



# CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR B

10TH MARCH 2024

*Fr Vasanthan was away last week for ongoing formation, so these two messages are from the archives ...*

This Sunday we are entering into the fourth week of Lent and are fast approaching Holy Week and Easter. On Ash Wednesday, we began Lent, and the Lord commanded us to keep our works of mercy secret (Mt 6:4). At Easter Vigil, we begin the Easter Season, and the Lord through the Church will ask us whether we reject all of Satan's works. Works are important although we are not saved because of them (Eph 2:8-9). *"Faith without works is dead"* (Jas 2:26). We will accept or hate the Light of Christ depending on our works, for those doing good works will want the light to manifest them while those doing bad works will not want them exposed to the light (Jn 3:19-21).

*"You are as sick as your sickest secret! That's a wise axiom. What's sick in us will remain sick unless we open it up to others and to the light of day. As long as it's a secret, it's a sickness. However, perhaps the problem is not with what we keep secret, but that we keep it secret. Maybe the sickness is the secret rather than what we deem to be sick". (Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI)*

We not only do good works; we are God's good work. We have been created anew *"in Christ Jesus for the good works"* (Eph 2:10). Our good works are so important that God himself has prepared them even before He created us. We are not only to do good works but to live in them. Good works are the very atmosphere in which we live, because through our good works, we let the light of Christ shine. Lent is a time that helps us identify the darkness in our lives and at the same time it invites us to work towards letting the light of Christ shine in our lives.

The renewal, the repentance and the purification that God expects from us especially during Lent is not for his sake but for our sake, so that we may no longer live in darkness but come into the light of Christ. For that reason, God sent his Son Jesus into this world and into our lives and did everything through Him for our sake. That's what we hear in the Gospel this Sunday:

*"For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved". (Jn 3:16)*

Jesus, the Son of God, who came to fulfil His Father's will, did it faithfully to fulfil and complete the mission that His Father had entrusted to him:

*"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full". (Jn 10:10)*

God has done his part and now it is our turn to preserve the life and freedom that we have received through the paschal Mystery of Christ, and to persevere in our efforts and resolution to keep that life alive and the light of Christ burning brightly in our life. The Holy Spirit guides us, leads us and inspires us, as He did in the life of Jesus, so that, if we had gone away from God because of our sins, we might come back to God during this season of Lent repenting for our sins and renewing our commitment.

Whether we accept it or not, we all need a renewal because somehow or other, we have damaged our relationship with God and with our fellow brothers and sisters. Sometimes, we find it very difficult to accept it and we just say that everything is fine with us. In reality, it is not true. Lent is a time that calls us for an introspection and for a self-examination.

I wish and pray that this Lent may help all of us make an internal journey into our own self and find out where we are, and make the renewal so seriously which God expects from all of us. Let us come out of darkness and live in the light of Christ.

have a blessed Sunday and may you all have a wonderful week.

**Fr Meno Basti OMI (2021)**

Whilst for many Lent is seen as a time of sombreness, reparation and restraint as a reminder of the need for self-improvement, in truth it is a time to celebrate the power of God's Grace to change our lives. During Lent we are challenged to reflect on our lives and try to see ourselves through the eyes of God so that we come closer to the fulfilling His Will for us.

In practical terms this means that we give things up or take on extra tasks as a daily reminder that we need to understand the gentle and all-pervading presence of God, His manifold gifts and especially his desire to welcome us into Himself. Once we come to know that it is only with and through God's grace can we become our best selves, then we see that partaking of His grace in the Sacraments is what we really need.

Conversion and change can only come from the recognition and acceptance of who we are. Lent prepares us and guides us to the point where our pride and selfishness give way to our need for acceptance and relationship. In the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation (or Confession for those who remember the 'old' ways) we meet God who calls us to 'come as we are', accepts us and reunites us in close relationship with Him.

In the coming weeks we will be offered opportunities to meet God in the Sacrament of Penance. On Tuesday evening of the 20th of March (*Editor's Note—this year it will be Tuesday, 19th March*), you are invited to 'come as you' are to celebrate, as a community, the Second Rite of the Sacrament. This is a ceremony where we acknowledge our need for God's Mercy, listen to the Word of God, examine our conscience and then very simply, individually approach a Priest and ask for forgiveness for what we recognise are key needs for healing. After this we will together celebrate and give thanks and having been blessed, return joyfully to our lives. We will also have the opportunity to celebrate the First Rite, individual confession, after the celebration of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

I pray that you will take the opportunity to meet God and accept His gifts of Mercy and Forgiveness.

