



# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 9

Second Sunday in Lent

23rd February 2021

The main theme from last weekend's reading was simple: we are not too perfect to be tempted and not too holy to be free from it. All through his ministry, Jesus passed through varied temptations and he taught us that we are not made for temptation but for transformation, primarily and ultimately. This means Jesus' ministry contains the two constants at the very heart of human existence: temptations are bound to come or incitement to do wrong but the Spirit of God supports us as it drives us towards transfiguration or transformation. So the Transfiguration event reminds us that temptation or sin cannot be the final action, rather, we're built for transformation; transfiguration; become partakers of God's glory. The question is, how do we get about finding this glory in the ordinary?



For us, the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus therefore becomes a testament that God guarantees us perfection and security from the frightening reality of sin. First, Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the mount to pray. It is through prayer that we commune with God in order to become better pastors, ministers, fathers and mothers. Unfortunately, the disciples wanted to keep praying; a very good spiritual action, yet for Jesus it was as if they wanted to evade fulfilling their responsibilities: *"Rabbi, it is good we build three tents here: one for you, one for Moses, and another for Elijah."* His response was *"let's get down to business. He wants to be in the heart of the plougher in the field,"* that is *"enough of temples and houses, he wants to make his home in us."* This was why Jesus took the route of sacrifice and became food for our soul; for our journey in the Eucharistic Mass.

Secondly, the moment Jesus stepped down from the mountain with his disciples was the time He asked us to share with others the love we have encountered during Mass. He was willing to lead us along the route of self-abandonment so that we live our lives for Him in our daily solidarity with others. Let us pray for Jesus Christ to teach us to walk for a lasting transformation this Lent.

God bless, *Fr Christopher*

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

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

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd March at 7pm.**

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.



## 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.

### Second Sunday in Lent

**1st reading:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 *The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:31-34 *God did not spare his own Son.*

**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10 *This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

## Parish News & Notices

### Date claimer - Care & Concern

Our next Healing Mass and Morning Tea is on Thursday 18th March. Invitations will be sent out at the end of this month. All are welcome!

Please let us know if you, or someone you know, would like to be included on our invitation list.

## 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.

### Please note:

There will be no Benediction following Mass on Friday 5th March due to the World Day of Prayer service at St James Coorparoo.



**St Thomas'**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
A HEART FOR MIND AND SPIRIT  
1929 - 2019

### 2022 Prep Enrolments

St. Thomas' School are now accepting applications for enrolments for Prep 2022.

A child born from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017 is eligible for prep in 2022. Preference for enrolment will be given to siblings of children already attending St Thomas', provided all enrolment procedures are completed. Got to: <http://www.stthomascamphill.qld.edu.au/> to enrol.

**Prep Enrolments for 2022 close on 19 March 2021.**



## Second Sunday of Lent 28th February 2021



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold.

With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

**You can donate through Parish boxes/envelopes, visit [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phone 1800 024 413.**



### MAHJONG

Mahjong is played socially in St Thomas' Parish Hall each Friday after 9am Mass.

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

**For more information call Claire on 3395 3972.**

### CONTACT DETAILS:

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**F: <https://www.facebook.com/StThomasCatholicParishCampHill/>**

### Office hours

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

### PARISH TEAM:

**Parish Priest** - Fr Christopher Obi  
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### We remember in our prayers

**The sick:** Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Joan Burlew, 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

**Recently Deceased:** Warwick Marden, 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



## Parish News & Notices

You're  
a  
Star!

Moyra Walls is one of our valued volunteers and most familiar faces. She does so much around our parish from setting up for Mass and funerals, polishing silver, keeping on top of church supplies, as a member of our Liturgy Team and more.

Not one to sit still, she also volunteers at the Queensland Children's Hospital, greeting families as their children prepare for surgery. A couple of weekends ago the Q Weekend Magazine did a 'You & Me' story on Moyra and one of her fellow volunteers.

Moyra really is a star and deserves recognition for the care and compassion she shows everyone. She is so generous with her time and energy. Copies of the article can be found on the noticeboard and near the exit in the church if you would like to have a read.

Volunteering can be such a rewarding experience and we are always looking for volunteers. If you think you'd like to be part of parish life, but are not sure where to start, have a look at our website - [www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au) - there are many jobs, big or small, that we need help with. We are always looking for new stars!!

### 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.

### *The 'Spirit of Hope' Prayer Meeting*

Fostering a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit

**1st Wednesday of Each Month at St Stephen's Chapel**

**Our Next Meeting is Wednesday 3rd March 2021,  
10.45am – 12.15pm (after 10am Mass in Cathedral)**

**Call the Cathedral to book for Mass 33243030**

**Personal Prayer Ministry available**

**To book Please ring Maureen**

**or email [maureenallison43@gmail.com](mailto:maureenallison43@gmail.com)**

**Contact: Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901**

Call to all Catholics



The Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all Baptised Catholics to consider their baptismal call to mission through an advertising campaign,  
**Call To All Catholics.**

They aim to reach out to those who are disconnected from the Church and their faith.

All parishes are invited to get involved by:

1. Giving fliers to loved ones who have disconnected from the Church (fliers are in the church)
2. Signing up for the prayer campaign to pray for those who will witness the advertising
3. Volunteer to accompany those who respond to the call to go on the journey
4. Be a welcoming presence to new faces in the pews

Go to

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic/>

### Engaging the Kids...

Ideas for the children for Lent this week..

#### Monday:

Find out more about Project Compassion story of Margret & the Solomon Islands

#### Tuesday:

Write a thank you note to your teachers

#### Wednesday:

Pray for doctors and nurses

#### Thursday:

Tidy your room without being asked

#### Friday:

Fast from TV

#### Saturday:

Read Matthew 5:16

### This Lent...



Fast from hurting words

...and say kind words

Fast from sadness

...and be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger

...and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism

...and be filled with hope

Fast from worries

...and trust in God

Fast from complaints

...and contemplate simplicity

Fast from pressures

...and be prayerful

Fast from bitterness

...and fill your heart with joy

Fast from selfishness

...and be compassionate to others

Fast from grudges

...and be reconciled

Fast from words

...and be silent so you can listen