

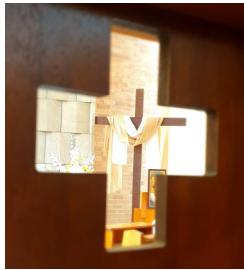
St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Second Sunday of Easter

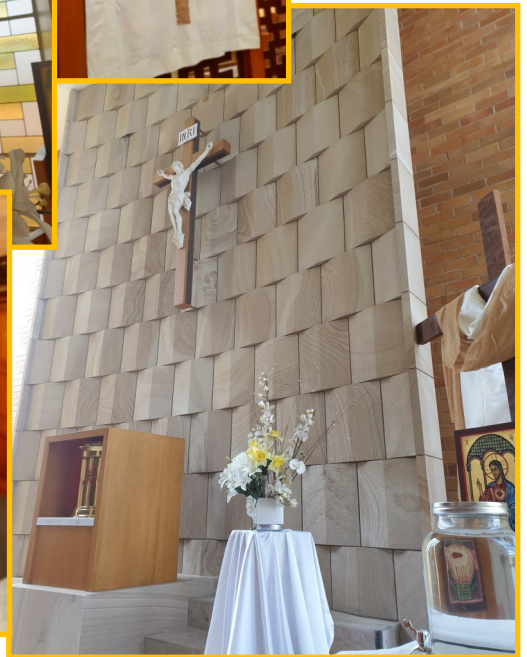
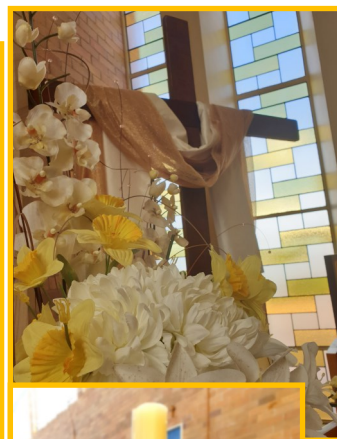
19 April 2020



EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Although this year brought a very different Easter, we hope that each of you enjoyed your own celebration and were able to feel close to Christ, spend some time with loved ones (virtual or otherwise!) and give thanks for what we do have at this time.

Despite there being no congregation, the church was dressed for Fr Christopher to say Easter Mass and looked beautiful (see below)! Huge thanks to Veronica Colch for all her help with dressing the church and more!



GOSPEL REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the identity of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis says we can only join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways. We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.



The Parish Office will be closed from **Thursday 16th April** and will reopen on **Thursday 23rd April**.

If you need a priest during this time please phone 3398 1154 and dial 3 for priest or email obic@bne.catholic.net.au. If you need assistance with food or other items, please email stthomasfriends1@gmail.com as this will be checked regularly.

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, Mark, Trish Buckle

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Bradbury, Alice Rowley, 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.

You will notice the **St Vincent de Paul donation bins have been removed.** They are unable to accept donations at this time. Anything left in the parish car park will be put in the bin.

Thank you.



Planned Giving

If you would like to continue your weekly offering which you might normally put on the plate during Mass, you are welcome to make your contribution by direct debit or credit card. Please visit www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au or contact the Parish Office to find out how.

We understand that this is a difficult time for many and your continued support of our parish is very much appreciated.

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Uniting Through Prayer

When you have a free minute, please visit our Prayer Wall to leave your own prayer for our community to share 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.

If you would prefer, you are welcome to email your prayer to stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3398 1154 and we will enter it.

Opening Plenary Council Assembly Postponed

Plenary Council president, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, said the upheaval caused by the coronavirus pandemic made the decision to postpone the event "difficult but necessary".

Archbishop Costelloe said the Church's focus now is to ensure the pastoral, spiritual and emotional care of people during the pandemic. Proposals for an alternative timeline will be considered when the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council meet in May.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

VISION

 CHRISTIAN RADIO

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

Christian Radio broadcasts 24/7 at 1053AM in Brisbane.

Bible devotionals: *The Word for Today* and *Vision180* magazine are available to read online or you can sign up for a print version.

Prayer request service: *Vision Christian Prayer* is available on 1800 772 936 from 9am— 7pm AEST Mon to Fri, or on the website.

Sunday morning Worship: For those who are looking for a way to spend time 'together' in a virtual way. **Go to: <https://vision.org.au/>**

Second Sunday of Easter

1st reading: Acts 2: 42-47 *Life of the early disciples*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-8 *He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Gospel: John 20: 19-31 *After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way — better
for each other
because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci