

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 8

First Sunday in Lent

21st February 2021

LENT...

Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting for 40 days through to Easter Saturday. The 40 days of Lent correspond to the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness to fast, pray, and endure temptation. It is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

The liturgical colour for Lent is purple, a colour associated with mourning which signifies the sombre, penitential character of Lent and anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion. It is also a royal colour, celebrating Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

This year Pope Francis, in his Lenten Message, focuses on Lent as a time of renewing faith, hope and love. He speaks of the challenging times we have seen with the pandemic and how important it is to show love and to have hope in these times.

1. **Faith** calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.
2. **Hope** as "living water" enabling us to continue our journey.
3. **Love**, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

His full message can be read at:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2021/02/12/210212a.html>



Once again our Liturgy Team have prepared our Church beautifully, ready for the Season of Lent.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us each Friday evening during Lent at 6.30pm
(starting Friday 19th February)

as we celebrate the Stations of the Cross in our church.

All are welcome.

Engaging Kids in Lent

Evangelisation Brisbane have released a kid's Lenten Calendar with ideas to help engage the children with prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. Go to:

<https://www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/kids-lenten-calendar.html>. The following video also has more information:

<https://youtu.be/n4gTjFkN-WU>



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Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes/envelopes, visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413.

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1st reading: Genesis 9:8-15 *I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18– 22 *The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15 *He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*



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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
A HEART FOR MIND AND SPIRIT
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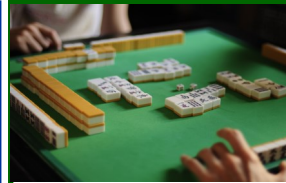
2022 Prep Enrolments

St. Thomas' School are now accepting applications for enrolments from our school families and the wider community for our Preparatory Year for 2022.

A child born from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017 will be eligible for the prep year 2022. Preference for enrolment will be given to siblings of children already attending St Thomas', provided that all enrolment procedures are completed.

Got to: <http://www.stthomascamphill.qld.edu.au/> to enrol.

Prep Enrolments for 2022 close on 19 March 2021.



MAHJONG

Mahjong is played socially in St Thomas' Parish Hall each

Friday after the 9am Mass.

Games go from 9.30 until about 1pm and we welcome anyone wishing to play and/or learn to join us.

For further information call Claire on 3395 3972.

Date claimer - Care & Concern

St Thomas' Care & Concern will host a Healing Mass and Morning Tea on Thursday 18th March. Invitations will be sent out at the end of this month.

If you know anyone who might be interested in coming along, or to be included on our invite list for future events, please contact the Parish Office for details.

Care & Concern support our senior parishioners through regular social functions. All are welcome!



Clairvaux MacKillop College 2021 "Windows" Tour

Tour Dates

Friday 5th March
Friday 7th May
Friday 18th June
Friday 30th July
Friday 8th October

Times

9am - 10:30am

To Register

All registrations are to be booked online via the College website. Please click on the Enrolments tab.

Please note COVID-19 safe practices and procedures will be in place.

Contact us: 3347 9275 or

windowstours@cvxmck.edu.au

www.cvxmck.edu.au

Commitment Compassion Celebration

Pray for Vanuatu

World Day of Prayer Service 2021



Date: 5th March 2021

Time: 10am

Location: St James Church, 165 Old Cleveland Rd, COORPAROO 4151

Contact the Parish Office if you would like to carpool.

A cash collection during the Service will support a Trauma Healing Project in the Pacific Islands.

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Office hours

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

PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest - Fr Christopher Obi
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Please note:

There will be no Benediction following Mass on Friday 5th March to allow parishioners to attend the World Day of Prayer service at 10am at St James' Coorparoo.



We remember in our prayers

The sick: Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Joan Bulew, 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, Annette Bongiorno, Fr Pat Dowd

Recently Deceased: Graeme Mackay, Fr Pat Dowd

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

The Dining Room: Feed your hearts during Lent with prayer.

We invite you to join us each Wednesday evening from 7pm - 8pm
in the Dining Room of the Parish Office
for our Lenten Prayer Group.

Our first meeting will be next Wednesday 24th February.

Your place at our table is saved.

We will

- ♥ Listen
- ♥ Pray
- ♥ Share and
- ♥ Leave with an invitation to challenge ourselves.

Booking is not necessary.

You will need to sign in on arrival and Covid protocols will be followed.



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We are very grateful to each of you who contribute towards our parish and we rely on your planned giving

donations to cover everyday costs including maintenance, staff, office supplies and insurance, as well as to provide professional and pastoral services including sacramental preparation. There are many ways that you can contribute financially, including our Parish Giving app which makes it easier than ever.

To find out more go to:

www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/planned-giving.html.

Thank you.



First Brisbane East Deanery (BED) meeting for 2021:

Sts Peter & Paul, 25 Main Ave Bulimba ; Thursday February 25, 2021 at 7pm.

Bring along your ideas and enthusiasm. All are most welcome.

Please RSVP to Regina Caeli at reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au if you wish to attend.

LENT is about
BECOMING,
DOING and
CHANGING

whatever it is that is blocking
the fullness of life in us
right now.

~ Sr Joan Chittister, OSB ~

BRISBANE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

*Are you seeking some spiritual guidance
and companionship?*

It is on offer for everyone through the Archdiocesan Spiritual Directors Network.

This can be accessed easily via the website: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>

There you will see a list of directors. The choice is yours.

VERSE FOR VINNIES - FEBRUARY 28 GROVELY PARISH

Verse for Vinnies Concerts will recommence **Sunday February 28 at 1.30pm** at the Mary Mackillop Centre at 67 Dawson Parade Grovely **under COVID restrictions.**

Verse for Vinnies is a concert of Australian Poetry performed by Professional Entertainers.

The feature poet will be **Greg North** from the Blue Mountains in N.S.W. To attend you must follow **the following conditions:**

- If you have coughs, colds or COVID symptoms **please do not attend.**
- You must **email us (noel@noelstallard.com)** full details **in the following order:** SURNAME CHRISTIAN NAME ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER EMAIL
- Each patron will be issued with a SEAT NUMBER and **on arrival will be ushered to this seat.** If you want to sit with friends you will need to inform us the names of these friends.
- Please Bring **the Exact Money for Entry (\$15)** & Raffle as change is not available
- You can **BRING-YOUR-OWN** afternoon tea so long as you do not share with others. We will provide tea, coffee and water

Please set aside this Sunday Feb.28 in order to assist the battlers in our community.

With gratitude - Noel and Ann Stallard

THANK YOU! 😊

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Welcome Mass and Morning Tea last Sunday.

Fr Christopher offered a special blessing to our school families and staff, and it was lovely to see the church full and so many new faces celebrating with us.

Special thanks to Fr Christopher, our Liturgy Team and Music Ministry and our readers, for making the celebration so special. Thanks also to everyone who helped with the morning tea - It was quite a spread! We needed extra hands this year to ensure everything was Covid safe and, as usual, many parishioners stepped in to help. We are very blessed.

Sunday also saw the return of Children's Liturgy of the Word for the first time since Covid hit. Thanks to Sr Analissa and her team for making it happen - the smiles on the children's faces said it all.

