



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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**All Masses & Reconciliation are
suspended until further notice**

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From Fr Christopher'...

Dear Friends, I can't believe that three weekends in a row we have not been able to gather together for our usual weekend mass. I sometimes think I'm very much affected by this lockdown and I miss our Sunday morning tea after mass and the chats in front of the parish tuckshop. Exciting times for sure! In your spare time this beautiful song from Bill & Gloria Gaither, God on the Mountain, will undoubtedly make your day as it made mine—"the God of the good times, is still the God in the bad times!"

This weekend is Palm Sunday. The question is, can we ever find that fulfilment which will lead to real contentment at this time? Yes. But how? One crucial point only found in Mathew's gospel narrative surrounding the death of Jesus are the extraordinary things that happened then: the earth quakes, then the splitting rocks, and finally, the rising of many dead bodies of holy people to life [Matt.27:51-56].

One thing is sure, Matthew was not writing literally. He makes two massive statements as if aware of what we are going through at the moment. When we are faced with fear, anxiety, and panic, Jesus is there to shake things up for our good. Secondly, Jesus' death and resurrection is the beginning of egoless service and the realisation of a new world which is near us whenever as pilgrim people we dare to give up our lives in love. This good news is the trajectory proposed to each person this Palm Sunday and always. We're all in this together. Keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts, my friends! Be rest assured I say masses on your behalf.

God Bless!

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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: Matthew 26: 14- 27:66 *The Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.*



This year will be a Holy Week like no other. The Holy Week and Triduum are central to the liturgical life of the Church and are to be celebrated this year under the present restrictions, without a congregation. To help our parish family feel connected at this time, the Archdiocese of Brisbane are providing a series of leaflets for use in homes during the celebration of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Below you will find the time that Fr Christopher will celebrate Mass and you are invited to use the leaflets to pray at the same time.

Palm Sunday Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 5th April at 9.00am

This week you will find the leaflet for Palm Sunday attached as a PDF document. If you are unable to print at home, please let the Parish Office know and we can deliver a printed copy to your letterbox. We are asking each of you to look out for others at this time. If you know of anyone in your street or neighbourhood who may wish to participate, please ask them to contact the office.

Please also keep an eye on our website—www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au—as we are continually looking at new ways to bring the Church to you. We will post these leaflets and are also looking to provide some video reflections from Fr Christopher for key celebrations.

Despite the restrictions and difficulties at this time, we hope you may be able to join with the sacred rites being celebrated in our parish church.

Parish News & Notices

We remember in our prayers

The sick: Betty Bendel, Jim Paterson, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Matilda Elisabeth Swain, Joan Burlew, Betty Smith, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Jim Clifford, Tom Grant and Lauren Balcombe, Fr Ted Houlihan, Lola Radford & Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Cletus Obi

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Bradbury, Alice Rowely, Ronald Kitchen, Annie Ducey, Cameron McDonald, Dorothy Schlecht, Eileen Dlack, Mervyn Harbeck, Elizabeth O'Connor, Joan Rowley, Miriam O'Reilly, Brian Kirby, Bernard O'Reilly, Mary Graham, Santo Cavallaro, William Lyons, John Moran, Ivan Harris, Mary Dwyer, Peter Traynor, Bill Gordon, Glen Crouch, Ann Jorgensen, Brian Trimble, Ned Rosengren, Campion Healy, Irene McMahon, Daphne Frawley, Neil Murphy, Barry Morrison & Margaret Carroll

We're here to help!

As you can see - thanks to donations from our St Thomas' Friends & generous school community, we have a store of non-perishable items and meals for vulnerable parishioners to access.

If you need support with groceries, errands or social contact at this difficult time, or know of any vulnerable members of our parish who might need assistance, please contact the Parish Office on:

3398 1154 or
stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au.



Uniting Through Prayer

Each of you are invited to visit our new Prayer Wall on our website and leave your own personal prayer as we come together as a community in the face of this crisis.

Please go to:

<https://padlet.com/stthomas/prayerwall>

Once you have written your prayer it will be approved through the Parish Office before appearing on the wall.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Caritas
AUSTRALIA

The people we support need us to stand by them now more than ever. In the midst of a global pandemic, those living in poverty are extremely vulnerable. It is vital that we continue to assist those most at risk.

We are asking for your continued support of PROJECT COMPASSION 2020.

If you are in a position to do so, please donate online at:
<https://lent.caritas.org.au/>
or call 1800 024 413.

CELEBRATE FAITH FROM HOME

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times. Here are some ways you can continue to celebrate your faith and connect with the Catholic community.

Watch Mass Live

Watch Mass each day on Channel 10 or watch Mass live from St Stephen's Cathedral at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Read the Sunday readings and commentaries at home via Liturgy Brisbane website:

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/sunday-readings-at-home.html/>

Read the Catholic Leader - the online edition of The Catholic Leader newspaper will be FREE during this time. Keep faith with the Leader at www.catholicleader.com.au.

Receive inspiration in your inbox - Sign up to receive emails including 2-minute homilies, daily readings and updates from the Archdiocese by visiting archbne.org/dwlk

Support your Parish - if you would like to continue your weekly offering which you might normally put on the plate at Mass, you are welcome to make your donation by direct debit. Please contact the Parish Office to find out how.

Reach out to your Parish - Contact us if you, or someone you know, needs support in this difficult time.

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR LENT 2020

Sun 5th April	Palm Sunday Be Opened to Death As a family read
Mon 6th April	Project Compassion asks us to pray for people of Papua New Guinea this week
Tues 7th April	Be thoughtful and prayerful this week. It is Holy Week
Wed 8th April	At bedtime, pray for people affected by bushfires.
Thur 9th April	Thursday of the Lord's Supper "I have given you an example" John 13:15
Fri 10th April	Friday of the Passion of the Lord And bowing his head he gave up the Spirit. John 19:30
Sat 11th April	Holy Saturday Be silent for 5 minutes and pray for the poor, homeless, the displaced
Sun 12th April	Sunday of the Resurrection Be Opened to New Life... he has risen...Luke 24:5 Alleluia! Alleluia!