



Eastern Hills Anglicans

– CAMP HILL & NORMAN PARK –

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Parish Festival of the Annunciation of the Lord

Welcome

As you can see by the image above we now have a definitive design to help promote our parish to the wider community. The name and the logo are an integral part of our renewal and transformation. Read more about all of this inside this news sheet.

Festival of the Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Well that's the proper title of today's festival! So it's no wonder it became abbreviated in the Anglican tradition to *Lady Day*. But this long name & title does embrace a world-changing moment in human history. It celebrates God's coming in compassion & love to restore & renew his creation. - That's one side of the story – the other is Mary saying "Yes" to God. "Yes" to being the Mother of the Messiah. Her "Yes" is the pattern of all Christian discipleship – for at some stage we need, as an act of will and of love, to say "Yes" to the Lord. But there is more – we need to grow and mature in our assent – it is a continual on-going process and pilgrimage. For Mary it took her to Jerusalem and the events of first Holy Week – and beyond. In Acts of the Apostles she is with the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Our "Yes" is a never-ending story.

New Name & New Logo Image

Over the last six months there has been a lot of talk about a new *trade name* and new *logo-image* for our parish. The reasons for this were announced and put into the weekly information sheet when this was first raised but it is important restate all of that in full today.

Process

We have been assisted by a professional company called *Abbey* in Fortitude Valley. This company was responsible for the re-branding of Queensland Rail. One of the consultants from *Abbey* met with the Wardens and Fr Martyn to discuss what we are trying to achieve and what are our goals and what were our problems. They came back with suggested name and once that was decided logos were designed to match the name. At each stage the Council voted for the choice. *Abbey* would normally charge its corporate clients around \$30,000 plus for this work – *we have had it done free of charge*.

So why the change?

1. The length of our name and its inconvenience in general usage. As an example most company computers only print about two thirds of our name on invoices and accounts – it's too long & they are not going to make allowances for it.
2. The dedication titles of the churches are not part of contemporary thinking or language. We know what *The Church of the Annunciation of the Lord to the Virgin Mary* means, but apart from being a mouthful, the average person has no idea what that signifies.
3. Of course we would eventually explain to any who join us the real significance of the titles of our churches – but it is an encumbrance in initial outreach and contact.
4. It is now probably well over 15 years since the two parishes came together. It is time for us to move on from that bit of history. By now we should be one parish with two centres, not two parishes in an imposed amalgamation.

The Design

The design is a simple outline. The image of 3 people together illustrates the concept of community. The three figures are also made to look like hills alluding to the geographical location of our centres.

The Colours

These are strong primary colours to clearly stand out and hit you in the eye. This is to overcome the problem of our centres not being on main roads or access points. Neither are they located in community civic or shopping centres. It is easy to miss us as people drive past our centres. Our signage needs to make people stop, look and find us.

The colours are also chosen to match the heraldic device of the Australian Anglican Church

The Name

The name is short and to the point, and clearly indicates our identity as Anglicans. It has a sub-clause of information with the name of the suburbs to connect with our history and not to confuse us with other neighbouring parishes.

Usage

The logo, name and font style will be used on all stationary – print and electronic, advertising, publications, signage, and on our web site.

The Shock of the New

Yes, it is different and it is not part of what we are use to. But this is now true of all church life across Australia. Some parishioners may never like it. ***But that is not the point of the exercise – it is not for us but for outreach and our contact outside the parish.***

And the Next Stage?

Today is to show and explain the task so far that the Parish Council has done. The next stage is beyond the Parish as it goes to a meeting of the Bishops & Archdeacons before it goes to the formality of the Diocesan Council

More Community Information

Parish Heritage Fair: “Were in the Money!”

That is what Janelle Read’s exciting e-mail proclaimed when she spread the good news that we won a grant from the Brisbane City Council’s Morningside Liveability fund. We have received **\$1174**. This will pay for the Animal farm, Jumping Castle, Coffee machine, Bain Marie, Pie Warmer & Bar Fridge. Of course this grant will clearly improve our profit margin.

