

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 13

Palm Sunday

28th March 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for praying for my family at this sad and difficult time. I appreciate your joining us at the Memorial Mass on Monday 22nd March. Your presence clearly made my grieving a lot easier. I'm sure my dad looking down from heaven will be so happy. Thank you again for your kind words, which kept coming non-stop. I'm ever grateful.

It is not surprising for an African, and especially sub-Saharan Africa to hear that a person like my father will be buried later on, the 7th of May. And you may ask, why? Death, even though it's dreaded, is seen as the start of a person's deeper relations with the divine, all of creation, and the beginning of interactions between visible and invisible worlds. We believe death compliments life; the completion of the cycle of existence from birth to death.

This positive acceptance of the necessary route for every human existence, in the midst of grief, is why every family must give their beloved ones who have died 'proper' funeral rites. They will first attend the Eucharistic Mass, and family members are seen wearing uniform fabric materials. When this religious part is done and dusted, often two or three hours long, then the rite of committal is performed and the body is lowered to the grave before the commencement of an elaborate ceremony, which includes dining and drinking; dancing and ululation. For us, death does not destroy life or end life or the personality of a person, rather it causes a change in the condition of living.

From this weekend, we celebrate the royal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. His death and crucifixion would from that moment no longer be far-fetched. Today's triumphant procession was crucial and revealing in the person and mission of Jesus both as divine and human. Jesus' humility is portrayed in all its brilliance in the second reading, and those whom he meant to save were eager to cut his life short, vilify and kill him. But Jesus accepts all these in good fate, says the first reading, whereas He came to us as a prince of PEACE, says the Gospel reading. What is our response? Are we going to accept or reject Him? Obviously accepting Him means salvation and rejection means damnation. Eventually, who we are, would not only be revealed in the event of Jesus' death and resurrection, but also would define our destiny; the destiny of those who died in Christ: Salvation. Therefore, let us Listen, Mediate, and Live the Holy Week, for death is not the last word but the bright light of Resurrection.

God Bless, *Fr Christopher*

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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1st reading: *Isaiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

2nd Reading: *Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

Gospel: *Mark 14:1—15:47 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

Parish News & Notices



Goodbye STYPS

It is with great regret and deep sadness that I share the news with all parishioners that STYPS (St Thomas Young Parish Singers) is unable to continue to lead the singing at various celebrations within the parish.

My great mate, Neisha, has found her situation has dramatically changed and she is unable to continue as accompanist for STYPS. We have tried to procure a replacement but were unsuccessful.

Neisha and I wish to thank all you parishioners for your continual support, encouragement and lovely words about STYPS. We are so proud that for over five/six years we were able to have youngsters meaningfully and joyfully involved in and contributing to ministry within the Church and in particular the Music Ministry of St Thomas' Parish.

We know you will miss STYPS as we will miss working with them and leading celebrations.

Wishing you God's richest blessings.

Bronwyn (Bell)

(Used to be) Leader of STYPS

THANK YOU!

Did you notice the silverware is sparkling again?
A big thank you to Moyra Walls, Trish McGrath, Iubu Kelly,
Terri Foenander and Lyn Kasatchenko.



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For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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

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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 website: www.passionplay.org.au

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.



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,

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

***This week:
Engaging the Kids in Lent...***

Monday:

Talk to somebody you don't normally talk to

Tuesday:

Pray for people who are lonely

Wednesday:

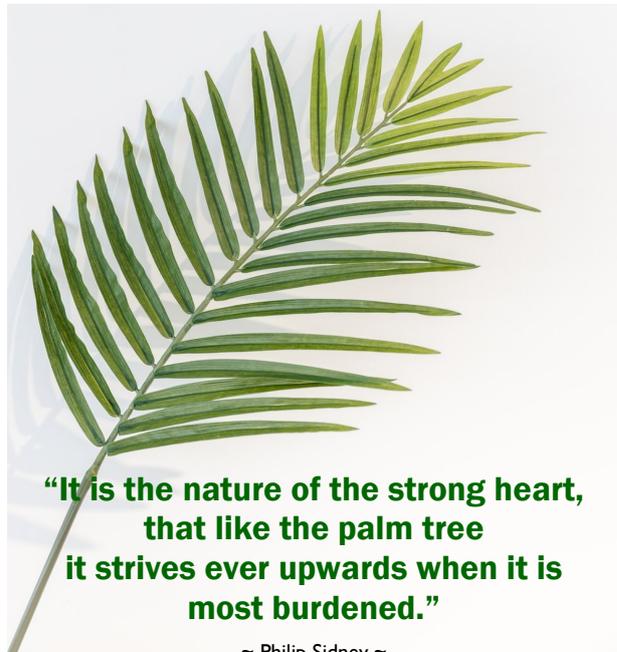
Sit under a tree and thank God for creation

Thursday:

Wash the hands or feet of someone
in your family

Friday:

Do the stations of the Cross.



