

# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 14

Fifth Sunday of Lent

07 April 2019

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## **Office hours**

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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 27th June 2019

## **PARISH TEAM:**

### **Parish Priest**

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Last weekend Jesus told us a parable of the return of the prodigal son. The story is a popular one and often used as a call to reconcile with God. Though such an explanation may not be wrong, the main protagonist in the parable wasn't the younger son "coming to his senses," but the elder son, representing the scribes and Pharisees, who were irritated and saw God as a master whose orders must be obeyed before rewards were received. At this point, one cannot but ask: what was the older son thinking? Should his younger brother be banished for life or regarded as no good? What happened to the younger son in his search for happiness? In his adventure for pleasure, his self-imposed quest for emptiness, which the parable depicted as "dying of hunger"? And what impact has his sudden 'coming to his senses' had on him and his impression of his father?

In his famous painting of the 'return of the prodigal son,' Rembrandt, portrays the Father's hands with a firm masculine hand placed on the boy's right shoulder, and feminine soft & slender hand drawing the boy close to his heart. Rembrandt seems to suggest that God has both a paternal part that wants to protect us from falling away and a motherly heart that speaks of love - a sign of God's unconditional love for messy humanity. He stands ready to forgive with an embrace, ready to cover our faces with his divine kiss of love.

Luckily God doesn't judge or clutch us like a "trophy and a prey" as shown by the "defenders of public morality" in the Gospel this weekend. Unlike these Scribes and Pharisees, God doesn't stand tall behind us, as they were behind the woman said to be caught committing adultery [without a man!], holding stones of judgment and partiality, and wanting to be the first to hurl them down on her. Jesus instead took sides with the outcast. He doesn't condone sin but, like the Father in the prodigal son story, decides with love not to condemn but acquit. To the woman he said: "neither do I condemn you, Go and sin no more."

God forgives but still wants us to show remorse, repentance and move on. This is the reason during Lent we will have the 2nd rite of reconciliation on 12th April immediately after Stations of the Cross. It is a brief community celebration of true penitence with two readings, five-minute reflection centered on the examination of conscience, and then individuals come to receive words of absolution only. We shall conclude the penitential rite with a communal prayer of thanksgiving to God for his mercy in our lives and the world. Thereby as a community experience the fruits of compassion and love.

God Bless, *Fr Christopher*

## **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*





## 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:** William Bradbury, Alice Rowely, Ronald Kitchen, Annie Ducey, Cameron McDonald, Dorothy Schlecht, Eileen Dlask, Mervyn Harbeck, Elizabeth O'Connor, Jan Rowley, Miriam O'Reilly, Brian Kirby, Bernard O'Reilly, Mary Graham, Santo Cavallaro, William Lyons, Jhn Moran, Ivan Harris, Mary Dwyer, Peter Traynor, Bill Gordon, Glen Crouch, Ann Jrgensen, Brian Trimble, Ned Rosengren, Campion Healy, Irene McMahon, Daphne Frawley, Neil Murphy, Barry Morrison & Margaret Carroll



## CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will be held in preparation for the Easter celebrations on **Tuesday 9th** and **Tuesday 16th April** at 7pm in the Church.

### Please note:

A Second Rite of Reconciliation with individual Absolution, will be celebrated on **Friday 12th April**, directly following the 6pm Stations of the Cross here at St Thomas'. Individual confession will be offered on **Tuesday 16th April** from 6pm.



## PARISH PICS



The Parish enjoyed a wonderful celebration with 62 children receiving their First Holy Communion last weekend.



## Baptisms

We welcome...

**Cian Oran Harvey**, son of Niall & Anita 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*

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

**1st reading:** Isaiah 43: 16-21 *I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

**2nd Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14 *Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

**Gospel:** John 8:1-11 *Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

## St Thomas' School Memorabilia



We are excited to be celebrating our 90th birthday this year at St Thomas Parish School.

To assist us in celebrating and honouring our past we are having a display of items from St Thomas over the years.

