

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 35

Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

30 August 2020

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Despite an unusual and challenging preparation this year, the limits we had to place on numbers, and not being able to have STYPS sing with us, we had a wonderful celebration of Confirmation over three nights this week – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Our 48 young people were sealed by the Holy Spirit and were confirmed in their Catholic Faith.

To all our newly confirmed young boys and girls, Congratulations and thank you! You were dressed so beautifully and remarkably well-behaved throughout the celebration. Everyone looked so happy and excited. Congratulations and thanks also to their parents, families and sponsors for their hard work and their commitment to preparing the children.

Confirmation marks the beginning of a journey towards a deeper knowledge of God; the beginning of a life of commitment to Christ and his Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a crucial step in our faith and spiritual life. It will lead us to become better adults in the Church and make us more connected to God.

I would like to especially thank Bishop Brian Finnigan and Fr Christopher for making the ceremonies so meaningful. Due to Covid restrictions we had to have four celebrations across the week which made their job more difficult however they celebrated each one with meaning and joy.

I would also like to thank the members of the Sacramental Team – Caroline Sarra, Kathryn Flint, Alison Clark and Tish Lee, and our year three teachers Alison, Kimberley and Tamzin, for their work in preparing the children and the Liturgy. Thanks to Lisa Moroney for helping with everything especially putting all the songs into the PowerPoint presentation. Also to our Liturgy Team for preparing the environment so beautifully.

Let us give thanks to God for this great occasion in the life of our parish and we continue to pray for these boys and girls so that the special grace and strength of the Holy Spirit which they received during their Confirmation will help and guide them grow in faith.

Sr Analissa

Our Church beautifully decorated
for the Confirmation ceremonies



The children working hard
at the
Confirmation Workshop



Confirmed!
Some of the children with Bishop Finnigan



The floral decoration
was amazing

IMPORTANT NOTICE

From the 5/6 September, you will no longer be required to register online for weekend Mass. When you attend Mass you will be required to sign in at the door, sanitise your hands and practice social distancing. All our usual Covid-19 hygiene and cleanliness protocols will still be in place.

If we have special celebrations where we are expecting larger than usual numbers we will ask you to register.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

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1st reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 *The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2 *May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27 *Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*



The Archdiocese of Brisbane recently received a donation of some automatic hand sanitisers. We were blessed enough to be able to get two of these for our parish free of charge.

One is now up and running and will hopefully make our priority of keeping our parishioners safe easier than ever.

Who would have thought a time would come when we would be this excited about a hand sanitiser!!

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TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

Social Justice Sunday - 30th August 2020

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled

"To Live Life to the Full:

Mental Health in Australia To-day."

The Statement is available electronically on the ACBC Office for Social Justice page, along with podcasts, reflections, and a prayer card.

A spoken word version is available as 3 podcasts.

All resources are available at:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/#content>

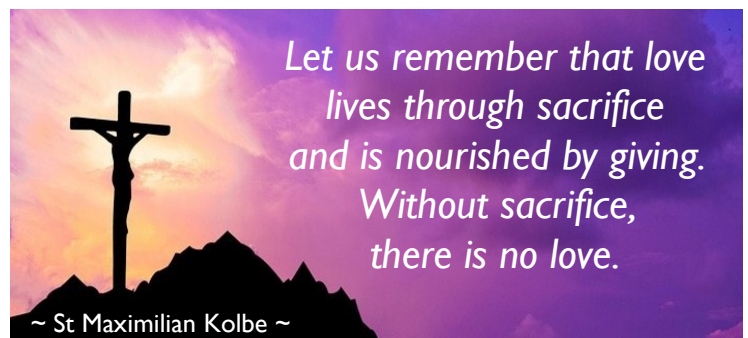
BRISBANE 1620AM

CHANGE YOUR RADIO FROM 1053AM NOW

Vision Christian Radio has moved frequency to 1620AM.

The old frequency (1053AM) will end on 31 August.

For information or to download the app, go to vision.org.au



Living the Gospel...Family Discussion

Talk about times when it is easy to follow Jesus, maybe times when you are with your family and friends doing what you like to do.

Now talk about those times when it is hard to be a follower of Jesus, times when doing the right thing can be difficult e.g., it is lunchtime at school and you are playing a game with your friends. You see someone sitting on their own, watching the game. What do you do? Do you keep playing with your friends and ignore the person on their own? Or do you go over to the person and invite them to join in the game? What if you know your friends will then walk away? Talk together about how this is what Jesus meant when he said to the disciples, and to us, "You must take up your cross and follow me."



We remember in our prayers

The sick: Betty Bendel, Jim Paterson, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Joan Burlew, Betty Smith, 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, Trish Buckle, Marjorie Cusack, Joe Sherlock, Christopher Nwagbaoso.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joan Dennis, Arpad (Jack) Glockner, Mary Ellis, Hilda Burke, Elizabeth Ives, Corliss Newman, Terence Sullivan, Dorothy Traynor, Maureen Morrissey, Eulalie Patterson, John Seppanen, Graham Underwood, John Proudfoot, Eileen Dendle, Athol Wild, Lee Hunt, Amy Campbell, Ted Hanns, Bill O'Brien, Helen Bemrose, Fay Gee, Lurlene Kent, Annie Buckley, John Ashwell, Dermott Casey, Margaret Moffat, Peter Riley, Alice Pacey, Lynette Buesel, Diana Calvisi, Lance Fry, Shirley Tessmann, Daphne Waller & Aidan Hunt.