



# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Easter Sunday

12 April 2020

*HAPPY EASTER  
from St Thomas' Parish  
He Is Risen!*



Dear Parishioners, this year has been an interesting one. No doubt the way we perceive reality will change going forward. Now, perhaps we can understand better the only constant in our lives-- the Risen Lord Jesus. He took our sins on himself, paid the penalty and restored hope to us. Today as we celebrate the victory of the Risen Lord Jesus without which our reflections and faith are in vain [ 1 Cor. 15:14], the tremendous meaning given to live is this: when tempted to give up, what revives us is the Easter message of life emerging from the grave. All we now see is victory and triumph. *Lord Jesus, we praise your name both now and forever* [ Psalm 113:2]. Happy Easter to us!

*Fr Christopher*

Easter is a season of hope. More than at any other time in our recent history our world is in need of this Easter message of hope. Pope Francis calls "To the pandemic of the virus we want to respond with the universality of *prayer*, of *compassion*, of *tenderness*. Let us unite. Let us make our closeness felt to the people who are most alone and most deprived". In the darkness of this crisis, the light of Christ will shine. As a community of strength and love let us be comforted by prayer. Here at St Thomas', we are most certainly a community of HOPE. Hope is not just a possible outcome that we desire, but a genuine commitment to **H**old **O**n because **P**ain **E**nds, as we see so clearly in the Easter story. *On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council* I wish you peace and serenity for your families. Whilst we cannot celebrate the Eucharist physically together we hope that this time of reflection be one which finds you spending precious time with your families or in peaceful seclusion.

Caroline Sarra, Chair—Parish Pastoral Council

*On behalf of our parish liturgy team, I wish you peace and every happiness this Easter. In this most Holy Week of our liturgical calendar, even with the upheaval and uncertainty that our world faces at this time, that God loves each of us and gives us many blessings each day. We just have to notice them. I hope that you have the opportunity to relax and spend time with loved ones, whether in person or online, and share with you a sentence that has stuck with me in recent days: "Hope is the promise that all will be well."*

*Amanda Sheridan - St Thomas' Parish Liturgy Team*

**Christ is risen, alleluia!** The resurrection of Jesus brought a change and the glory of new life to his disciples. Before the resurrection, they were scared and hiding behind locked doors but afterwards, their faith was renewed and strengthened.

*In the midst of the challenging situation surrounding the coronavirus and the uncertainty we are facing, let us hold on to the hope that no matter what lies ahead or how bad things may seem, we have a God who conquered everything even death and who is always there to help us. Amid the gloom and uncertainties, there is always a reason to be hopeful that everything will be alright. May the blessings of the risen Christ remove all our fears, strengthen our faith and fill us with joy. On behalf of our Parish Sacramental team, CLOW leaders and Altar Servers, I wish you, your families and loved ones a Blessed Easter!*

*Sr. Analissa, Children's Ministry Coordinator*

This will be an Easter unlike any other we've experienced. This Easter message of new life reminds us that while we are experiencing a difficult time now, the current health crisis will end and we will resume our lives. This Easter, may you find peace in your family and those close to you. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued financial support of our Parish. Your support, both financial and in many other ways, helps make St Thomas' what it is. On behalf of the Parish Finance Council, I wish you all a Happy Easter.

**Anthony Oostenbroek, Chairman - Parish Finance Council**

## 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 Dask, 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

### Reminder:

As directed by the Archbishop, the Parish Church is closed until further notice.

The Cathedral of St Stephen is open for private prayer as they are able to ensure necessary cleaning. It is also a symbolic way, at the heart of the city, of pointing to the necessity of prayer at a time when prayer is more needed than ever.

**We're here to help!**

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.**

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### PARISH TEAM:

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## Holy Week & Easter

## CELEBRATING FROM HOME...

For the first time in our living memory, we will be unable to gather as a community to celebrate Holy Week. To help us still feel connected at this time, we share here a series of resources for use in homes during this time.

Below are the times Fr Christopher will be celebrating Masses **without a congregation** on these important days and you are invited to use the resources to pray at the same time.

**HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Supper of the Lord at 6.00pm on 9th April**

**GOOD FRIDAY - The Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm on 10th April**

**EASTER SUNDAY - Mass at 8.30am on 12th April**

**Holy Week** leaflets are attached as PDF documents and, along with other family resources, are also found at : <https://www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/>

A **Stations of the Cross** booklet is also attached for you to meditate on at home.

**Watch Mass live** across Holy Week from St Stephen's Cathedral at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/> . The schedule can be found at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast-schedule/>

For those **unable to access the internet**, Channel 7 are broadcasting - from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney - the Good Friday Passion at 3pm on Friday 10th April and Easter Sunday Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 12th April.

**Sunday readings and commentaries** can be found via Liturgy Brisbane website: <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/sunday-readings-at-home.html/>

**Read the Catholic Leader** FREE online at <https://catholicleader.com.au/> .

Despite the restrictions and difficulties at this time, we hope that families and individuals, while unable to participate in the full Eucharistic celebration, may be able to join with the sacred rites being celebrated in our parish church.

### Easter Sunday

**1st reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43** *We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

**2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4** *Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Gospel: John 20: 1-9** *The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

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