



Cannon Hill Catholic Parish

Incorporating

St Oliver Plunkett Church & Holy Family Church

Cannon Hill

Tingalpa



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

The community of the Cannon Hill Catholic Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th August 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We live in a world where strength is often measured in terms of huge forces, big numbers, the power to dominate others etc. Joseph Stalin was once cautioned by Winston Churchill to give weight to the Pope's opinion in world affairs. The communist leader was at the height of his power. So he sarcastically asked how many divisions the Pope had. Little did he realise that it was not the commander of the Red Army who had the last laugh. For a few decades afterwards, the unthinkable happened: the mighty Soviet Empire collapsed unto itself, thanks in no small part to the moral leadership of the Pope.

In the first reading, we hear the story of the prophet Elijah and his transforming experience on Mount Horeb. Elijah took refuge in a mountain cave because he had been pursued by his enemy. He was in a state of crisis, physically, mentally and spiritually. Hungry, exhausted and disillusioned, he wanted to die. This was a reversal of fortune, because only a few days before, Elijah had had the upper hand. He had single-handedly executed 450 of the false prophets of Baal. Not a very nice man to be crossed, indeed!

But crisis can be the catalyst for change. On the mountain, Elijah was shown in a dramatic fashion how God manifested himself not in an earthquake, or storm or fire but in a gentle breeze. In other words, divine strength was not in violent force but in gentleness. For someone who was accustomed to masculine power: muscle, the sword, the gun, etc. a dose of feminine power must have been a humbling experience.

The Gospel story also presents us with a lesson of strength not in short-lived bravado but in vulnerable trust. It tells of the unexpected storm and how the disciples came to recognise Jesus. Initially, they took fright and thought they had seen a ghost floating on the waters. Upon hearing the bidding of Jesus, Peter jumped off the boat and walked towards Him. But his heroism was superficial. It was not unlike his enlightened understanding of Jesus at Caesarea Philippi. There, he professed Jesus to be the Christ at one moment and distorted that profession the next when he tried to talk Jesus out of the cross.

Peter was taught an important lesson on the Lake of Galilee. It was not physical strength, alpha-male bravado and capability so prevalent in a society that was based on the notion of the survival of the fittest. Rather, what enabled Peter to sustain his journey to Christ was the strength of faith, trust and surrender. It was the strength in gentleness and vulnerability that would see him through. He and his fellow disciples must unlearn the entrenched notion of power to dominate. Instead, they must follow Jesus in His way of trusting in God and acting in complete powerlessness. Although they were experienced fishermen, they feared for their lives. While Jesus was not with them in the boat, he, nonetheless watched for them in prayer. When he perceived their trouble, he came to them on the sea and startled them with his sudden appearance.

The Lord keeps watch over us at all times, and especially in our moments of temptation and difficulty. Do you rely on the Lord for his strength and help? Jesus assures us that we have no need of fear if we trust in Him and in his great love for us. When calamities or trials threaten to overwhelm you, how do you respond? With faith and hope in God's love, care and presence with you?

"Lord Jesus, help me to trust you always and to never doubt your presence and your power to help me. In my moments of doubt and weakness, may I cling to you as Peter did. Strengthen my faith that I may walk straight in the path you set before me, neither veering to the left nor to the right."

Have a Blessed Sunday and I wish you all a wonderful Week. Fr Basti OMI

Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week:
1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm: 66:2-3, 5-6, 8
2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

COMING MASSES, MEETINGS & EVENTS

Regular Mass & Service Times:

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9am at St Oliver Plunkett
Thursday - 9am at The Holy Family Church

Weekend Mass:

Saturday - 6pm at St Oliver Plunkett
Sunday - 8am at The Holy Family Church
Sunday - 9.30am at St Oliver Plunkett

Reconciliation: Saturday 5-5.30pm St Oliver Plunkett

Eucharistic Adoration—1st Friday of the month
following 9.00am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

Baptisms—2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month held during
9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

Children's Liturgy of the Word—1st Sunday of the month
during the 9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

Welcome Mass for Families receiving Baptism—
1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am, St Oliver Plunkett,
followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 15th August

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Holy Day of Obligation, Mass 9am St Oliver Plunkett Ch.

Wednesday 16 August

EKKA Wednesday Show Day (Public Holiday for Brisbane
City Council only). Parish Office closed.

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August

Annual Catholic Campaign weekend.

Saturday 19th August

Alpha Program, 3.30pm Parish Hall

Wednesday 23rd August

Launch of Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice
Statement, St James' Parish Hall, Coorparoo, 7pm.

Sunday 27 August

Social Justice Sunday (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference)

Friday 1st September

World Day of Prayer for Creation (Holy See)

Commence Season of Creation (Sept 1- Oct 4).



Pope Francis speaks to young people in Lisbon (WYD)
not to let their "great dreams" of changing the world be
"stopped by fear."

