

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



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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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It takes some of us a lifetime to learn
that Christ, our Good Shepherd,
knows exactly what He is doing with
us. He understands us perfectly.

Hearing and Following His Voice

I have a friend who is a great lover of classical music. His knowledge of it is vast. He only needs to hear a few bars of most musical works and he confidently declares, 'Mozart's Piano Concerto in A' or 'Stravinsky's Rite of Spring'. He's always right.

Another of his superfluous, but amusing gifts is to pick the singer. He can hear a soprano and declare it to be Callas, Te Kanawa or Sutherland. He knows which of the three Tenors is belting out that particular top C. Again, he's almost always right. What intrigues me about this gift is that he remembers the timbres of each voice, not just the famous ones, but some rather obscure soloists as well. It helps that he has listened to the sound of these voices for years. It's the same with recognising the voice of Christ – it comes with practice and exposure to it.

In our world there are a multitude of voices clamouring for attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to the sound of his voice so that even if it is faintly heard amidst the noise, we can lift our heads, turn our gaze and walk towards it.

More than ever, there are some voices which entice us away from the Gospel. We are told that it is impossible to be happy unless we are wealthy. Impossible to be free unless we answer to no one.

And in this crowded marketplace the voice of Jesus keeps saying the same thing it's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace.

The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we have to make important decisions, we close our ears. We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death. What his call offers is life and life abundantly. But at various times we blot it out and tune our hearing elsewhere.

There are, however, at least two times in our lives when we respond immediately to the sound of a loving voice: as a baby and in old age. A parent's voice soothes and reassures a baby like no other. Look at how a screaming child calms down as a mother nurses it. Look at how a loved one's voice comforts and gives confidence to an older person when they are distressed or disoriented.

What wonderful images these very human moments provide in terms of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. At the moment of our death, in the midst of all the other sounds we hear as we leave this world we will hear Christ's voice – soothing, reassuring, comforting and confident. And at that moment we will do what we have tried to do always all our lives – we will walk straight toward it.

Now that will be life, and life abundantly.

Homily by Fr Richard Leonard SJ

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, Rod Grove, Anthony Raitiri & Sr Belen.



Recently Deceased: Bernice Taylor.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brian John Walls (Mick), William Bradbury, Alice Rowely, Ronald Kitchen, Annie Ducey, Cameron McDonald, Dorothy Schlecht, Eileen Dlack, Mervyn Harbeck, Elizabeth O'Connor, Joan Rowley, Miriam O'Reilly, Brian Kirby, Bernard O'Reilly, Mary Graham, Santo Cavallaro, William Lyons, John Moran, Ivan Harris, Mary Dwyer, Peter Traynor, Bill Gordon, Glen Crouch, Ann Jorgensen, Brian Trimble, Ned Rosengren, Campion Healy, Irene McMahon, Daphne Frawley, Neil Murphy, Barry Morrison, Margaret Carroll, Tom McDonald & Vince Thornton.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

In recent weeks, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has published a document entitled "Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023" which outlines seven priorities for the Archdiocese. Over the next six weeks until Pentecost, bulletin inserts will introduce us to the seven themes. This week's Apostolic Priority is: Bringing Cultural Communities to the Culture.

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Three: Bringing Cultural Communities to the Centre

"The face of the Church around the world is changing as the centre of gravity shifts from places like Europe and North America (and Australia) to Africa, Asia and Latin America...

Certainly in the Archdiocese the presence of people who have come from overseas – from Vietnam, the Philippines, the Pacific islands, India, Sri Lanka, Latin America, Africa – is growing stronger...

These large and growing communities have gifts for the whole Church, and increasingly the centre of gravity in the Church here is moving in their direction. Therefore, they have to be brought more to centre-stage in the life and mission of the Archdiocese, since much of the real spiritual energy in the Church here is found among them.

This again will involve significant cultural change for the whole Church in this part of the world."

