sacrament is also a special occasion for the whole parish community. Eating and drinking with the rest of the community at Mass signifies that we now belong fully to that community. It is a joy to see our community embrace, and celebrate with, these children.

Particular thanks must go to all those who made this weekend's celebrations so meaningful, especially Sr. Analissa and her team, our school teachers, our floral decorators and music ministries.

Pope Benedict, when asked about his own First Holy Communion shared this beautiful memory: *"I understood that Jesus had entered my heart, he had actually visited me. And with Jesus, God himself was with me. And I realised that this is a gift of love that is truly worth more than all the other things that life can give"*. We hope for our children that their First Holy Communion will be the beginning of a special journey and a lifelong friendship with Jesus.



Stations of the Cross

A reminder that this week, **Friday 5th April**, the Stations of the Cross will be hosted at Eastern Hills Anglican 101 Watson St, at 6pm.

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



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.



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 at 7pm 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.

THOSE WHO
SING PRAY
TWICE. St. Augustine

We are **seeking volunteers** to help us celebrate Easter.

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 you do to make our celebrations special.



Life's Journey

exhibition & luncheon
with guest speaker
Dr Rhyl Hinwood AM
1st of May
11:30am to 2pm
Hanly Room
Francis Rush Centre
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth St
\$35 per head
for tickets email: cossagart@gmail.com

sculpture pictured:
Water
(front & back)
Cathedral of St Stephen

hosted by COSSAG

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st reading: **Joshua 5: 9-12** *The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the Passover.*

2nd Reading: **2 Corinthians 5:17-21** *God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

Gospel: **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32** *Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Easter Mass Times

Stations of the Cross followed by Second Rite of Reconciliation
6.00pm: Friday 12th April

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
5.30pm: Saturday 13th April and 8.30am & 5.30pm: Sunday 14th April

Holy Thursday - 18th April
7.00pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - 19th April
10.00am: Stations of the Cross
3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - 20th April
6.30pm: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday - 21st April
8.30am: Mass of the Resurrection
NB: Mass is not celebrated on Easter Sunday evening

Parish News & Notices

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN Position Vacant – Sacristan

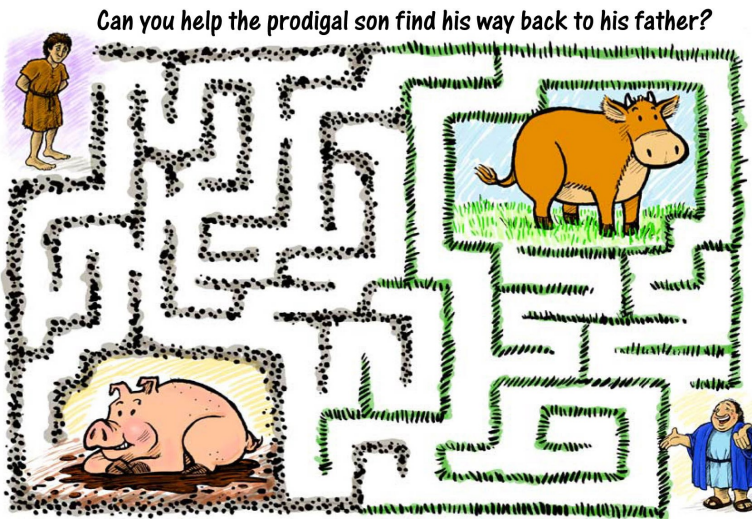
A person with Cathedral or Parish experience in liturgical ministry is required for a full time position of Sacristan at the Cathedral of St Stephen for 37.5 hours a week working Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. **Closing date 18th April 2019**

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and go to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL :

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. Departs on 1st October 2019. See Noticeboard for more information. For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615** or **1300721561** or email us on pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.



St Thomas' Prep Enrolments 2020

A HEART FOR MIND AND SPIRIT
1929 - 2019

Prep Enrolments for students who are commencing in 2020

are open 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.

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 31	First Holy Communion - 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - April 1	Playgroup - 9am
Tue - April 2	
Wed - April 3	
Thur - April 4	STYPS Rehearsal - 8am PPC Meeting - 7pm
Fri - April 5	Last Day of School Term Mahjong - 9.30am Stations of the Cross - 6pm @ Eastern Hills Anglican
Sat - April 6	Reconciliation - 5pm
Sun - April 7	

Liturgy Roster

6 & 7 April	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
Mass Organisers	-	-	Kay Owen Jane McCann
Altar Servers	Gigi Duncan	Max Green Joseph Forster	-
Communion	Paul Duncan Ray Jessop	Lyn Kasatchenko Ann Kelleher Andrea Keogh	Steve Kelly Kathryn Flint
Readers	Louise Power Brian Kilmartin Caitie Duncan	Irene Poh Melissa Zulpo Lara Zulpo	Caroline Sarra John Mackie
AV Operators	Finbarr Power	David Colch	-

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 31	4th Sunday of Lent - Reconciling As a family read Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday April 1	Project Compassion asks us to pray for First Australian people this week
Tuesday April 2	Check times in your parish & go to Reconciliation to prepare for Easter
Wednesday April 3	Write a note to your teacher thanking them for their help in term 1
Thursday April 4	At bedtime, pray for people affected by drought
Friday April 5	Fast from electronic games
Saturday April 6	Play a game together as a family

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

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Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis centre in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

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.



Acts of Compassion - Day by Day

Lent is a time for allowing God to embrace our hurts. In this week's gospel - the parable of the Prodigal Son - the father was filled with hope that his son would come home, always looking out for his return.

*** How do we live as hope-filled people when our relationships break down?**

The father in this story gives us a wonderful image of God.

- * What is your heart's response to God's words, "all that is mine is yours"?**
- * With whom do you need to be reconciled? Are you willing to simply let go and move forward saying, 'Bring a robe, the best one...and sandals...and a ring?'**

The Father continues to be generous at all times. In a culture which has a tendency towards self-absorption, we sometimes need to make a conscious effort to become more proactively generous. During Lent:

- * Be present to someone with the intention of listening to and affirming them**
- * Help someone with a task that is theirs, not yours**
- * Notice 'good' and affirm it in people**
- * Sacrifice something for someone else—something that matters to you**
- * Spend five minutes more than you intended with someone**
- * Offer to pray for someone or with someone**
- * Take a meal to someone who might need a 'night off'**

In the heart of each person is the possibility to bring the love of God to others in a unique way - whether they notice, appreciate, receive it or not.

Being faithful to the desire to act in a way that allows this to happen is our daily way of honouring God in public.

~Robert J Wicks ~