



# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 15

Fourth Sunday of Easter

25th April 2021

To describe ANZAC Day, its significance and importance, as someone from Africa, a continent largely known for matters of poverty, wars and diseases, would be a rather inadequate interpretation. However there is, in the famous Ode of Remembrance said on ANZAC DAY something relatable: *"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them!"*

These lines originally taken from Laurence Binyon's poem *"For the Fallen"* are the fruit of a sober reflection at the wake of WW1. They evoke a sense of pride for and gratitude towards those who fell "in the cause of the free." Another stanza suggests that with hindsight there was after all a glimmer of hope despite the drums of war, "there is music in the midst of desolation and glory that shines upon our tears." The entire poem, in my estimation, is not a construct spiced with abstract terms by putting forward ideas devoid of the required energy with which to execute a life of selflessness. Rather it aims to express itself precisely in contrast to the possibility of turning blind eyes to what endures: courage, trust, loyalty, and hope. The soldiers were faced with "odds uncounted" and still were "staunch to the end", therefore their legacy "shall not grow old" even if the living does; nor shall we be weary of their exploits for generations yet unborn, for "at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them". It is these lines which trust us to listen to the stories of victory over defeat, of hope which trumps grief.

Strange it is to relate the ANZAC Day memorial with the readings of this weekend on the fourth Sunday of Easter. In doing so we don't want to confuse our authentic relations which the image of the Good Shepherd sheds light on. However, the Fourth Sunday of Easter which yearly makes connection to the term Good Shepherd is not merely a flimsy reference on a shepherd, just as ANZAC Day is not merely a memorial we refresh every year as national holiday. The ANZAC memorial calls us to an optimistic hope reassuring us of how peace and love should have the last say in our world in spite of all odds. Meanwhile the Good Shepherd Sunday contains in himself an existential relation which requires us to always remember the intimate relationship we share with, and the trust we should have on Jesus Christ.

It all means that we are foremost in the heart of Jesus; he has laid down his life for us; we are so lucky and fortunate to be among his flock. We could see in Jesus, one whose emotional expression of compassion led to action of love. Let us put it this way, unlike the peace and compassion to act which led our ANZAC servicemen and women to volunteer to fight alongside allies for world peace still fragile in our world wounded by sin and greed; the peace and security Jesus gives assures us we can nest, rest and chill in Him as he leads the way to greener pastures. In Jesus Christ, who died and rose from death, we can be sure our anxieties and worries; needless cares and frenetic lives, are replaced with serene space for love and trusting friendship whenever we gather to celebrate the Mass of thanksgiving; the Eucharistic Mass.

God Bless, *Fr Christopher*



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

## Be Part of Our Celebration

This year, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday on **Sunday 23rd May**. Our Liturgy Team, along with our Music Ministry, are commencing planning for this special celebration and would like to invite you, our parish community, to be part of it. We would love to have the contribution of the wider community in planning for Pentecost Sunday.

***Many hands and ideas, make light work!***

There are various ways you could be involved, including:

- \* **Musicians and singers**
- \* **Assisting with planning and new ideas**
- \* **Reading a Prayer of the Faithful in the language of their cultural heritage.**

If you are interested in being part of this celebration in any way, please email the Parish Office for next steps.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

**1st reading: Acts 4: 8-12** *This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

**2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2** *We shall see God as he is.*

**Gospel: John 10:11-18** *The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

## Parish News & Notices

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Mass on **Monday 26th April** and **Monday 3rd May** will be celebrated at 9am instead of the usual 7am as both of these days are Public Holidays.

### **Lest We Forget**

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as we that are left grow old;  
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### **CHECK IN QLD APP**

Our Parish has registered to use the QLD Government **Check In QLD App** for registering at Mass. You will notice new QR Codes to replace the existing codes.

The Check In Qld app is a contactless, secure and convenient way to sign in.

By using the Check In Qld app you'll be:

- able to check in without having to enter your details each time
- protecting your own personal information – data is stored by the Queensland Government and only used for contact tracing if needed
- helping make contact tracing faster, more reliable and complete.

We recommend you download the app and register your details before coming to church. That way you can just scan and tap 'Check in' and you are done. It is very simple. Download the App here:

[Check In Qld app | Queensland Government \(covid19.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.qld.gov.au/covid19/check-in-app)

Manual sign in sheets will still be available for those without smart phone access.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS - VIRTUAL OR LIVE-IN, APRIL or MAY 2021**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious to a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** to enrich and revitalise your Sacrament. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community.