The grant is in recognition of our efforts to make our Norman Park church as a centre for the NP community. Norman Park (& Camp Hill) does not have a natural centre of a shopping precinct with civic facilities. Our Heritage Fair (along with a new name and logo) will put us more on the map.

Today: Heritage Fair Planning Session

After the festival there will be a planning session to see how things are developing for the Fair. As the whole parish is at the one centre today it provides a good opportunity for attendance.

New Directions for the Youth in our Parish

Next Saturday for a 8am **Breakfast at Fr Martyn’s home** the Diocese’s Children & Youth Ministry department will visit and explain their programmes & resources that may help us. the programmes are: **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.

Apologies for last week's Julian Meeting

Fr Martyn had the joy of three visits to the dentist last week to attend to a complicated abscess – Tuesday was the bad day – so apologies for the cancellation.

Wall Safe for the Camp Hill Hall

In two weeks time the hall key we be relocated from the fence to a small wall safe on one of the hall veranda pillars, facing the front door. You will need to know the combination number to access this – please speak to Fr Martyn or Ann Perkins for that number.

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.

Norman Park Child minding Group.

Some of you will remember the saga printed in the local press associated with this group in their relationship with the NP Presbyterian church. After hunting around for a new location they have now settled with us at the Camp Hill centre.

Next Week's Readings

8 April 2007: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: **Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100

Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: **John 10:27-30**

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Coming Up

Fr Martyn Away

From Monday 30 April to Friday 4 May Fr Martyn will be visiting his mother in Bright in NE Victoria. Fr John Campbell will look after any pastoral emergencies inside that week and will celebrate the Wednesday Eucharist.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 26 April at the home of John Wood, Unit 6, 134 Wynnum Rd Norman Park. 134 is virtually a lane off Wynnum Road and there is a vacant block of land on Wynnum road where you can park.

ANZAC Day Wednesday 25 April

Fr Martyn will again be involved in the Camp Hill ANZAC day commemoration. This will begin at 8am in the car park of the Camp Hill Hotel in Old Cleveland Road at 8am and move to the Camp Hill Primary School.

As Wednesday is the normal day for weekday mass this will now be at 11am on ANZAC day . It will be a Requiem Mass for the day.

Adult Education "This is our Faith"

7.30pm at Norman Park

Outing to Ormiston House Sunday 20 May

Make sure that you RSVP to the outing to Ormiston House. This was a most enjoyable event last year. Such events are also important in parish life because it gives time to be together and to strengthen our community life and our knowledge of each other.



History of the Parish Festival: The Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Roman Imperial persecution of the Church made the development of Christian worship a difficult task. Worship had to be hidden, simple and basic, with the real risk of being denounced and martyred. This persecution, beginning with Nero, with Saints Peter & Paul being amongst his notable victims, lasted up to the Emperor Constantine's recognition of Christianity in 312. It was after this that the first Christian places of worship were built and worship could go public. This was helped by the Emperor making Sunday a public holiday. It was from this time that the Christian Liturgical Calendar was developed. The purpose of the calendar was to ensure that the different aspects of the faith could be understood and experienced in worship and song.

One of the first big feast days that was developed in the new freedom was Christmas on the 25 December. The first recorded evidence for this day comes from a calendar written around 350AD. But things may have been on the move before then when Constantine built a basilica in Bethlehem in 320AD.

Originally Christmas celebrated all aspects of Christ's conception, birth and childhood. But a custom arose of commemorating Mary as the Mother of Christ a few days after Christmas. But it did not take long for someone to calculate 9 months before Christmas to come up with 25 March as the festival day when Christ was conceived in the womb of Mary. Strength was added to this festival because the event is also recorded in Luke's Gospel.

The one problem with this March festival is that it always falls in Lent or Holy Week and cathedrals and parish churches which share our dedication end up transferring the feast to a Sunday in Eastertide. It is because of this that Anglican Church in recent years has made the main Mary festival 15 August, the Festival of the Assumption.

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Parish Church Services

Normal Times of Mass (*these may vary according major festivals & events*)

Sunday	8.00am	Camp Hill
Mass.	10.30am	Norman Park Mass
Wednesday	10am	Camp Hill Mass