



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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The Presentation of the Lord

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8:30 am - 1:30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

MASS TIMES:

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
Sunday 5.30pm

Weekday Eucharist

Monday 6.30am
Tuesday 6.30am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
Public Holiday 9.00am

Reconciliation

Friday 6.00pm
Saturday 5.00pm

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 19th March 2020 @
9.30am

PARISH TEAM:

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Principal Mike Armstrong
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***GOSPEL REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate*

The Word of God for young and old

In a time (in the Western world at least) when there seems to be a growing gap between the old and the young, it is good to reflect on this Gospel incident.

Is this the model for overcoming the distance between young and old in our culture? Can the young, like Mary, listen to the wisdom of tradition from an elder? Can the old like Simeon still be open to a moment of serendipity mediated by the young?

The answer is: 'Yes, when young and old come together around Jesus.' As Pope Francis remarks of this encounter: 'Jesus is at the centre.' (Homily 2 Feb 2018)

At whatever age we find ourselves, Mary is only too willing to place Jesus in our arms to fulfil our hopes and our yearnings.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to accept the gift of Jesus placed in our arms and hearts so that we can say with Simeon:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace...'

A young woman, still in her teens, a newly-wed cradling her newborn son in her arms, places that baby in the arms of a very old stranger who embraces her child with all the fervour of a now fulfilled hope.



We welcome back Fr Pan Jordan who will celebrate Masses with us this weekend as Fr Christopher finishes his leave. We give thanks to him for his time and also to Fr Chima for celebrating with our parish over the past few weekends.



The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped Appeal - 1/2 February

The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. Little Kings provides spiritual, social and cultural assistance for people with disabilities and their families and depends entirely on donations – no Government subsidies are received and no fees are charged.

All workers in the Movement are unpaid volunteers and commit themselves to bringing a sense of worth, a sense of being valued and a sense of being loved to everyone.

The Church Appeal is one of the major fundraisers for the year.

St Thomas' has loyally supported this Movement for over 30 years and we again urge you to dig deep for this most worthy cause by supporting the collections this weekend.

The Presentation of the Lord

1st reading: Malachi 3:1-4 *The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 *He had to be made like us in all things.*

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40 *My eyes have seen your saving power.*



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 & Lola Radford

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Marie Roberts, John (Jack) Cannon, Patrick O'Gorman, John McGovern, Theresa Poole, William Simson, Eileen Crowley, Maureen Sheridan, Kevin Eickenloff, Thelma Bradshaw, Dean Bonke, Barbara Woodroffe, Cecilia Buskey, Mona Costa, Joseph 'Gerard' Cremin, Anne-Maree Denaro, Grace Dalziel, Terry Cooney, Anastasia Forster, Rosemary McDonald, Peggy Cannon, John Roborgh



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

THANK YOU!

On behalf of St Vincent de Paul Qld, our St Vincent de Paul Parish" group" (officially called conference) extends its sincere gratitude to St Thomas's Camp Hill parishioners for your generous cash contribution of \$1663 towards the Australian Bishop's special collection for Bushfire Relief which was held in parishes across Australia last weekend.

If you missed this opportunity at that time then you are most welcome to donate online <http://www.vinnies.org.au> or by calling 13 18 12 9 to 4pm M-F as soon as possible.

A media release on 28 January describes a new collaborative approach by the Catholic Church in response to disasters can be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires.

Special thanks to our parish secretary Lisa for her assistance.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES

Preparation will commence in the coming weeks for the sacraments of First Communion & Reconciliation for those children in Grade 4 or above who have already been confirmed.



Preparation Dates are as follows:

- 8/9 Feb - Parent Information Session (after all Masses)
- 15/16 Feb - Enrolment Weekend
- 22/23 Feb - Commitment Weekend
- 21 March - Workshop (First Communion & Reconciliation)
- 28 March - Celebration of First Reconciliation

The celebration dates for First Holy Communion will be advised during preparation.



Have you ever wanted to experience the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus up close?

The Iona Passion Play is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a

Roman army!

The Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents involved. Performed locally and around Australia for over 60 years this year we will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4th and 10th of April. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 2nd February.