**Fr Eric Alleaume OMI (2018)**

**Psalm:** Let my tongue be silenced,  
if I ever forget you.  
**Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us  
his only Son, that all who believe in him  
might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Readings for next week—Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B:

**1st Reading:** Jer 31: 31-34 *The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

**Psalm:** Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15 *Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

**2nd Reading:** Heb 5: 7-9 *He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

**Gospel:** Jn 12: 20-30 *If a grain of wheat falls ... it yields a rich harvest.*

## MASSES, MEETINGS & EVENTS

### REGULAR MASS & SERVICE TIMES:

#### Weekday Mass:

Tue, Wed & Fri - 9.00am at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Thu - 9.00am at Holy Family Church

#### Weekend Mass:

Sat - 6.00pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Sun - 8.00am at The Holy Family Church

Sun - 9.30am at St Oliver Plunkett Church

**Reconciliation:** Sat 5-5.30pm St Oliver Plunkett Church

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 1st Friday of the month following  
9.00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church

**Welcoming Mass:** 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am  
Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church to welcome children  
receiving Baptism into the Parish community.

**Baptisms:** 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month held during  
9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett Church

**Little Lanterns Liturgy:** 1st Sunday of the month during  
the 9.30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

#### Hospitality:

1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches  
Every Wednesday after 9.00am Mass at the Parish Hall

#### COMING UP:

**Sun, 10th Mar**—4th Sunday of Lent, Baptisms

**Tue, 12th Mar**—6.30pm Parish Leadership Team Meeting

**Wed, 13th Mar**—9.00am Healing & Anointing Mass

**Fri, 15th Mar**—6.00pm Stations of the Cross + Mass,  
No 9.00am Mass, Abstinence

**Sun, 17th Mar**—5th Sunday of Lent, Baptisms, Enrolments  
for the children's Sacrament of Confirmation close

**Mon, 18th Mar**—Solemnity of St Patrick, St Vincent de Paul

**Tue, 19th Mar**—6.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation,  
Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thu, 21st Mar**—4.30pm Finance Committee Meeting

6.00pm Connect Dinner in the Parish hall

7.00pm Annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

**Fri, 22nd Mar**—6.00pm Stations of the Cross + Mass,  
No 9.00am Mass, Abstinence

**Sat, 23rd Mar**—Working Bee, 6.00pm Presentation Mass

**Sun, 24th Mar**—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
9.30am Presentation Mass for Confirmation Candidates

### 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, 12th March 2024

**Wed: Parish Liturgy Meeting**—Monthly at 4.30pm  
Next Meeting: 4.30pm, TBC April 2024

**Thu: Parish Finance Council Meeting**—Bimonthly at 4.30pm  
Next Meeting: 4.30pm, 21st March 2024

**Strengthen the Household of Faith** Jesus asks us to demonstrate

our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts. "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 40) A gift in any amount given through your Will strengthens our household of faith. For more information about how you can leave a legacy to Cannon Hill Parish, call Catholic

## Gospel for 10th March - John 3: 14-21

*As Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so must the Son of man be lifted up so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.*

*For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

*For God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.*

*No one who believes in him will be judged; but whoever does not believe is judged already, because that person does not believe in the Name of God's only Son.*

*And the judgement is this: though the light has come into the world people have preferred darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.*

*And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, to prevent his actions from being shown up; but whoever does the truth comes out into the light, so that what he is doing may plainly appear as done in God.*



**Stations of the Cross**  
6.00pm followed by Mass  
every Friday during Lent.  
Note no 9.00am Mass.

## Holy Week and Easter Services

**Second Rite of Reconciliation** – 6.30pm Tuesday, 19th  
March at 6.30pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church

**Palm Sunday** – Usual Mass times 23rd / 24th March

**Commemoration of the Last Supper** – 7.00pm Holy  
Thursday, 28th March at St Oliver Plunkett Church followed by  
Adoration in the Parish hall)

**Stations of the Cross** – 9.00am Good Friday, 29th March  
(outside St Oliver Plunkett Church) followed by Reconciliation  
(inside the church) until 12.00pm

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion** – 3.00pm Good Friday,  
29th March

**Easter Vigil Mass** – Saturday, 30th March at 6.00pm

**Easter Sunday Masses** – Sunday, 31st March at 8.00am  
(Holy Family Church) or 9.30am (St Oliver Plunkett Church)

### ANOINTING & HEALING MASS

**9am Wednesday, 13th March**

At this mass we pray for the physical, spiritual  
and emotional healing for the sick and elderly.

