

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 7

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 February 2019

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Office hours

8:30 am - 1:30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

MASS TIMES:

Sunday Eucharist

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| Saturday | 5.30pm |
| Sunday | 8.30am |
| Sunday | 5.30pm |

Weekday Eucharist

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

Reconciliation

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| Friday | 6.00pm |
| Saturday | 5.00pm |

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 21st March 2019

PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest

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One notable writer, Tony De Mello, recounts this short story in his 'Song of the Bird.' It is about a boy retelling his experience when he was a child: *When I was a child, I was pious, fervent in prayer, and devoted. One night I was keeping vigil with my father, and the holy Koran on my lap. Everyone else in the room began to slumber and soon all fell asleep. As soon as the boy observed this he said to his father, "None of these sleepers opens his eyes or raises his head to say his prayers. You would think they were dead." His father in reply said, "My beloved son, I would rather you too were asleep like them than slandering."*

The idea behind this short story is that we're bound as humans to a kind of fellowship that draw sisters and brothers together towards better life by witnessing, with our lives, a life of manifold peace and joy, a life flourishing in the awareness that we should exude what binds us together more than what separates us. This is why it is very important that we ignite once more the ecumenical life of our parish. We shall start this journey with the Anglicans by attending the first Stations of the Cross this year in their Church. A common booklet is being prepared for it, their minister will attend one of our Sunday mass before Ash Wednesday to reflect with us and I will visit theirs. We hope also to reach out to other Churches around and if possible organise our own community day of prayer for the world.

Furthermore, the PPC has planned a series of weekends for the parish to save this year from falling into 'slumber' and become 'asleep.' How? By welcoming our baptism families, school parents, teachers, playgroup families, sacramental families and encouraging our volunteers. By running out to embrace them, making them honoured guests. By offering them the best food meant for invited friends and families...and you know my favourite on such days! Most importantly, by not asking them the reasons, excuses, and explanations for not coming to church, only to show them our immense joy that they are with us again. By holding, in one hand, the impact such weekends can have towards affecting positively every one of us as members of the same Church; and on the other hand, by increasing the sensibilities of our young parents in recognising the enormous work St. Thomas' Parish is doing in providing for their children's sacramental journey. When all are done and dusted, and by the end of this year, we shall look back, God willing, with great sense of fulfilment and gratitude to God. Then the realization of the first reading from prophet Jeremiah, is accomplished: "Blessed is the one [the parish] who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord God. In the year of drought, such parish still bears fruit." Enjoy your week.

Fr Christopher

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: **Jeremiah 17: 5-8** *A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20** *If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

Gospel: **Luke 6: 17, 20-26** *Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*



We remember in our prayers

The sick: Betty Bendel, Henry Bendel, Jim Paterson, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Matilda Elisabeth Swain, Aidan Hunt, Joan Burlew, Betty Smith, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Mary O'Leary and James Clifford

Recently deceased: Peg Cannon, Vic McKay

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 Eckenloff, Thelma Bradshaw, Dean Bonke, Barbara Woodroffe, Cecilia Buskey, Mona Costa, Joseph 'Gerard' Cremin, Anne-Maree Denaro, Grace Dalziel, Terry Cooney, Anastasia Forster, Rosemary McDonald



This year we are hoping to welcome more of our school and playgroup families to Mass and build connections within our wider parish community.

Please join us at 8.30am on
Sunday 3rd March
for a Welcome Mass,
followed by Morning Tea

We hope to see you there!



Rest in Peace

Mrs Peg Cannon, a well loved member of our St Thomas' community passed away on Thursday 14th February at the age of 97. The funeral will be held at St Thomas with details to be confirmed early next week.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*



World Day of Prayer AUSTRALIA

The World Day of Prayer is a Christian, Ecumenical Day of Prayer, celebrated annually, in 170 countries around the world, on the first Friday of March. Founded in the nineteenth century the movement identifies with women in need especially in countries where poverty and conflict crush peoples' lives.

Each year a different group prepares the service. This year the women of Slovenia invite us to 'Come to the Table - the feast is ready'. In spite of past political upheaval and social injustice the women of Slovenia invite us to reach out to those around us and to invite them to join us in joy and hope as we gather at the table of the Lord.

This year we are invited to gather in prayer with people from the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting Churches at Our Lady of Mt Carmel parish in Coorparoo on Friday March 1, at 10.00am.

All are welcome



St Thomas Friends Community Group

Formed over three years ago, the aim of our St Thomas' Friends Group is to offer support in the form of meals for people in our community in time of need, due to unexpected emergencies.

You are invited to be part of this group to provide meals that can be frozen and given to people needing our support due to illness or unforeseen circumstances.

One recent thank you note read,

"Thank you so very much for the "care package", during my recent illness (I'm almost back to normal). We are so very grateful and it was all very yummy. Many thanks"

If you would like to help with this group, we do have a monthly roster. Please send through your contact details to stthomasfriends1@gmail.com.

