



CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR B

17TH MARCH 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends!

“Create a clean heart in me, O God.”

The heart is the symbol of love. It can be destroyed or abused by heavy drinking, smoking and by other injurious means. In a similar way, our hearts can also be blemished by our bad habits and behaviours.

In today’s Responsorial Psalm, the Psalmist cries out to God to create in him a clean heart. Why was he crying out to create in him a clean heart? What had happened to his clean and pure heart?

In the beginning, God created human beings with clean and pure hearts, but humankind failed to listen to the voice of God. It broke away from the commandment of God and sinned by listening to the word of Satan. This is where the downfall of humanity started.

Moreover, from that moment onwards and up to now, our hearts are made unclean by impure thoughts, bad ideas, revenge, racism, selfishness, lust and so on. By our actions, we have created a distance between us and God, and between us and our neighbours. We have even become enemies to one another.

So, there is a grave need in each one of us to come to a settlement with God and one another. We need to be cleansed from our sins. We need to get rid of our wrong doings. We need to get back to our original place and turn away from our evil ways.

The Psalmist felt that incredible need. Moreover, he felt the absence of God in his life. Without God he was nothing, he felt the emptiness in his life, so, he was crying aloud to God to wipe away his sins and make him clean again. He was pretty sure that, if his heart was not clean or pure, he would lose the presence of God. God can not dwell in him, therefore, he was asking pardon and pleading God to put in him a new heart.

We are very close to the end of the season of Lent, there are just two more weeks to end this grace filled season. During Lent, we are invited to cry aloud and be cleansed from our sins, especially from the **SEVEN CAPITAL or DEADLY SINS** such as:

- 1. Pride.**
- 2. Greed.**
- 3. Envy.**
- 4. Anger.**
- 5. Lust.**
- 6. Gluttony.**
- and 7. Sloth.**

Moreover, through the liturgy of the Word of God we are asked to put on a new heart. The Season of Lent also invites us to do some charitable acts as a penance for our sins, to attain the mercy of God. We are also asked to do the **corporal works of mercy** such as:

- 1. Feed the hungry.**
- 2. Give drink to the thirsty.**
- 3. Clothe the naked.**
- 4. Shelter the homeless.**
- 5. Visit the sick.**
- 6. Visit the imprisoned.**
- and 7. Bury the dead.**

So, dear brethren! Let us try our best to keep our hearts clean...and be humble enough to confess our sins and ask pardon from God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

God Bless You!

Fr. Vasanthan OMI.

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

Mon, 18th Mar—6.15pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Solemnity of St Patrick

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 Christ 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 Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, Presentation Mass for Confirmation Candidates

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

Mon, 25th Mar—6.15pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tue, 26th Mar—6.30pm Parish Leadership Team Meeting

Thu, 28th Mar—Sun, 31st Mar Triduum see →

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

Gospel for 17th March - John 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?"

'Father, save me from this hour'?

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours."

Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.



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)



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.
Please bring a plate to share.



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



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

BAPTISMS / RCIA

Annabelle Sullivan / See Ling Lee

Mass Intentions - Week beginning 17th March 2024

Tuesday 9am - Mazenod Collece, Vic

Wednesday 9am - Burpengary Parish

Thursday 9am - St Peter's Hong Kong

Friday 9am - Lesmurdie Parish

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/

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

6.30pm Tuesday, 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

Please collect your new envelopes from the foyer.



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Volunteer Focus: Readers

Volunteers read Biblical texts (other than the Gospel) at Masses. At the Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses there are two readings. The first, usually from the Old Testament, reflect important themes from the Gospel reading. The second is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. Other Masses generally have one reading. The reader will usually also proclaim the Alleluia Verse and Responsorial Psalm.

A book called "Break Open the Word" is available to help readers prepare for the task, giving guidance to the context of the Biblical texts and tips on how to read difficult verses.

Please contact Catherine or the office if you would like to be a reader. You do not need to be a registered volunteer to read at Masses.

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



Guided Retreat

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32

Join us at the scenic and peaceful Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre for a weekend of encounter with the person of Christ through the Sacraments. This weekend is an opportunity to come away from the business of life, to take time to be in the presence of God and be revitalised in your faith

There will be opportunities for personal prayer, group discussion, input and fellowship.

Event Details

Date & time: 6:00pm Friday 12 April 2024 to 1:00pm Sunday 14 April 2024

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)

Cost: \$250 per person live out individual / \$385 per person live in couple / \$450 per person live in individual

This event is hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane's [Adult Formation](#) team.

Register at: app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatApril2024

Fresh Flowers

Would you like to see more fresh flowers in the churches?
Please let the Parish Office know if you can help with:

- funding,
- sourcing, or
- floral arrangements.





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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

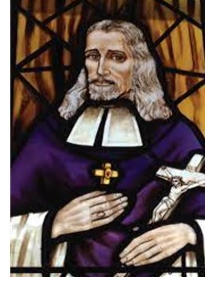
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MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES as per the left hand on the inside page

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



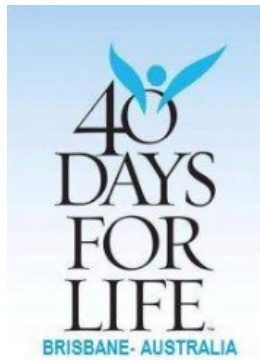
40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

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

That's why 40 Days for Life in Brisbane has been praying to end abortion through each Lent for the past 15 years.

We'd love for you to join us any time until Palm Sunday, 24th March in prayer or physically at 20 Abbotsford Rd Bowen Hills (outside Bowen Hills train station).

For more details visit our website 40dfl.net or email 40daysbrisbane@gmail.com



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

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Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
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