"Jesus knows the hearts of each one of you, the
successes and the failures, he knows your hearts,"
Don't be afraid." - Pope Francis World Youth Day Lisbon 2023

GOSPEL

Jesus walks on the water Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to
the other side while he would send the crowds away. After
sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to
pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat,
by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for
there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he
went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the
disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is
a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called
out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was
Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come
to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of
the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water,
but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and
began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at
once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you
doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The
men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you
are the Son of God.'

National Vocations Week, August 6th-13th

"Each one of us called—whether to the lay life in marriage, to the
priestly life in the ordained ministry or to a life of special
consecration; in order to become a witness of the Lord,
here and now." Pope Francis



National
Vocations
AWARENESS WEEK



Learn more about your
vocation at www.vocationbrisbane.com

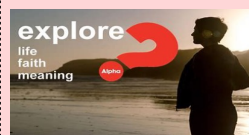
REGULAR MEETINGS

Mon: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference—
Fortnightly @ 6.15pm Contact Paul 0418 750 367

Tue: Parish Leadership Team—Fortnightly at 6.30pm
Next Meeting: 6.30pm, 15th August 2023

Wed: Parish Liturgy Meeting—Monthly at 4.30pm
Next Meeting: 4.30pm, 25th October 2023

Thu: Parish Finance Council Meeting—Bimonthly at 4.30pm
Next Meeting: 4.30pm, 21st September 2023



ALPHA IS BACK AT CANNON HILL PARISH!

3.30-5.30pm Saturdays
15th July -16th September

The second Alpha session took place last Saturday and will
continue for the next 6 weeks. If you were unable to register but
would still like to attend please feel free to join us next Saturday
afternoon.

email: alpha.cannonhill@gmail.com

"Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts." (Matthew 5:16) We should view our giving in
gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are...using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given
through your Will benefits future generations of the faithful. For more information on naming Cannon Hill Parish or our perpetual
endowment fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



HOLY CROSS FUNERALS
The only funeral service owned and operated by the Catholic Church
Ph: (07) 3293 0555 Web: www.holycrossfunerals.com



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



OUR SICK *Contact Parish Office for names to be included in this list. Names will be taken off after a short time unless otherwise instructed.*

Marion White, Carmel Pender, Michael Simpson, Harry Davis, Mary Stevenson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Darryl McNally, Rob Connolly, Teresa Oexle, Beryl McInally, Von Leeman, Brian McGrath, Gabriel Adams, Darren Wilson, Lorretta Stephenson, Imelda Khoo, Brian Crimmins, Danni Manix, Glenda Kiehne, Veronica Roberts, Angela White, Robbin Firth.

Please contact the Parish Office 3899 2837 if you or someone you know is sick and would appreciate a visit by Fr Basti.

Please leave a message if the office is unattended or for an urgent response call Fr Basti 0493 096 073.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Crosby

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom Power

Mass Intentions - Week beginning 15th August 2023

Tuesday 9am - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 9am - For Vocations
Thursday 9am - For the Sick and those in Aged Care
Friday 9am - For the Youth

Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish

**** Mass intentions to be advised the week prior to request ****

Tuesday 15th August, Mass 9am, for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Oliver Plunkett Church.

ANNUAL OBLATE RETREAT Fr Basti will also be away from Sunday 20th August to Saturday 26th August, attending the Annual Oblate Retreat in Melbourne. There will be **NO weekday Masses** during this time, there will be weekend Masses on 26th & 27th August.

WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA & CHAT

following 9am Mass, rescheduled to Tuesday 15th August due to the EKKa holiday.



No morning tea the following week as Fr Basti is away on retreat. Resuming as usual on Wednesday 30/8.

KENYA MISSION UPDATE I am grateful and overwhelmed by your support, which has helped me raise \$6,970.15 for my mission in Kenya. I was aiming for \$7k, so this is a remarkable achievement. I felt a strong calling to do this work a year ago, but a back injury delayed my plans. However, this gave me the opportunity to share this journey with you. I was ready to pay for everything myself, but your generosity has reduced my costs and allowed me to bring more IT equipment with me.

Please follow my page on Facebook for updates as I travel: <https://www.facebook.com/middle.aged.privileged.white.male.in.Kenya>
Or search for "Middle-Aged Privileged White Male in Kenya"

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN COLLECTION 19/20 August

It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. **The Campaign supports training future priests, & supporting retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education & caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.**

Our parish is committed to supporting the campaign.

You can also donate via Link: <https://bit.ly/3MDBw1f>



The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops 2023-2024

"Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples", will be launched on

Wednesday, 23rd August. Through thorough consultation with many First Nations communities, the statement focus is justice for First Nations People in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, with NATSICC (National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council), invite all Catholics to join them on a journey to restore justice with the oldest living culture on our planet.

Br Damien Price will speak in response to the Statement.

Bishop Tim Norton will attend.

Date: 7pm, 23 August 2023

Venue: St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Av, Coorparoo (gold coin donation to St Vincent de Paul)

RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement 2023



Queensland Catholic, Schools and Colleges, Music Festival

will be held

Thursday 17-20th August at Villanova College & St James' Parish, Coorparoo.

