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MASS TIMES

Sunday 7.30am

Wednesday 9.00am

Mass of Healing ~ 1st Wed of month

Reconciliation ~ by appointment

Rosary ~ Tues @ 8am

FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT
YEAR A
22ND FEBRUARY 2026

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Come to Mass Sundays 7.30am; Wednesdays 9am. Come to Rosary Tuesdays 8am;
Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 7-8pm and Sundays 6:30-7am; **Cliffers' Choir practise** - Fridays 4-5pm.

GATHERING J BELL

THE SUMMONS

V1: Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?

Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?

V5: Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company, I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS R GILLARD

THE SERVANT SONG

V1: Will you let me be your servant?

Let me be as Christ to you

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant too

V2: We are pilgrims on the journey

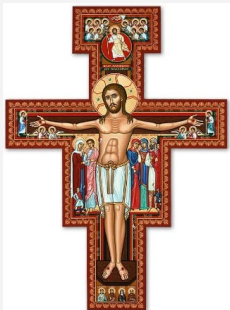
We are travellers on the road

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load

THANKSGIVING

In January 1206, Francis composed this prayer seeking God's will after an extraordinary revelation in the broken-down little chapel of San Damiano, just outside of Assisi. Before the large San Damiano Crucifix above the



Altar, Francis discerned the Lord telling him: "Francis, go and rebuild My Church, which as you can see, is falling into ruin." Francis and his friends rebuilt the chapel but he learnt that God's mission for him, like for us today, was to restore people's faith together in the hope and love of the poor, crucified and risen Christ for them.

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A copy of this newsletter is available online under News/Events (<https://www.reginacaeliparish.org.au/newsletters.html>)

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Let us pray together Francis' Prayer for Guidance:

*Most high, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of our hearts.
Give us Lord a correct faith, a firm hope,
a perfect charity,
and with knowledge and understanding,
so that we may always and in all things
act according to Your most Holy
and perfect Will.*

SENDING FORTH B FARRRELL

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

V1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.*

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

V5: Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. **Refrain**

Answers can be found in Matthew 4:1-11

1. Who led Jesus into the desert?

The Holy Spirit / Satan / A Dove

2. Who tempted Jesus?

King Herod / Satan / The Religious leaders

3. How long did Jesus spend in the desert?

Forty days / Three days / Forty weeks

4. How many times was Jesus tempted?

Three times / Forty times / Seven times

5. How did Jesus respond?

He gave in / He quoted the Bible / He compromised

6. Who helped Jesus after His temptation?

John the Baptist / The disciples / Angels

7. Which gospel books does not talk about Jesus' temptation?

Matthew / Mark / Luke / John

8. What did Jesus say, "Man does not live by alone?"

Food / Prayer / Bread

Ash Wednesday identifies prayer, fasting and almsgiving as intrinsic to our journey to Easter.

Some brochures are available in the foyer to help you pray. Take home the Stations of the Cross booklet to pray during Lent. Come to Tuesday Rosary, Wednesday Mass and/or Thursday or Sunday Adoration. Almsgiving refers to acts of generosity and justice. Join parishioners Australia-wide in support of Project Compassion. Fasting is about making disciplined graced choices to align our lives with God. We could fast from any food or beverage or from time in activities (including using electronic devices) which take us away from key responsibilities including our families, people we can serve or our life with God.



The Church's Canon Law calls all Catholics age 18-59 in good health, except pregnant and nursing women, to set aside Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays in Lent and Good Friday for special penitential purposes. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, for our own spiritual growth, let's fast in memory of why Jesus fasted and abstain from meat (except fish and seafood) in memory of His death. On all the Fridays of Lent, the Australian Bishops call us who are in good health aged 14-59 to practice some penitential activity. Pregnant and nursing women must avoid fasting and abstinence. Regular self-discipline in abstinence, prayer, all forms of fasting and intentional ways of giving or serving are not ends in themselves but are to help us prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ at Easter. We could take off like a rocket and end up like a rock! Therefore, may our choices be sustainable in our lifestyles and certainly do not disrupt unfairly both our families or people around us.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza. Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



Archbishop's Lent Pastoral Letter—Please see Archbishop Shane Mackinlay's Lenten letter at the following link: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Lent-Pastoral-Letter-2026.pdf>

PLEASE COME FOR 10 AM AT ST THOMAS CHURCH, 10 STEPHEN ST, CAMP HILL ON FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY. ENJOY A MORNING TEA AFTERWARDS.

This year the **2026 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Ecumenical ceremony pays homage to **Nigeria**, a republic, the largest country in Africa by population and a member of the British Commonwealth. Its capital is Abuja.

2026 World Day of Prayer service and light refreshments for our area is generously provided by:

ST THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 31 PERTH ST CAMP HILL

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27 @ 10AM

The theme this year is, *I Will Give You Rest: Come*, and is drawn from Matthew 11:28.