**Virtual weekend via Zoom, 30th April – 2 May 2021**

**Commencing 7pm Friday – concluding 4pm Sunday.**

Contact Julie and Zyg Staszyc - 0437 388 513 E: [sabookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:sabookings@wwme.org.au)

**Live-in weekend Friday 28 May - Sunday 30 May at Ormiston.**

Contact Maria and David Murphy (07) 3342 1456 E: [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au)



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StThomasCatholicParishCampHill/](https://www.facebook.com/StThomasCatholicParishCampHill/)**

#### **Office hours**

8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

#### **PARISH TEAM:**

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### **Sacramental Program Update:**

#### **2021 Confirmation Preparation (for Year 3 children)**

Preparation for Confirmation will commence in May. Key dates are:

**Enrolment Weekend and Parents Information Session** – 15/16 May

**Commitment Weekend** – 22/23 May

**Activity Weekends** – 29/30 May & 5/6 June

**Workshop** – 12 June – Saturday – 4.00pm

**Confirmation Ceremony** – Friday 18 June 2021 at 5pm and 7pm

*Please contact the parish office if you have any queries or would like more information on our Sacramental Program.*



### **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

#### **Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

William Bradbury, Alice Rowley, Ronald Kitchen, Annie Ducey, Cameron McDonald, Dorothy Schlecht, Eileen Dlask, 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, Champion Healy, Irene McMahon, Daphne Frawley, Neil Murphy, Barry Morrison & Margaret Carroll



### LITURGICAL MUSICIANS' TRAINING DAY

The Archdiocesan Commission on the Liturgy is pleased to present a day of practical formation for liturgical musicians, run by people who are experts in the field. Several streams will be on offer including vocal, choral, organ, keyboard, guitar, composition, orchestral, and congregational singing.

Saturday 15 May at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane from 9:00am-3:30pm. Register by scanning the code, or by phoning Liturgy Brisbane on 3324 3321.



## ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE Positions Vacant

### Receptionist/Funeral Assistant

Applications are open for a position at Holy Cross Funerals. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Receptionist/Funeral Assistant for 30 hours per week Monday to Friday.

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

### Pastoral Carer

Applications are open for the above position at the Queensland Children's Hospital located in South Brisbane. The position is part-time, offering 8 hours per week.

For additional information, feel free to contact Judy Norris (Director – Pastoral Ministries) on 07 3324 3198

For a copy of the Position Description, please ask Seamus Baldwin at [baldwins@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:baldwins@bne.catholic.net.au)

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*



## YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE BRISBANE MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY SATURDAY MAY 8

Meet at Speakers' Corner, Parliament House, corner Alice & George Streets, Brisbane, at 2:30pm for COVID check-in & to collect signs for a 3pm rally. After the rally, a March for Life around the Brisbane CBD, concluding at Speakers' Corner. This year we are specifically rallying and marching for:

- \* Protesting the abortion-to-birth laws passed in 2018, and the tragic result of a 58% increase in abortions in Queensland.
- \* Petitioning the Federal Government to allow the Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2021 to go to a vote this year.
- \* Petitioning the state government to urgently increase palliative care funding and against legalising assisted suicide in Queensland.
- \* Protesting the fact that sex-selective abortions are occurring in Queensland.

A gold coin donation, when you check-in, to help cover rally costs is appreciated. As always it will be a family-friendly event, and Queensland Police will have a presence to help ensure our safety at all times. This event is organised by Cherish Life QLD.

## Parish News & Notices

The Archdiocese of Brisbane's Catholic Justice & Peace Commission recently shared an information sheet to help Catholics to provide practical support to the refugees recently released into the community. The sheet highlights the important support provided by the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Assistance (ASRA) Program and how ASRA can be supported. It also includes contact details for some of the many organisations and groups offering practical assistance to the hundreds of people facing this hardship in SE Queensland.

The full information sheet can be read here:

<https://cjpbrisbane.wordpress.com/2021/03/21/urgent-support-for-people-seeking-asylum-needed/>

Information on how to provide financial support is in the flyer below.



### 500 asylum seekers in Queensland desperately need help to cover basic living necessities.

Funds for basic living costs and medicine are at a **critical level** and requests for support are increasing.

These vulnerable people in our community have endured detention, are awaiting outcomes of long visa processes and have limited ways to support themselves and their families.

Your donation helps us continue the essential support of:

- emergency relief
- basic living allowance
- medication allowance

## DONATE NOW

### BANK TRANSFER:

CommuniQy Qld Inc  
Reference: ASRA  
Asylum Seeker  
BSB: 064123  
Account: 10123138

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE:



If you need a tax receipt or would like more information don't hesitate to contact us at:

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