We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome – no experience necessary). **Auditions will be held on Sunday 2nd and 9th February from 12pm-12:30pm** in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West).

Please visit our website
www.passionplay.org.au
or contact us at
info@ipp.org.au
for further information



World Day of Prayer

March 2020
Pray for Zimbabwe

Date: **MARCH 6**



Location of local service: **REGINA CAELI**
81 Waverley Camp Hill
Time of local service:

Everyone is welcome to attend.

worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



St Thérèse of Lisieux and parents to visit Australia February 2020

For the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times,

will visit Australia this year on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, saints Louis and Zélie Martin.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish will be the first place for her to come here in Brisbane in 2020.

The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux will be at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish on February 6th and 7th.

Further information can be found at catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-thérèse-of-lisieux or Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish office on 3397 1587



Villa Maria Open Day

22nd February 2020
10am - 2pm
171 St Pauls Terrace,
Fortitude Valley

RSVP
1300 951 501

Our Lady of Graces Catholic Parish
100 Mayfield Road, Carina

Ageing Wisely Seminar

Parish Library & Hospitality Area
Monday 24 February, 9.30am - 2.00pm

Entry is FREE

Morning Tea & Lunch provided

Hosted by



Guest Speakers

Ann Donaghy, Jeff Kesby, Delfina Serantes and Nicole Morgan
(Centacare Community Services)

Nicole Treacey

Kerrie-Anne Dooley (Home Instead Senior Care)

Phillip Novella (Holy Cross Funerals)



A wonderful opportunity to engage with organisations who offer support and assistance at a time when it is most needed.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Wednesday 19 February

Our Lady of Graces Parish Office

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*If God is the centre
of your life,
no words are necessary.
Your mere presence
will touch hearts.*

~ St Vincent de Paul ~

The Week Ahead

Sun - Feb 2	Little King's Appeal
Mon - Feb 3	Playgroup - 9am
Tue - Feb 4	
Wed - Feb 5	
Thur - Feb 6	
Fri - Feb 7	Mahjong - 9.30am
Sat - Feb 8	First Communion Info Session After each Mass
Sun - Feb 9	First Communion Info Session After each Mass Baptisms - 10am

Liturgy Roster

8 & 9 February	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
Mass Organisers	Moyra Walls	Amanda Sheridan	-
Altar Servers	Emily Ames Audrey Harland Scarlett Presley	Fionn Rossi Hugo Rossi William Robinson	-
Readers	Lisa Moroney Stella Harland	Mary Shearer Nicola Roborgh Violet Barras	A Oostenbroek Honnie Oostenbroek
Communion	Brian Pearcy Diane Ames	Amanda Sheridan Neal Dallas Ethan Lam	Hannah Elder A Oostenbroek
AV Operators	Lisa Moroney	Henry Barras	-

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In this edition:

- Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers joined thousands for March for Life 2020 in Washington DC.
- Aboriginal elder & educator Aunty Joan Hendriks died and is being remembered for her commitment to her culture and as a guiding light for Aboriginal Creation spirituality and Christian faith.
- Queensland Catholics were named to the Australia Day honours list including Orange Sky founders Nic Marchesi & Lucas Patchett.
- Queensland Catholic Kerri Brennan has been helping women in the country sell crafts online to supplement falling farming incomes.
- Charities like St Vincent de Paul Society and the Red Cross give assurances that money raised for bushfire appeals go to those in need.
- As three saintly relics make their way to Queensland, Carmelite Sister Catherine Ann reflects on the role the relics of St Therese of Lisieux played in her vocational journey to religious life.

Welcome

At St Thomas', we pride ourselves on being a warm and inclusive community with many committed and valued members.

One of the biggest benefits of being part of such a community is the opportunity to give back. Volunteering is a great way to connect with the community and find a sense of belonging through helping others, sharing your talent and donating your time. *There are so many ways, big and small, to become involved within our parish.*

If you would like more information on any of our groups or ministries, please visit our website: www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/volunteers.html, or contact the parish office.

If you are ready to sign up, please register at <http://archbne.org/welcome> and we will be in touch.

Thank you for your consideration.



Mary and Joseph had to travel from Nazareth to Jerusalem to take baby Jesus to the temple. Help them find their way.