We are asking you to please search your houses for any St Thomas, Camp Hill memorabilia. You may have an "old" school uniform or a photo of a special event or even a recipe book of St Thomas.

If you do find a "gem" please bring it to the parish office. All items are able to be returned after the event if you would like.

*St Thomas' School 90th Celebration Committee*



## LENT: Acts of Compassion - Day by Day

Lent is a time for engaging with the God of compassion and letting go of judgement of others

A woman encounters Jesus and because of this encounter with the face of compassion she is transformed.

**What would an encounter with Jesus be like for you?**

Jesus bent down and wrote in the sand... he took a moment before responding. When you are tempted to bite back at people take a moment before you respond.

**Stop, breathe, think, respond.**

- \* **Am I quick to condemn others?**
- \* **Am I quick to condemn myself?**
- \* **How can I offer compassion and mercy to others this week? Can I be the face of Christ to another?**
- \* **How can I offer compassion and mercy to myself? Can I gaze upon myself with the same love that God does?**

Go into the week consciously seeking out what you can learn from others.

- \* **What are the gifts the people I come across offer me, through their words, their actions, their way of being?**

*"One must come to know who one is before God, one's strengths and weaknesses, gifts and failings, in order that one may be transformed into a vessel of compassionate love and come to see the world with new and deeper vision."*

*~Ilia Delio, Franciscan Prayer ~*



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).




**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](mailto:cossagart@gmail.com)



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

hosted by 



**2019 GREGORY TERRACE**  
**Past Mothers' Mass & Morning Tea**  
**SUNDAY 19 MAY 2019 - 10AM MASS**  
CHAPEL OF THE HOLY FAMILY,  
ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, GREGORY TERRACE  
*Followed by  
Morning Tea in the Founders' Room*  
COST - \$26 + BOOKING FEES  
RSVP VIA COLLEGE EVENTS  
BY TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019  
Contact: Samantha Mills - [samtonymills@gmail.com](mailto:samtonymills@gmail.com) 0409 290 906

### 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 world-wide 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 - April 7	First Holy Communion - 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - April 8	
Tue - April 9	Choir Practice - 7pm
Wed - April 10	
Thur - April 11	STYPS Rehearsal - 8am Liturgy Meeting - 6.30pm
Fri - April 12	Stations of the Cross - 6pm @ St Thomas' followed by Second Rite of Reconciliation
Sat - April 13	Palm Sunday
Sun - April 14	Palm Sunday Baptisms - 10am

### Liturgy Roster

13&14 April	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
<b>Mass Organisers</b>	-	Amanda Sheridan	Tim Stephens
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Audrey Harland Emily Ames Scarlett Presley	Fionn Rossi Hugo Rossi	-
<b>Communion</b>	Brian Percy	Amanda Sheridan Neal Dallas Ethan Lam	Hannah Elder Tim Stephens Anthony Oostenbroek
<b>Readers</b>	Lisa Moroney Caitie Duncan Stella Harland	Mary Louise Nicola Roborgh Violet Barras	Margaret Stephens A Oostenbroek Honora Oostenbroek
<b>AV Operators</b>	Lisa Moroney	Henry Barras	-



Salma was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick and in distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.**

**Lives change when we all give 100%.**

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

## 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:*

<b>Sunday April 7</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent - Encountering</b> As a family read John 8:1-11
<b>Monday April 8</b>	At bedtime, thank God for all the graces you received today
<b>Tuesday April 9</b>	Project Compassion asks us to pray for people in Bangladesh this week
<b>Wednesday April 10</b>	Before you respond to people: stop, breathe & think
<b>Thursday April 11</b>	At bedtime, thank God for the gift of each person in your family
<b>Friday April 12</b>	Fast from sweet treats
<b>Saturday April 13</b>	Put on some dance music and dance with your family

**ST THOMAS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Save the date...*

**90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

**Friday 6th September**  
P & F Garden Soiree

**Sunday 8th September**  
Parish Mass followed by  
Morning Tea & Memorabilia Display

A HEART FOR MIND AND SPIRIT

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