



Parish of Camp Hill with Norman Park
**Songs, Readings &
Community Information**

Sunday 15 April 2007

Second Sunday of Easter

Appearances of the Risen Lord
to the Apostles & St Thomas

**Welcome
To the beginning of Eastertide**

Every year on the Second Sunday of Easter we hear the familiar Gospel story of 'doubting' Thomas. It is true that Thomas needs to see Jesus and his wounds in order to believe. Yet, rather than see this as a fault or a lack of faith, perhaps we might see it as an expression of his longing to be with Jesus, whom he loved and had seen crucified only a few days before. Thomas had no doubt that Jesus was dead after the brutal Roman form of execution. No wonder he doubted; yet exclamation that he will not believe until he sees the wounded Jesus can also be seen as painful grief at the loss and of Jesus. When he hears that the others have seen Jesus, he wants to be in direct contact with him. He understands that as Christians, we are all called to be in a personal relationship with Jesus.

Thank You for Easter

The five distinctive services for holy Week and Easter, plus the Passover Meal are quite a heavy load to present, and none of it could happen without a large number of people volunteering. A special mention of thanks to the Camp Hill choir. they turned up for every service and sang a great range of material. Thank you for the weeks of rehearsal to make tis possible.

Welcome to **Mark Burridge** who has joined the Norman Park centre and will be baptised today during the mass.

**The Resurrection Appearance of Christ to his
Disciples as the DNA of the Church**

today's Gospel reading of the appearance of the Risen Christ to the Apostles and then to 'doubting' Thomas came as a shock, relief, joy and a totally new beginning. The resurrection is not a happy conclusion to a dreadful episode – but a totally new creation - a fresh opportunity given by God. This resurrection becomes part of the **DNA of the Church's life**. In fact where the Church just goes on doing the same things, year after year, there is a sure sign of creeping institutionalism. But the Church is the living Community of the Resurrection, constantly renewing its identity, worship and community life, so as to be the door that opens onto the Kingdom of God. For this reason in 2007 we again embrace new vision and fresh beginnings. Because of the Resurrection we are embracing a new name for the future and exploring new forms of worship for seekers for spiritual knowledge and meaning. Not to do so is turning away from life and staring at ignominious end.

Fresh Opportunities for the Youth in our Parish

At **8am Breakfast on Sat 29 April at Fr Martyn's home** the Diocese's Children & Youth Ministry department will visit and explain their programmes & resources that may help us. As a small parish with slender resources we need to plug into Diocesan resources. their programmes could provide us with structures we can adapt and build on. In particular they have three forums for different ages:

Emmaus, which is similar to Cursillo, for young people (16-25). This provides weekends away after which they form a parish small group and meet regularly to share stories and enjoy the fellowship.

Junior Ichthus & Senior Ichthus. These are week-long, adventure-based camps. During the June/July (Senior, grades 10-12) and September (Junior, grade 7-9) holidays we offer young people the opportunity to explore their faith and their own boundaries through a series of adventure and relaxed activities. The camp is has been running for around 4 years in Brisbane and is very popular. Do keep this in your prayers.

This Coming Week

Parish Heritage Fair Planning Session

Next Week: Sunday 22 April

There will be a planning session next Sunday after Mass. As there is only one mass next week for the whole Parish it provides an opportunity for a good number to attend this meeting.

A special thanks for those who have already responded to appeals with offers of time, cooking and money. It has been most encouraging.



Julian Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 17 April @ Norman Park
30 minutes of shared silent prayer, followed by studying a book about Christian Prayer.

Lyndal, Damien & Baby Colbert

As I write this on Friday morning there is no news yet of Baby Colbert – keep them all in your prayers for this coming week.



NEXT SUNDAY Parish Festival of the Annunciation Camp Hill

One service only at 8am,
Sunday 22 April at Camp Hill
Preacher: Miriam Nyrene

Next Week's Readings

8 April 2007: Festival of the Annunciation

Reading I: Isaiah 7:10-14

Reading II: Hebrews 10:4-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

New Appointment for Fr Martyn

The Archbishop has appointed Fr Martyn to be the Area Dean for Brisbane South East. He will chair the meetings of Deanery Clergy Chapter, coordinate Diocesan meetings for Deanery, attend some Diocesan committees, and help plan inductions of clergy and the pastoral care of the Deanery clergy. Hopefully none of these things amount to too much in time away from the parish and its needs.

Hall Key to be Relocated & New Sign for the Rectory

Wayne & Robyn Elliott acquired and Vic Nicholls has installed a small key safe on the veranda pillar, facing the front door. In a couple of weeks you will need to know the combination to open the safe to get the key. We are doing this for better security and to improve the privacy of our tenants. The tenants have also been bothered for cash by some of Fr Bruce's former customers, hence the sign about privacy on the front lawn of the Rectory.

Low gluten communion wafers

These are available for those with coeliac difficulties. If you would like to use these please mention this to Fr Martyn before the mass.

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