**“It is the nature of the strong heart,
that like the palm tree
it strives ever upwards when it is
most burdened.”**

~ Philip Sidney ~

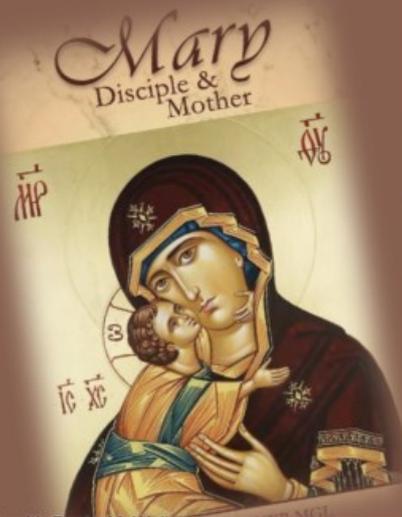
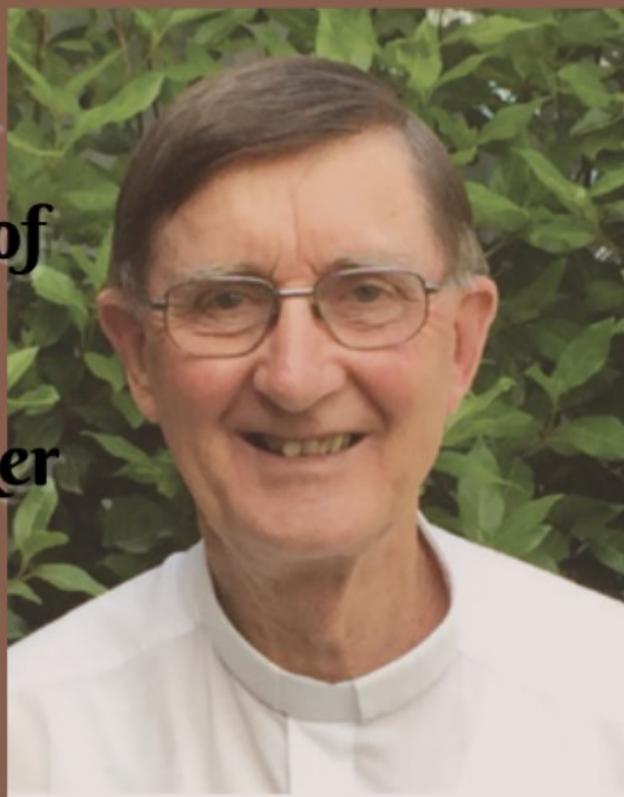
Retreat, Mass, Healing Prayers, Book Launch

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: fdsilva47@gmail.com or mobile contact below.

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BYO Lunch. Tea, coffee & soft drink provided.

Act with Justice – Baby Give Back

St Thomas' school theme for 2021 is to 'Act with Justice'. St Thomas' P&F have been exploring ways to engage the children with this theme and provide support to those in need at the same time. Donating time or items easily resonates with kids – they can see it and do it which helps develop a love of giving.

The first campaign will be to a collection to help a local charity - *Baby Give Back* which helps babies to get a safe start in life by providing pre loved essential baby items to those who may not have easy access to them. The brochure below has more details but if you could take a look through your pre-loved baby items and identify anything that you could contribute to this cause it would be very much appreciated! Details are being finalised for a drop off date early in Term 2 so please keep an eye out for more information.

This will be a complimentary program to the School's support of other charities – not in place of it.

Thank you for your support!



Because every baby deserves an equal start

Baby GIVE BACK

We are proud to be supporting Baby Give Back because we believe that every baby deserves a safe start to life. We will be collecting the items listed below – which are all things they are most desperate for and items that we, as a community, can easily contribute.



We are collecting:

- nappies & wipes
- kids/adult toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, body wash, baby wash, etc
- Excellent condition kids clothes up to size 12
- toothpaste & toothbrushes for babies/kids/adults
- nappy cream
- car seats less than 8 years old
- good condition kids shoes