Come and hear schools and colleges from throughout Queensland perform in bands, choirs and ensembles.

Day and Festival Passes available for purchase at the door or on the QCMF website.

Visit www.qcmf.com.au for further information.

AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMS to World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon, Portugal,

came together for the traditional Australian gathering on August 1, just hours prior to the official commencement of WYD. More than 2,500 pilgrims and bishops gathered to celebrate and share stories of their journey to WYD... The Archbishop of Sydney, Archbishop

Anthony Fisher OP commissioned the pilgrims and encouraged them to follow the example of the first Christian pilgrim, Mary, during the "grace-filled week of World Youth Day"... "The Church and the world need you to be both God-bearers and God-sharers, in what you say and do". ... "So this week you must resolve to find new forms and places of prayer, community and action to sustain the energy you've found here. "By God's grace you will do great things!"

Sourced from [The Bridge Newsletter](#)



MARY MACKILLOP BURSARY FUND

Through your gift, you serve and care for destitute families who can only dream of a Catholic education for their children. Your gift will provide bursaries for these children to attend their local Brisbane Catholic Education school.

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church - Our Mission - Our Community

20 August 2023 catholiccampaign.com.au



Missionary Oblates Of Mary Immaculate

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PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM: Sachin Rasquinha, Paul Vorrasi, Briony Russell, Aaron Tippetts, Joanne Edwards



CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH

Yuggera and Turrbal Country

St Oliver Plunkett Church & Parish Centre: 21 Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill Q 4170

Holy Family Church: 41 Belmont Rd, Tingalpa Q 4173 (enter via 56 Palgrave St, Tingalpa)

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am - 2.30pm

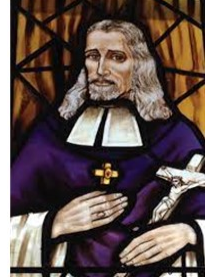
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MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES as per the left hand on the inside page

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS: by appointment only at St Oliver Plunkett Church



SEASON OF CREATION Calling for your photo's /artwork...

The *Season of Creation* is an annual Christian celebration beginning on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, **September 1**, through to the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, October 4.

We invite you to email

photographs, artwork, or any creative works to cannonhill@bne.catholic.net.au

We would like to use your photo's/artwork in the celebration of mass during this season.

Di Farmer LOCAL ECO-FORUM on Sustainability and Reducing Waste

How we can all play a part in caring for our planet.

Location: Michael Zeuschner Assembly Hall

Bulimba State School, 271 Oxford St, Bulimba QLD 4171

Date: Sunday 20th August 2023 | **Time:** 1 – 3pm

Our programme includes a kids workshop run by Tangalooma EcoMarines

An educational panel discussion featuring:

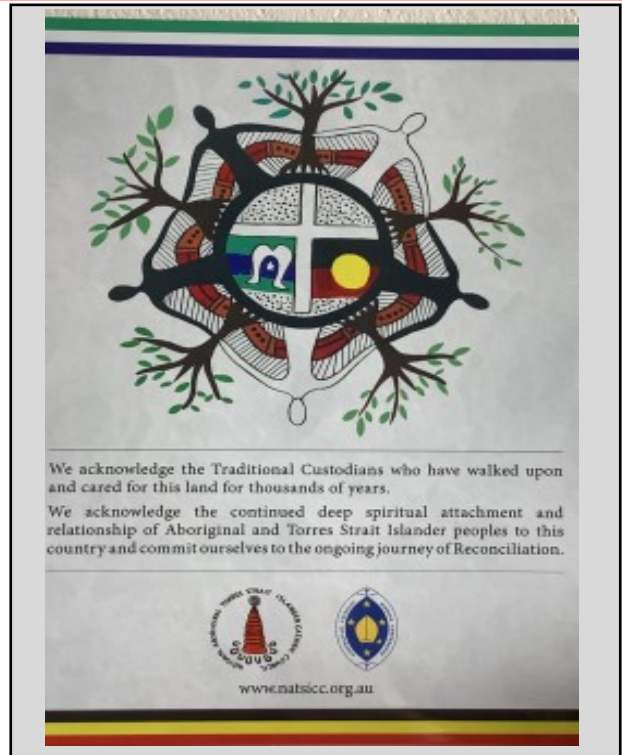
Hon Leanne Linard MP - Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef

Yas Grigaliunas - Founder & Director of Circonomy in Morningside

Toby Hutcheon - QLD Manager of the Boomerang Alliance

Also a range of local schools, businesses and community groups, showcasing what they're doing to be sustainable.

Please join us!



Iona College Catholic Boys College

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Rector: Fr. Michael Twigg

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St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Primary School

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The Charm of Irish Pub Hospitality

Two Irishmen went into a pub in Dublin and asked for two pints of Guinness.

The Barman, cleaning the tables said...

"Sorry, we don't open for another hour."

One of the men asked "Mind if we wait?"

"No" said the Barman, "Would you like a pint while you're waiting?"



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