The healings offered in this Sacrament are peace, hope and the  
strength to endure the sufferings of sickness and old age, and  
await God's healing care.



### Connect Dinner

Previous Alpha participants,  
partners and their families are  
warmly invited to Connect every  
second Thursday, 6-8pm.

Next dinners—21st March and  
4th April in the Parish hall.



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## OUR SICK

Please contact the Parish Office to add names to this list. Names will be taken off after a short time unless otherwise instructed.

Marion White, Carmel Pender, Michael Simpson, Mary Stevenson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Darryl McNally, Rob Connolly, Beryl McNally, Von Leeman, Brian McGrath, Gabriel Adams, Darren Wilson, Lorretta Stephenson, Imelda Khoo, Brian Crimmins, Danni Manix, Veronica Roberts, Angela White, Robbin Firth, Jo Lohrisch, Ken Drego, Robin McComb, Melisa Duffy.

## RECENTLY DECEASED / ANNIVERSARIES

John & May McGrath, Brian Lambourne (brother of John Lambourne)  
Mary Lloyd (sister of Trish Webb)

## BAPTISMS / RCIA

Marigold van Beurden, William Richardson / See Ling Lee

### Mass Intentions - Week beginning 10th March 2024

Tuesday 9am - OMI Catechists  
Wednesday 9am - Human Rights  
Thursday 9am - Vietnam OMI Parish  
Friday 9am - Survivors of abuse

Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish



## Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolments close 17th March.  
Enrolment form and dates at: [cannonhillparish.org.au/confirmation/](http://cannonhillparish.org.au/confirmation/)

## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION— Tues, 19th March

The "Second Rite of Reconciliation" is often celebrated in parishes during Advent and Lent.

This communal form of the Sacrament of Penance begins with a celebration of the Word – readings from scripture, hymns, prayers, a homily and an examination of conscience, followed by a call to repentance.

Private confession and reconciliation follow.

The Rite concludes with a short thanksgiving and a blessing and dismissal of the gathered assembly.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New envelopes will be issued this week - please collect yours from the foyer.



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## Volunteer Focus: Music and Copyright

The Parish takes its role in respecting the creativity of songwriters seriously. Lyn K has taken on the role of managing our copyright obligations for many years and deserves much thanks for her many hours of work

Is there someone in the music ministry who can take on this role? Training and support will be provided.

## Working Bees

There will be a working bee on **Saturday morning, 23rd March** to prepare the church and grounds for Holy Week. More details to come.

Another working bee will be held on **Saturday morning, 11th May** in preparation for the Bishop's visit on Friday 17th May.

## Hospitality

After 8.00am Mass at Tingalpa & 9.30am Mass at Cannon Hill - 1st Sunday of the month

After 9.00am Mass Cannon Hill - every Wednesday Morning



## Never buy flowers from a Franciscan

Only you can prevent florist friars



### Flowers

Would you like to see more fresh flowers in the churches?  
If you can help with:

- funding,
  - sourcing, or
  - floral arrangements
- please let the Parish office know.

### Did You Know?

A brief history of the Parish and a complete list of Parish Priests is on the Parish website. Next year the Parish celebrates its 100th Anniversary, so please take a look to learn a little about its rich past.

[Our History – St. Oliver Plunkett Church \(cannonhillparish.org.au\)](http://Our History – St. Oliver Plunkett Church (cannonhillparish.org.au))

## Queensland Irish Choir St Patrick's Day Concert

2.00pm Sunday 10 March 2024  
Doors Open 1.30 pm

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## 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

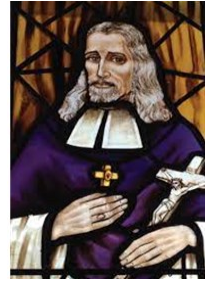
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MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES as per the left hand on the inside page

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



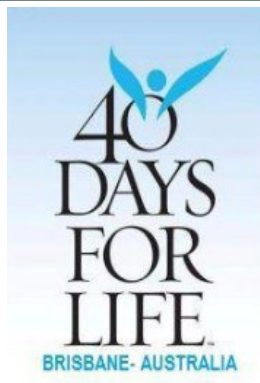
### 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

We believe in the sanctity of life from the moment of conception.

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## GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

YOUR DONATION HELPS TO PRESERVE THE SACRED PLACES AND SUPPORTS CHRISTIANS WHO LIVE IN THE HOLY LAND



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages.

It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Offerings can be made by cash or credit card (via the back of the Holy Land Collection envelopes).

Please come prepared to remember the Christians of the Holy Land.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual

### CHRISM MASS

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