

# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 7

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

19th February 2023

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## **Office hours**

8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

## **MASS TIMES:**

### **Sunday Eucharist**

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 5.30pm

### **Weekday Eucharist**

Monday & Tuesday: 7.00am

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday &

Public Holiday: 9.00am

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 5.00pm-5.20pm

### **Adoration and Benediction**

1st Friday After 9am Mass

## **PARISH TEAM:**

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## **Perfect - made whole....**

One day, Mother Teresa was asking a baker for some bread to feed the hungry children in her orphanage. The baker was furious with her request for free bread. Not only did he turn her down, he spat at her. In response to his outrageous actions, Mother Teresa calmly reached deep into her pocket, took out her handkerchief, wiped the spit off and said "That was for me; now what about some bread for my poor children?" The baker was touched by Mother Teresa's love and greatness, complied and thereafter provided bread for the children in the orphanage. What makes a disciple of Jesus Christ different from everyone else? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as we deserve, but as God wishes us to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. I do not know if you have heard this already. An unknown author said something about what a Christian is all about.

This is being said: A Christian...

is a mind through which Christ thinks.

is a heart through which Christ lives.

is a voice through which Christ speaks.

is a hand through which Christ helps.

This weekend's Gospel speaks of the essence of holiness. And why should we be holy? It's because God Himself is holy and we have been created in His image. The passage concludes with Jesus saying, "Be perfect, then, as your heavenly Father is perfect." This obviously is an ideal, a goal to be aimed at. And the perfection intended is not total perfection but rather to aim at that total impartiality of a God who extends His providential care and love equally to all. What Jesus wants is for us to adopt a divine perspective and to see other people as they really are. He wants us to pray for everyone and to love them as God loves them. Jesus understands perfectly well that the best way to get people to be more open is to treat them with dignity and to appeal to their better instincts. So let's take up the challenge Jesus gives us today. Let's try to be perfect, in each decision we make and in all that we do. Strive to be perfect!

As we enter into another season of Lent there will be two **Masses on Ash Wednesday at 9.00 am and 6.00pm**. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fast and abstinence. All those aged between 18-59 are obliged to fast; people with medical conditions are exempt. There will also be **Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6.30 pm during Lent** starting from 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Ash Wednesday is a day many Christians set aside as a special day. It is a day to remember our humanness and mortality. It is a day to begin the season of Lent, a time for reflection, penitence, and preparation for Easter.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

We at St Thomas' Parish acknowledge the Yuggera people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather. We pay our respects to elders - past, present and emerging, who have walked and cared for this land for thousands of years.

## Parish News & Notices

### We remember in our prayers

**The sick:** Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Sue Lamb, Megan Bowden, Carmel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, June Colch, Judith Angela, Alex Stegman, Kui Liu, Eileen MacDermott, Lorraine O'Leary, Shirley Mead, Don Cattnach, Barry Ahern, Brian Toon, Rod Grove, Bernice Taylor.



**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Marie Roberts, John (Jack) Cannon, Patrick O'Gorman, John McGovern, Theresa Poole, William Simson, Eileen Crowley, Maureen Sheridan, Kevin Eickenloff, Thelma Bradshaw, Dean Bonke, Barbara Woodroffe, Cecilia Buskey, Mona Costa, Joseph 'Gerard' Cremin, Anne-Maree Denaro, Grace Dalziel, Terry Cooney, Anastasia Forster, Rosemary McDonald, Peggy Cannon, John Roborgh, Fr Pat Dowd, Warwick Marden



"RIP John TREBY. John and Jo were long term, active parishioners at St Thomas' before moving to Buderim some 30 years ago. Their children went to our school and many of us had our televisions repaired by John. John passed away on 22 January 2023, aged 95."

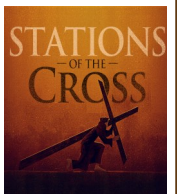


On Ash Wednesday  
**Wednesday  
22nd February 2023**

Mass will be celebrated  
at **9am and 6.00pm**

Dear Parishioners,  
Please be advised that the Yr 3 to Yr 6 school children will also be attending the 9.00am Ash Wednesday mass.  
Thank you for your understanding.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at  
St Thomas' each **Friday evening of Lent at 6.30pm**,  
from **Friday 24th February**  
All are welcome to join us.



**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT**  
Please consider giving to our Planned Giving Program. Your continued support for our Parish is much appreciated.

**Collections & Planned Giving:-**  
**BSB:064-786 Acc: 100012966**

**Baptisms/Sacrament Programs/ Donations/All other deposits:-**  
**Name: Camp Hill Parish**  
**BSB:064-786 Acc: 1000005597**

**\* We also have Tap n Go facility in the Church premises.**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

### The Week Ahead

Sun - 19th Feb	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 20th Feb	Mass @ 7am
Tues - 21st Feb	Mass @ 7am
<b>Wed - 22nd Feb</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am and 6.00pm</b>
Thur - 23rd Feb	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 24th Feb	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross @ 6.30pm
Sat - 25th Feb	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 26th Feb	1st Sunday of Lent Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

### Quote of the week

**Life is short,  
live it.  
Love is rare,  
grab it.  
Anger is bad,  
dump it.  
Fear is awful, face it.  
Memories are sweet,  
cherish it.**

Hi everyone, my name is Shanti Suppiah



and I am the new Parish Secretary and also new to the Parish as well. I have been a Parish Secretary & Sacramental Coordinator with the Hectorville Parish in Adelaide, South Australia for the past 4 years. I look forward to meeting you all and serving the St Thomas The Apostle Parish in my new position and getting to know you all.



## Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## MUSICIANS & SINGERS

Our Parish Music Ministry needs your help! We're calling all musicians and singers to help us raise our hearts and minds in song during mass. No experience in leading the congregation is necessary, we will teach you that part 😊.

Any parishioners who know how to play keyboard, piano, organ or guitar or can hold a tune (all singers) please call or text Melissa Chong on 0467220461.

God is calling you to this ministry, that's why you saw this notice! We would love to hear from you!!

Melissa Chong

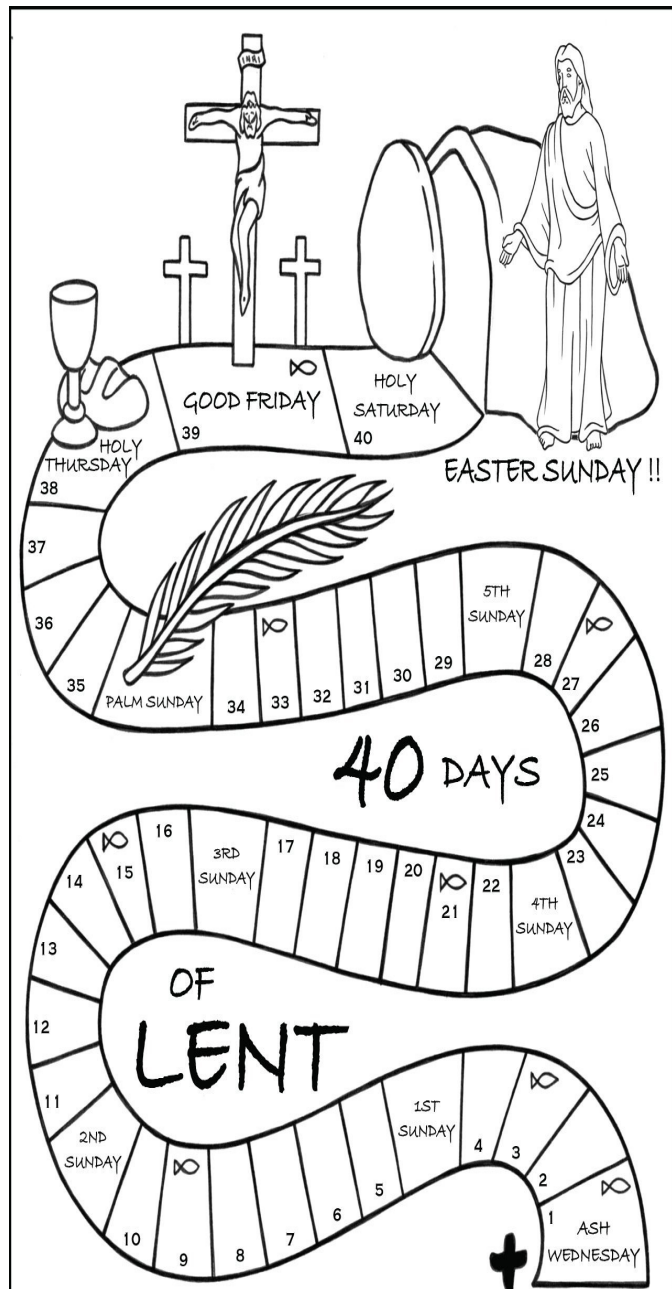
## Rosary Beads Donations for Timor Leste (East Timor)

The Knights of the Southern Cross are collecting rosary beads to send to Catholic Communities in Timor Leste (East Timor). If you have any rosary beads that you no longer need this is a unique opportunity to share faith across countries. A box for you to deposit the rosary beads has been placed at the middle exit of the church on the hall side. These will be collected after the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023. If you have any queries please contact Brian Harding, email [harding12@bigpond.com](mailto:harding12@bigpond.com).



## 2024 St. Thomas' School Prep Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep 2024 close on 31 March, 2023. If you are interested in a place for Prep next year please ensure you have submitted your online enrolment before this date.





## Readings

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

#### First Reading: (Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

#### Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8 )

#### Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 3:16-23 )

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! .Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: (Matthew 5:38-48)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

## FOR THE CHILDREN

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Does anyone know what an enemy is? (Someone who hates another person and wants to hurt or harm them.) Today we hear Jesus telling us that we must learn to forgive and love our enemies and never to hate them.

#### LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, you once said,

"I leave you my peace, my peace I give you."

May our hands reach out to share your peace with others,  
and may our hearts be always filled with forgiveness and love.



#### Readings for Next Sunday

1st Sunday of Lent

#### First Reading:

Genesis 2: 7-9: 3: 1-7

The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.

#### Second Reading:

Romans 5:12-19

Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.

#### Gospel:

Mt 4:1-11

Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.