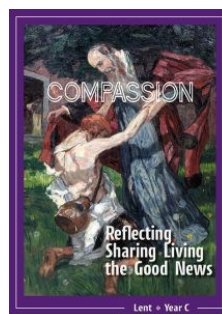
Missionaries of God's Love

Next Sunday - 24th February 2019, 11am to 3.30pm

Experience the dynamic words and spiritual wisdom of Fr Ken Barker, Order founder and author.

Mass at 11am, followed by a book launch by Bishop Brian Finnigan of Fr Ken's most recent book "Go Set The World on Fire". St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill, BYO lunch, drinks provided. All welcome.

For information contact Paul Bertini 0417 104 460



The 2019 Evangelisation Brisbane Lenten Program centres around the theme of **Compassion - Reflecting, Sharing and Living the Good News**.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in participating in the six session program. We are also looking for a convenor.

Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested in participating.



NEW PARISHIONER'S REGISTRATION

If you are new to the area we invite you to complete a Parish Registration Form, found at the main entrance to the church, and place it in the mailbox above the table.



St Vincent de Paul Society *good works*

The St Vincent De Paul **North Queensland Flood Appeal** aims to provide assistance to flood affected people in Townsville and surrounds.

Direct donations can be made at the website <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate> or to the North Queensland Flood Appeal bank account below:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Account name: St Vincent de Paul Society
BSB: 064-000
A/C Number: 13661492

Cheques can be marked North Queensland Flood Appeal and sent to:

State Administration
St Vincent de Paul Society Qld
PO Box 3351,
South Brisbane Qld 4101

Any donation is welcome.



Iona College Enrolment Applications now being accepted for 2021 Year 7 & Year 5

Year 7 in 2021

- Applications close **Friday 22 February**: (Year 5 2019).
- 2021 Year 7 Prospective Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 7.00pm in IPAC.

Year 5 in 2021

- Enrolment applications close Friday 7 June 2019:
(boys in Year 3 in 2019).
- 2021 Year 5 Prospective Parent Information Evening
will be held on Monday 20 May 2019 at 7.00pm in IPAC.

To complete an Enrolment Form, book a College Tour
and find out about Iona's Open Day go to:

<http://enrol.iona.qld.edu.au/>.



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

Plenary Council 2020 - Reminder!

Three Weeks to Go!!!

In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

More than 68,000 people have engaged with the Plenary Council during the Listening and Dialogue stage. There is still three weeks for you to contribute your story, your experience of faith, Church and God in your life to help to shape the Plenary Council agenda.

The Listening and Dialogue stage will close on **Ash Wednesday (March 6th, 2019)**. We would love to hear from you before then.

**To have your say,
go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au**



Raising up the next generation in worship.

Dinner | Festival | Rally

6.30-9.30pm | 22 Feb
Somerville House
17 Graham St, South Brisbane

Connect with teenagers across the
Archdiocese for massive worship
and extraordinary encounters.

More details available at:
www.igniteyouth.com/fridaynightlive
facebook.com/igyouth | 07 3217 5199

Liturgy Roster

The Week Ahead

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| Sun - Feb 17 | Baptism Preparation - 9.30am |
| Mon - Feb 18 | Playgroup - 9am |
| Tue - Feb 19 | |
| Wed - Feb 20 | |
| Thur - Feb 21 | |
| Fri - Feb 22 | Mahjong - 9.30am Reconciliation - 6pm |
| Sat - Feb 23 | Reconciliation - 5pm |
| Sun - Feb 24 | Baptisms - 10am Missionaries of God's Love Retreat Day - |

| 23/24 February | Saturday Vigil | Sunday Morning | Sunday Night |
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| Altar Servers | - | - | Indira Wood |
| Communion | Rum Raddatz | Amanda Sheridan Lyn Kasatchenko Letitia Lee | Chris Harding A Marinucci-Kelly Tim Stephens |
| Readers | Diane Kearney Lisa Moroney | Trish McGrath Terry McGrath | Brian Harding Margaret Stephens |
| AV Operators | Lisa Moroney | - | - |

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

Our parish is implementing the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. A copy of the policy statement is enclosed in this week's newsletter and is also displayed in our Parish Meeting Room, Hall and on the Church noticeboard. Please read the statement and make yourself familiar with it.

We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all. We are currently working with our volunteers to ensure all the requirements are met and will be focusing next on those ministries within the Mass such as Communion Ministers, Readers, Mass Organisers etc.



Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is David Colch. He will be in contact with all volunteers and work with them to complete their requirements under the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. David is very happy to be approached with any questions or concerns you may have. He is generally in the office on Monday mornings between 9am and 12noon or contact the office for his details.

We understand what a big undertaking it is to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our parishioners and appreciate your help and understanding in making it happen.


Find the opposites of the following words,
then use the circled letters to make a
word we use that describes heaven.

__ _  < **HAPPY**

WEAK > __ _ _ _ 

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ASLEEP > __ _ _ 

HEAVY >  __ _ _

LITTLE > __ _ 

 __ _ _ < **OPEN**

Heaven is God's __ _ _ _ _ .

