

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 8

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th February 2022

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Office hours

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

MASS TIMES:

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
Sunday 5.30pm

Weekday Eucharist

Monday 7.00am
Tuesday 7.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
Public Holiday 9.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday evenings 5.00-5.20pm

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 17th March @ 10.30am

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How do I prepare myself for this Lent?

The annual examination of conscience we call 'Lent' starts this week. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, a forty-day preparation for Holy Week, culminating in Easter Sunday, when Christians gather to bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ. It is a time in keeping with Jesus spending forty days in the desert. Jesus fasted in the desert, and overcame the devil's temptations. As we celebrate Ash Wednesday this week and begin the Lenten season, Jesus is with us on our journey. How do we prepare for Lent? How have you prepared in the past? What are your ideas about what should happen during Lent? We have the traditional Catholic practices of praying, fasting, and almsgiving. So, we pray more than usual, or we pray with different emphases. We eat smaller or fewer meals or give up a favourite food or drink. We give more of our resources or give them specifically to special works of mercy during Lent. Prayer, fasting, and charitable giving continue to be quite good practices during Lent or at any time. But, we might think, how do I prepare myself for this season? What needs to happen within, what do I need to let go of, so that I can practice with more integrity and intention whatever I am doing on the outside?

There are plenty of ideas for actions and practices during Lent; coming up with ideas usually is not the problem. But we don't want to do anything simply to be doing it, even if it's a good thing. We don't want to make a list of merciful works so that we can feel good about ourselves or place a tick beside each one as we accomplish it. It's good to have a plan for doing. It's also good to have a plan for being. How do I want to be during Lent this year? More quiet and thoughtful? More open to God's desires?

Starting from Ash Wednesday, I would like to add an extra Mass to our weekday Masses in our parish on Wednesdays at 9.00 am. Everyone is invited to join me as a Lenten practice. There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday at 9.00 am and 6.30pm. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fast and abstinence. All those aged between 18-59 are obliged to fast; people with medical conditions are exempt. There will also be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6.30 pm during Lent starting from 4th March 2022. This Lent, also may we seek out God's forgiveness in the sacrament of penance.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil

Living the Gospel Focus— You hypocrite

It is often argued that it is hypocrisy to attend Mass on Sundays and be 'holy' in that circumstance but to then be less than perfect during the rest of the week. This is often rolled out as a convenient excuse for not attending Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass does not imply perfection. It is in fact a recognition of imperfection and the need to come together as a community and to seek God's help to have another go at trying to get it a bit more right in the coming week.

St Thomas' acknowledge the Yuggera people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather. We pay our respects to elders - past, present and emerging, who have walked and cared for this land for thousands of years.

We remember in our prayers

The sick: Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Sue Lamb, Megan Bowden, Carmel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, June Colch



Recently Deceased: Kathleen Collins, Shirley Robinson

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, Fr Pat Dowd, Warwick Marden

Ash Wednesday - Did You Know?

- + Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent and falls 40 days before Good Friday
- + Ashes were a common sign of repentance in the Old Testament and also symbolise mourning, in this case grief for our sins
- + Ashes remind us of our mortality. When the priest puts the ash on our forehead he says 'Thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return'.
- + The Ashes are made by burning the blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration

On Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 2nd March 2022
Mass will be celebrated at **9am and 6.30pm**

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St Thomas' each Friday evening of Lent at 6.30pm, from Friday 4th March. All are welcome to join us.

**Project Compassion Sunday
26 & 27 February**

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

As St Pope John Paul II said,
"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



The Week Ahead

Sun - Feb 27th	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm Baptism @10am
Mon - Feb 28th	Mass @ 7am
Tues - March 1st	Mass @ 7am
Wed - March 2nd	Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am and 6.30pm
Thur - March 3rd	Mass @ 9am
Fri - March 4th	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross 6.30pm
Sat - March 5th	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - March 6th	First Sunday in Lent Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

Quote of the Week

*If we judge people,
nobody is ours.
If we understand people,
everyone is ours.*

Baptisms

We welcome...

Bobby Michael Colman
son of Michael & Laura

being baptised in our Church this weekend.

*May Jesus, who loves all children,
bless your precious child with His love and peace
on this special day and always*



Readings

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First Reading: (Sirach 27:4-7)

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 15:54-58)

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine like lights in the world;
as you hold on to the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Luke 6:39-45)

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

For the Children...

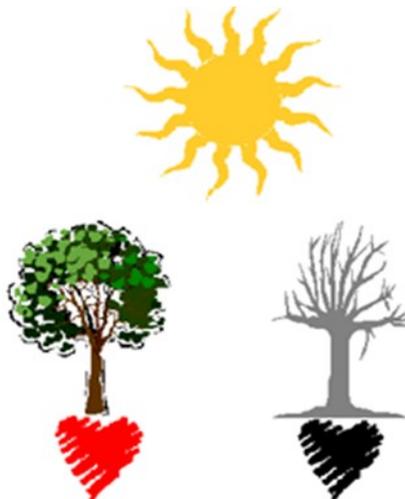
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The fruits of goodness

Just as we can recognise an apple tree by the fruit which grows on it, so too, can people recognise us as Christians by the way we act and the things we do.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, may people see the fruits of your love and goodness of your hearts in the way we treat other people. Amen.



Readings for Next Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Moses tells the Israelites of God's care for them.

Second Reading:

Romans 10:8-13

All who call upon the Lord will be saved.

Gospel:

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus is tempted in the desert.