

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 9

First Sunday of Lent

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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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I start this Lent, *"thinking it over and over"* [Lamentations 3:20], the story of the Fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve; how it is about what keeps happening to us every day and whenever we are guided by our whims. In wanting to become the lord of good and evil, Adam ruined us and brought death. On the contrary, the good news of Jesus declaring his dependence on God and being faithful delivered us life.

It has become evident against the backdrop of recent happenings that the ugly incident of domestic and family violence, with its attendant woes, is a site of evil and controversy. It is evil because it evokes images of debasement, sheer brutality, and leaves us wondering how much of our excesses need controlling. It is a controversy because it motivates some to speak up, and others to protest. Some tar with the same brush both genders as perpetrators and victims, and, in some quarters, it's a matter of mental health. What should be said here, is that every act of domestic or family violence must be called by what it is: inhumane and unacceptable; it is unjust and uncivil, and so does deserve some culpability.

In the African worldview, the centrality of life entails doing whatever one can to nurture, transfer, promote and save a life. Yet, at the same time, being an African can be frustratingly exciting for our women. Exciting on the one hand because they are gradually learning how to appreciate themselves, believe in themselves and value themselves as well as resisting the *"powers and principalities"* [Ephesians 6:12] of patriarchal structure; and frustrating on the other because they can't easily break free from those depictions of them as malleable, weak, passive, and of their contributions trivial. As a result, these women carry the stigma of domestic and family violence for years because they are ashamed of themselves and many may likely go to the grave telling no one. Recently, in Nigeria, a trend has been noticed where few of these victims have resorted to taking the law into their hands leading to violent and secret attacks on their perpetrators, which I think makes justice and empowerment sister victims of bondage. This emphasis has made it essential that we must denounce those acts and practices, and, in particular, reject any untidy pattern of life which encourages women and children to become devalued, feared, and trivialized.

But, this, when I ponder, is what gives me hope: *"the love of God abides unceasingly, his compassion inexhaustible"* [Lam.3:21-22] and it is seated at the heart of this Lenten observance. As a parish, we offer prayers and stand in solidarity with victims of domestic and family violence. For, as our parish prayer rightly notes, it is an inviolable truth that every human person be understood as having intrinsic value, a dignity of being, and importantly also, that we're all believed to be equal before God.

God Bless,
Fr Christopher



Stations of the Cross

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

The Second Rite of Reconciliation during Lent will be celebrated on the last Friday in Lent - Friday 3rd April - following the Stations of the Cross.

First Sunday of Lent

1st reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Creation of our first parents, and sin.

2nd Reading: Romans : 12-19 Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11 Jesus fasted for forty days and nights



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, Fr Ted Hoolihan, Lola Radford & Sonia Mendez,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Beatrice Fox, Timothy Marrinan, Antonio Lunaticci, 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.



Each year during Lent we participate in abstinence, fasting, confession and acts of mercy to strengthen our faith.

Our goal is to leave Lent a stronger and more vital person of faith than when we entered.

Lent officially ends on Holy Thursday when the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday) occurs, leading to Easter and the glorious resurrection of Jesus.

During Lent and Easter there are many Liturgies and Masses we celebrate as a parish community. As we enter Lent, we ask you to prayerfully consider any way you may be able to contribute to our celebrations, giving of yourselves for the sake of getting closer to God.

➤ **This week we ask whether you might consider reading the Stations of the Cross one Friday evening during Lent?**

Over the coming weeks we will be asking for help with numerous other jobs...

- **You might like to minister communion at Mass, or help clean the church before Easter**
- **You might consider joining the choir or reading at the Easter Vigil Mass**
- **Your might help set up our liturgical space for one of the Masses or have your feet washed on Holy Thursday**

We welcome anyone who would like to contribute and thank you for taking the time to read and consider offering your most valuable commodity - your time! If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Please keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.



