

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 6

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

12th February 2023

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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

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Parish Pastoral Council

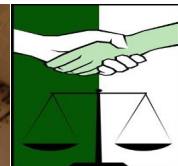
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Parish Finance Council

Anthony Oostenbroek—Chair

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The essence of God's law....

The message of this weekend's Gospel is for us to understand the fundamental value of Jesus calling us to have a heart that is forgiving, faithful and trustworthy. This is the wisdom of God that comes as a gift from God. It is not merely human wisdom. In bringing the law of God to completion, Jesus calls us to live in love, a love that completes and makes us whole because it is God's love. God calls us to a radical way of living.

The new structure of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

I would like to advise our parishioners the new structure of our Parish Pastoral Council as our parish moves into the parish strategic planning process. And I take this opportunity to say thanks to Caroline Sarra, for all her generous contribution as PPC chair to the parish over the last three years. Here I am very happy to declare that Michael Williamson has been elected as the PPC Chair and I wish him all the blessing of God in this new role. The other PPC members are Chris Veraa (PPC secretary) Liam Beatty the school principle (Ex Officio), Catherine Dimmick, Laura Gahan, and the four ministry team leaders- Alison Clark, Amanda Sheridan, Caroline Sarra and Veronica Colch. The PPC is the advisory body and helping hand to the Parish Priest in matters of pastoral ministry in the parish. It works on behalf of the parish priest within the geographical territory of the parish to extend pastoral care to each and every person of the community. In a very special way the PPC makes present the 'servant leadership' of Christ to the community in collaboration with the overall pastoral leadership of the Parish Priest.

A quick update on the Strategic Planning Process

I am grateful to the Pastoral Council and all of the people that have worked tirelessly over the past year to develop this strategic plan for the benefit of St. Thomas Parish, special thanks to Anthony Oostenbroek and Matthew Ames who led this process in a wonderful way. We recognize with special gratitude all of the parishioners who gave so much of their time to the planning process. We thank all those who responded to the parish surveys, and those who provided ideas and recommendations to the Pastoral Council. All Leadership Teams will gather and develop core content for the parish strategic plan on 18th February 2023.

Welcome our new parish secretary

Shanti Suppiah has been appointed as the new parish secretary for St. Thomas' parish starting on 13th Feb 2023. She comes to this role with a lot of experience as Parish secretary in her former parish. We wish her every success in her new role and ask everyone to join in welcoming her. She is a part of the parish team now, and we know she'll do great things here.

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

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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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
Music Coordinator

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 26th February 2023. If you have any queries

please contact Brian Harding,
email harding12@bigpond.com.

Thank you for your support.



The Week Ahead

Sun - 12th Feb	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm Baptism @ 10.00am
Mon - 13th Feb	Mass @ 7am
Tues - 14th Feb	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 15th Feb	Mass @ 9am
Thur - 16th Feb	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 17th Feb	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 18th Feb	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 19th Feb	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

Ash Wednesday
22nd Feb 2023

Quote of the Week
**God balances our lives
by giving us
enough blessings
to keep us happy,
enough burdens to
keep us humble and
enough hardships
to keep us strong.**

Readings for Next Sunday

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-28
Love your neighbour as yourself.

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 3:16-23
What is wise with the world, is absurd with God.

Gospel:

Matthew 5:38-48
Turn the other cheek.

Parish News & Notices

From the Parish Pastoral Council chair

In August last year, the parish commenced a process to prepare a five-year strategic plan. We are now at the pointy end of that process. Discussion about 'dreams' and a 'vision' for our parish is complete. It is time to convert those dreams and vision into a plan of action for the next 5 years. To do this, the Parish Pastoral Council and Ministry teams and leaders will participate in a facilitated Strategic planning session next Saturday, 18 February. The outcomes of this session will be reflected in a formal strategic planning document to be released in the coming months. The plan will be accessible for all parishioners.

The Parish Pastoral Council participating in the Strategic planning session has changed. It now comprises Fr Dantus, a Chair, Secretary and leaders of the four newly formed ministries. I have the privilege of being the Chair of the Council. I am very grateful that Chris Veera will be working with me as the Secretary.

The Ministry leaders and assistants involved in the PPC are:

Parish Life – Caroline Sarra, assisted by Catherine Dimmick

Liturgy – Amanda Sheridan

Children and families – Alison Clark, assisted by Laura Gahan

Service & outreach – Veronica Colch

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to Caroline Sarra, who was the Chair of the PPC for the last three years. This was not an easy period to navigate. It was punctuated by, amongst other things, the Covid pandemic, change of parish priest and the commencement of the Strategic planning process. The parish was very fortunate to have Caroline's leadership during this time.

Two long standing members have also indicated they will not be continuing with the PPC this year. Those members are Matthew Ames and Paul Mead. I wish to acknowledge each of their contributions to the PPC over many years. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with the Parish.

An exciting year awaits! I am looking forward to working with the PPC and seeing the fruits of the Strategic planning process. The fruit will be a reminder that our parish is a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive one.

Michael Williamson
PPC chair



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.

For the Children

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RULES FOR LIFE

When Moses was leading God's people through the desert, God gave them ten rules or commandments to help the people live in God's way. Today we hear Jesus reminding his followers of these "rules for life."

LET US PRAY
God our father,
help us to keep your commandments
written on our hearts.



The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and the National Liturgical Council are delighted to announce a combined Liturgy and Music Conference.



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Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading: (Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20)

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps118:1-2.4-5.17-18 R.v.1) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 5:17-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'