

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 9

First Sunday of Lent

6th March 2022

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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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TO KEEP A TRUE LENT.....

We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday. Lent is an opportunity for conversion and a time to deepen our faith, demonstrating and sharing it through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Particularly at this season we are called to recognize our own need for God's mercy. What makes each Lent different is our response. It's an opportunity for real conversion of heart, for turning away from the trap of selfishness, turning towards Jesus who gives fullness of life, lasting into eternity, starting here and now. Lent calls us to be honest with ourselves, to stop making excuses for our bad behaviour, to stop pretending that our sins and failings do not really matter or do not cause real damage to others, and to stop imagining that God does not really care about any of this.

When we choose to give in to any temptation, we will always find reasons, arguments and logic to support our actions or desires. But we need wisdom from God to challenge, question and walk away from our temptations. Every year on the First Sunday of Lent we read the gospel story of Jesus being tempted by Satan. The message of the Gospel is not just about saying 'no' to temptation but about challenging the tempter or the tempter.

We become resistant and even immune to temptations as we grow healthier in soul by following the traditional Lenten practices. We can do it by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him, and listening to Him. And again by repenting of our sins and uniting ourselves with God both by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and by forgiving those who have hurt us while asking forgiveness of those whom we have hurt. Let us make this Lent a time to rediscover the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't wait till Holy Week, but find a time early in Lent to reflect on where you need forgiveness and healing and bring it to Confession. The priest is there to welcome you and help you. The prayer of Absolution is beautiful for the truly penitent to hear. In this Season of Lent, I will be available for individual confession after Mass on weekdays.

Wishing you Peace, Love, and Happiness during Lent and let's pray for one another as we journey to Easter.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

Living the Gospel — Learning moments

Write, draw or symbolise a significant goal that you wish to achieve and identify the 'temptations' that have the potential to distract from achieving the goal. Identify strategies that could be used to avoid these 'temptations' and help achieve the ultimate goal. What is one strategy that could be put in place during this season of Lent?

Discuss ways in which Lent is a time of preparation (For what are we preparing? How are prayer, fasting and almsgiving forms of preparation?)

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: Beatrice Fox, Timothy Marrinan, Antonio Lunatici, Theresa King, Antonio D'Alessandro, Daryll King, Eileen Heggie, Margaret Perry, Ross Evans, Raymond Mullen, Neil Harkiss, Mary Wheatley, George Coombes, Mark Pantarotto, James Croning, Gwendolyn Taylor, William O'Sullivan, John Graham, Jim Corbett, Vickie Robbins, Morgan Innes, Beverley McKewin, Margaret Hess, Ronald Ashton, Patricia O'Connor, Maureen Harding, William Bradbury, Ron Kelly, Ian Douglas, Herb Collie, Lorraine Morrison, Bob Bongiorno and Joan Burlew

St Vincent de Paul Queensland Flood Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Qld Flood Appeal will help those Queenslanders impacted by the floods to recover and re-build their lives. St Vincent de Paul is working collaboratively with the state government and other emergency relief providers to ensure funds are appropriately distributed.

To donate go to <https://qld.vinnes.org.au> and click on Qld Flood Appeal 2022.

Thank you!

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated
each Friday evening during Lent at 6.30pm

Following the Stations of the Cross you are invited
to join the St Thomas' 'Prayer & Share' Group
for prayer and reflection.



Please note:

During Lent, Fr Dantus will be celebrating Mass each Wednesday morning at 9am, in addition to our usual weekday Masses.

During Lent, Fr Dantus will also be available for individual confession after Mass on weekdays.



Project Compassion Sunday 5 & 6 March

Anatercia 12, struggled to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

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 calling 1800 024 413.



The Week Ahead

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| Sun - March 6th | First Sunday of Lent Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm |
| Mon - March 7th | Mass @ 7am |
| Tues - March 8th | Mass @ 7am |
| Wed - March 9th | Mass @ 9am |
| Thur - March 10th | Mass @ 9am |
| Fri - March 11th | Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross 6.30pm Followed by Lenten 'Prayer & Share' Group |
| Sat - March 12th | Mass @ 5.30pm |
| Sun - March 13th | Second Sunday of Lent Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm Baptisms @ 10am |

Quote of the Week

*Life is a Bank Account
in God's hands.
Nobody knows the
balance of the
remaining days.
Keep depositing with
prayer, fasting and
almsgiving.*



Engaging the Kids...

Evangelisation Brisbane's Lenten Calendar has lots of ideas to help children engage in prayer, fasting and alms-giving.

Monday:

Find out more about the story of Anatercia in Mozambique through Project Compassion



Tuesday:

Share a smile with as many people as possible 

Wednesday:

Pray for the sick people 

Thursday:

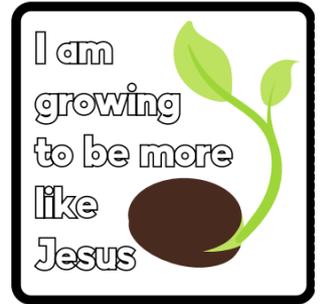
Create a prayer space with a picture of your family and pray for them

Friday: Fast from sweets and lollies 

Saturday: Read 1 John 4:7

Grow a seed for Lent

To help kids think about how God helps them to grow throughout Lent, invite them to plant a seed in a small pot or cup and tend it over the coming weeks. You might even dust a little ash into the soil as a reminder of the ashes we wear on Ash Wednesday.

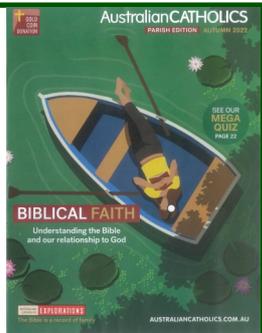


Please click here for detailed instructions:

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/assets/uploads/grow-a-seed-for-lent.pdf>

Australian Catholics

The Autumn 2022 issue of Australian Catholics is now available in the church.



This issue focuses on Biblical Faith - understanding the Bible and our relationship to God.

As always, it contains thoughtful articles and interesting insights - worth a read!

Please feel free to take a copy home.

You can also access the magazine online at : australiancatholics.com.au/acmagazine

2023 PREP ENROLMENTS



St Thomas' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
A HEART FOR MIND AND SPIRIT

WALKING THE ST THOMAS' WAY
A heart for mind and spirit

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2022



'Lenten Reflections' (via Zoom), Thursday evenings, 7.30pm-8.30pm from 3/3/22 to 7/4/22.

Join us each on a Thursday evening during Lent for some reflective time. Each week there will be guided meditation, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for group sharing. **Come to one or all.** Cost: Donation. Book via www.heartoflife.melbourne, or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, or phone (03) 9890 1101.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for the above position at the Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish. The position is a part-time 18 hours a week over 3 days per week (Wed, Thurs & Fri) 8am to 2.30pm.

The Parish Secretary will manage the parish administration along with the parish finances.

For additional information, please visit <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/and-to-careers>

Applications close: 20 March 2022

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

Readings

First Sunday of Lent – Year C

First Reading: (Deuteronomy 26: 4-10)

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: (Romans 10:8-13)

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: (Luke 4:1-13)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

For the Children...

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

Temptation in the desert

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert. We are called to turn away from our selfishness and to grow closer to God's love.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus,
You never give up, even when you found it most difficult. During the six weeks of Lent, help us to be strong and to keep our promises as a sign of our love for you. Amen.



Readings for Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

The Lord establishes a covenant with Abraham.

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Our citizenship is in heaven.

Gospel:

Luke 9: 28-36

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.