FREE

Please take a copy of the Autumn Edition of **Australian Catholics Magazine**. This issue focuses on leadership and discerning a way forward for the church and is, as always, an interesting read.

"Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."

~ Pope Francis ~



First Sunday of Lent 1st March 2020



Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or calling 1800 024 413.

Parish News & Notices

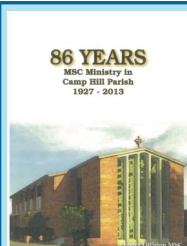


'FAITH GIVES YOU WINGS'

This week we offer the symbol of the **CROSS** as part of the new St Thomas' School theme.

The cross is seen as the universal symbol of Christian faith. Jesus had unwavering faith during the course of His life on earth. Throughout His life, Jesus endured many struggles in his mission to teach, challenge and transform.

This year, the symbol of the cross will remind us of Jesus' struggles, and His unwavering faith in God, constantly living the hope of better things to come.



HANDFUL OF COPIES STILL AVAILABLE

Fr Jim Littleton MSC has written a book detailing the 86 year history of the MSC Ministry at Camp Hill Parish.

It is an interesting read covering the early years of our church, the many priests who ministered at Camp Hill and parish memories.

Copies available for \$10 from the Parish Office.

Please contact Lisa if you would like a copy.

CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE TOUR

Friday, 6th March 2020: 9.00am – 11.00am

**Presentation in the Auditorium followed by
a College tour with our Student Mentors.**

**To book a space, please visit the
College website www.cvxmck.edu.au
via the Enrolments tab.**

**Any questions please call
our Enrolment Secretary
Ph. 3347 9223**

or email: enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE



We are called to be disciples of Christ Could this be your Ministry?

Now in its thirty-fourth year Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported accommodation and our day Centre.

CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness.

The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3.30pm, from 6 May to 27 November 2020. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries.

Applications close Friday 17 April 2020.

Written applications can be sent to:

Fr Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
Telephone: 07 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au
Website: www.cppc.net.au



The Week Ahead

Sun - March 1	First Sunday of Lent
Mon - March 2	Playgroup - 9am
Tue - March 3	
Wed - March 4	
Thur - March 5	STYPS Rehearsal - 8am
Fri - March 6	World Day of Prayer Regina Caeli Church @ 10am Mahjong - 9.30am Stations of the Cross - 6.30pm
Sat - March 7	
Sun - March 8	Baptisms @ 10am

Liturgy Roster

7 & 8 March	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 Honni Oostenbroek
Communion	Brian Percy Diane Ames	Amanda Sheridan Neal Dallas Ethan Lam	Hannah Elder A Oostenbroek
AV Operators	Lisa Moroney	Henry Barras	-

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR LENT 2020

Lent is about Becoming, Doing and Changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now.

Joan Chittister, OSB


Sunday 1st March	First Sunday of Lent <i>Be Opened to be Led by the Spirit</i> As a family, read Matthew 4: 1-11
Monday 2nd March	Project Compassion asks us to pray for the people of the Philippines this week.
Tuesday 3rd March	St Katharine Drexel Read the story of St Katharine Drexel and pray for unity of all peoples
Wednesday 4th March	St Casimir Read the story of St Casimir and pray for the people of Lithuania
Thursday 5th March	Make a list of ten things you are grateful for in your life
Friday 6th March	Fast from screens in the bedroom
Saturday 7th March	Sts Perpetua & Felicity Look around your home for clues that you have been baptised

World Day of Prayer


The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, women worldwide learn how their sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and feel solidarity with them. This helps enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

This year we pray for **Zimbabwe** and the theme is **'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk!'**.

We are invited by Regina Caeli to celebrate World Day of Prayer at their church. See details below.



March 2020
Pray for Zimbabwe
Date: **MARCH 6**



Location of local service: **REGINA CAELI**
81 Waverley Camp Hill
Time of local service: **10am**

Everyone is welcome to attend.
worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



Join up the
fruit to complete
the text maze:

**"Lead us not into
temptation."**