Let us join the people of Nigeria this World Day of Prayer celebrating in prayer and solidarity.

It is a heartfelt invitation from Jesus to all who are burdened and heavy-laden
And so, you are invited to come, just as you are. Bring all that weighs you down, so that you may find rest.
Christian women from **Nigeria** are calling out to you, beckoning you to come and find rest for your souls.

Let us take the opportunity this **World Day of Prayer** and share each other's burdens
and find renewed strength in our unity.

May each of us find belonging here, as we are united in the embrace of Christ's love.



*'The artwork depicts the daily reality of rural Nigerian women who labour from sunrise to sunset.
The three women sitting together are from diverse cultures.
Their shared experiences unite them
as they carry burdens and traumas – physical, emotional and spiritual.
Their burdens become bearable as they bring their weariness to Christ and as they support one another in community.'*

COME ENJOY FRIDAY SOCIAL, 6th March, 9.30 – 11.30 IN OUR HALL.
Gentle exercise with Aggie, celebrate St Patrick's Day, singalong, creative Writing with Mogens!!

AT ADORATION, there is a place for everyone in the stillness before the Sacramental presence of Christ Risen. Come seek peace, renewal and wisdom for support, healing and hope... from the inside. **Take time with others**
Thursday evenings 7-8 pm and/or before Mass on Sundays 6.30 – 7 am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Liturgy Committee wants to begin Children's Liturgy on 29th February. If this would help you and your children, please email Charmaine cm8ttthews@gmail.com

For our sick: Deb Houghton, Barry Warden, Trish McConnell, Emilia Calvisi, Peter Owens, Francis Xavier, Leo Schneider, Joan Lawson and also for people whom we know personally who are sick.
For all who have died including: Brian Poole, Ennio & Antionetta Morlacci and family, Nandino & Ernestina Franchi, Ray Garrigan, Anne Maree Garrigan, Fred Loveday, Jack Egan, Daisy Ferlin, Ann Warden, Ennio Morlacci, Antionetta Morlacci, Sabatino Morlacci, Ernestina Morlacci and for all victims of suffering in our world.

Sun. 1 ST March	Children's Liturgy	29 th March	Palm (Passion) Sunday Children in procession
27 th Feb. 10 am	World Day of Prayer St Thomas'	2 nd April	Holy Thursday
Sat. 14 th March 7-9am	A GROUNDS WORKING BEE!!!	3 rd April	Good Friday
17 th March	St Patrick	10 am	Stations of the Cross
Thur. 19 th	Feast of St Joseph	3 pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Sat. 21 st Mar.	Harmony Day	4 th April	Easter Vigil
		5 th April	Easter Sunday

3rd April Iona Passion Play Iona Performing Arts Centre 7 pm Bookings open 22nd February

2026: THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Do we know this about Francis?

Francis and others, including his father, envisioned Francis' path to glory as a knight in battle. However, following his recovery from battle wounds, God called him to a different path. 'Conversion' always needs time in solitude and prayer. As for Francis, so for us, God will help us gradually loosen our attachments to worldly pursuits. In the 24 hours each day, there are 96 periods of 15 minutes. Try dedicating even one period of 15 minutes in stillness, listening and waiting for God who will inspire us.

The Cost of Our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good is the first of what will be the Bishops' two Social Justice Statements 2026 (February and August). The Statement elaborates principles of Catholic Social Teaching: human dignity and the universal destination of goods, the Common Good, solidarity and subsidiarity, and the preferential option for the poor. Thirteen practical responses are offered. Please read this Statement. Google 'catholic.org.au Social Justice Statement 2026'

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for assistance with Sacraments, funerals, pastoral support or would like to speak with a priest.

You are very welcome within our parish life and ministry.

Your financial support is essential and valued. Please contact parish administration to organise direct debit donations or planned giving envelopes.

To donate via EFT details are as follows: Payee Account name: Coorparoo Heights Parish.

BSB: 064 786 Acct No: 1000 13354 Please reference all donations!

You may use the 'pay pass' facility in the Church foyer and we also 'pass the plate' at the weekend masses.

Thank you for your prayer and support!

Sunday Mass**22 February 2026****THE LITURGY OF THE WORD****Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

'The word of the Lord.'

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 50:3-6,12-14,17****R. "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."****Lector:** "Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt

and cleanse me from my sin." (R.)

Lector: "My offences truly I know them;

my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;

what is evil in your sight I have done." (R.)

Lector: "A pure heart create for me, O God,

put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

nor deprive me of your holy spirit." (R.)

Lector: "Give me again the joy of your help;

with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips

and my mouth shall declare your praise." (R.)

Second Reading**Romans 5:12-19**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity:

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through

one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation** J Maher - **Mass of the Sacred Heart****Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.**

No one lives on bread alone

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.**Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel**Matthew 4:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,

and they will support you on their hands

in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.'

Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,

and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

'The Gospel of the Lord'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.