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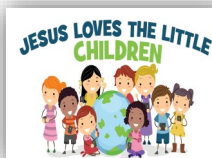
Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

The Week Ahead

Sun - 30th Apr	4th Sunday of Easter Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 1st May	Labour Day Mass @ 9am Parish Office Closed
Tues - 2nd May	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 3rd May	Mass @ 9am
Thur - 4th May	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 5th May	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 6th May	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 7th May	5th Sunday of Easter Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
8.30AM MASS
EVERY SUNDAY



St Thomas Music Ministry Hymn Requests



Scan this QR code
and tell us your
favourite hymn!

Quote of the week

If you are feeling lost, abandoned, or forgotten—fear not. The Good Shepherd will find you. He will lift you upon His shoulders. And He will carry you home."

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

THE VOCATION BASICS

"Vocation" means "call."

As Catholics, we believe God calls individuals to fulfill certain roles in the Church, both for their own holiness, and the good of the entire Body of Christ.

HOLINESS IS OUR COMMON GOAL

Holiness is everyone's primary vocation. Holiness means trying to be like Jesus. It means being a "whole" person: striving for virtue, avoiding sin, and living a life of love. After the decision to follow Christ and seriously pursue holiness, your vocation is the most important decision in life.

HOLY MARRIAGE

Most people are called to marriage—to wholeheartedly love their spouses and to joyfully welcome children.

The purpose of marriage is for a man and woman to help each other get to heaven, and to teach their children to do the same. Like any vocation, marriage must be discerned, not assumed.

CONSECRATED LIFE

Both men and women can join religious orders such as the Franciscans, Dominicans, Benedictines, etc. The life and work of religious orders varies greatly—some are primarily devoted to prayer; others work actively in schools, hospitals, orphanages, etc. Common to all religious orders are the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

PRIESTHOOD

Priests bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus through preaching and the sacraments. Priests are very active as they counsel people, teach classes, prepare homilies, administer parishes, and much more.

Many surveys show that priests are among the happiest people in the world! Deacons, too, share in the sacrament of Holy Orders.

DEDICATED SINGLE LIFE

Some people serve God as single people, without marrying or making special vows. While not a "vocation" in a strict theological sense, single people "contribute greatly to the good of the human family" (CCC 2231).

MARRIAGE

PRIESTHOOD



RELIGIOUS LIFE

SINGLE LIFE

Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter Weekends -Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. A Marriage Encounter Weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Live-out weekend at Beaudesert, Friday evening 30 June to Sunday afternoon 2 July, returning home each evening

Live-out weekend proposed for Gladstone, Friday evening 18 August to Sunday afternoon 20 August, returning home each evening

Live-in weekend at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston from Friday evening 13 October to Sunday afternoon 15 October.

For bookings/details contact Lisha and Joseph 0481 307 821 qldbookings@wwme.org.au

Watch Archbishop Mark Coleridge's support video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44

For testimonies from ordinary families who have experienced a Marriage Encounter weekend visit <https://www.shalomworld.org/show/family-discovering-coupleness>. Information website: www.wwme.org.au

The Archdiocesan Commission on the Liturgy invites you to join in an afternoon of choral singing and repertoire sharing.

Event: Choral Kaleidoscope

Venue: St Laurence's College Chapel. 82 Stephens Road, South Brisbane.

Date: Sunday 4 June

Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Music will be led by musicians from throughout the Archdiocese. To register for this event please [click here](#).

Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased on the registration page at the above link.

Please submit your registration by Friday 28 April 2023.

We look forward to welcoming you to Choral Kaleidoscope!



CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

Whose voice do you know without being told who it is?

How can you tell?

Jesus speaks to us in many ways.

How can we tell the voice of Jesus?

Jesus says that he will always care for us.

Let us pray that we may know and love Jesus more closely.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A

First Reading: (Acts 2:14. 36-41)

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: (1Pt 2:20-25)

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: (John 10:1-10)

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

For the Children...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER -YEAR A

The Good Shepherd

A shepherd's lonely job was to find food for his sheep and to protect them from wild animals. Today we hear how Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd who will lead his sheep safely on their journey to everlasting life.

LET US PRAY

The Lord is my shepherd, he gives me everything I need. He leads me to lie down in green meadows and to drink beside cool, deep pools. He is my strength and protection and guides me along the right path.



Readings for Next Sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER -YR A

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Gospel: John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.