

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 21

Pentecost Sunday – Year A

28th May 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 & 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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Though we are many,
we are one body.
We are one body in Christ.

Come Holy Spirit.... Today is Pentecost: The Church's birthday! The last Sunday of Easter season. "Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next, and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus. They had the courage to come out of their hiding and speak openly about Jesus.

There is much in our universe that is real but is not visible to the naked eye. Actually what we see with our eyes is only a fraction of our physical world. The Holy Spirit is part of the spiritual world, and it is no surprise that we cannot see the Spirit with our eyes. Yet, there are helpful ways of imagining the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul uses an image drawn from nature, speaking about the fruits of the Spirit. He is talking about the visible impact of the Spirit on one's life. We may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the impact of the Spirit in our life, just as we cannot see the wind but can see the impact of the wind on people and objects of various kinds.

St. Paul is saying that wherever we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, the Spirit is there at work.

The Spirit becomes visible in and through these qualities and virtues. The Holy Spirit is essentially the very life of God, and that life is a life of love. The Spirit is constantly at work in our lives, making us more like Jesus.

We can recognize the Spirit's presence in the common happenings of everyday life. The spiritual is not something other-worldly; it is humanity at its best. So dear friends, today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love.

Let us repeat Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:"

"Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love. Amen."

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 Cattanaach, Barry Ahern, Rod Grove, & Sr Belen.

Recently Deceased: Anthony Raitiri

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Blue Smith, Peter Ryan, Margaret Murray, Benjamino Giacomodona, Anthony Volmer, Beryl Robinson, Justin Cosgrove, Gordon Bissett, Les Bertini, Savatore Vitale, John Leahy, Aileen Cokayne, Fr Bob Mitchell, Rita Leslie, James O'Connor, Darcy Dickson, Dorothy Vaughan, Marie Fitzpatrick, Mary Rafferty, Suzanne Ballinger, Geraldine Simento, Irene Matthews, Michael O'Connor, Des O'Toole, Sid O'Toole, Joseph 'Gerry' Cremin, Mona Costa, Margaret Simson, Bill Collins, Russell Lea, Tom Killian, Edie Coughlan, Bernadette Moy & Brian Harding (Senior).

Our parish has a Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) who is dedicated to promoting safeguarding messages and practices, and available to assist with any questions, concerns, disclosures, incidents or complaints. **Our LSR is David Colch at lsr.stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au.** If you wish to remain anonymous, please contact **STOPLINE** on 1300 304 550, aob@stopline.com.au or www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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: 100005597

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

The Week Ahead

Sun - 28th May	Pentecost Sunday Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 29th May	Mass @ 7am
Tues - 30th May	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 31st May	Mass @ 9am
Thur - 1st June	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 2nd June	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 3rd June	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 4th June	The Most Holy Trinity Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

Baptisms

We welcome... Pia Kulman daughter of Sarina & Timothy and **George Barratt** son of Natalie & Ashley baptised in our Church this weekend.

May Jesus, who loves all children, bless your precious child with love and peace on this special day and always.



NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new to the Parish or have recently moved into this area, we warmly welcome you and your family. We invite you to join our Parish. Please contact the Parish Office on 33981154 or email : stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

Upcoming Events!

Parish Events in JULY'23

St Thomas Parish Feast Day and The launch of the St Thomas Parish Strategic Plan.

More details coming soon!

On behalf of our Parish we would like to say a huge thank you to Teresa Pokoj for the beautiful and amazing restoration work done on our statue of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and Brian Tully and all those who donated and assisted with getting the statue restored and placed in the foyer of the Parish office.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



CHILDREN'S LITURGY
8.30AM MASS
EVERY SUNDAY
During School Term only.

St Thomas Music Ministry Hymn Requests



Scan this QR code and tell us your favourite hymn!

Quote of the week

A small dot can stop a big sentence; but few more dots can give continuity.
Amazing but true...
Every ending can be a new beginning.

The Reinstitution of Holy Communion Under Both Species



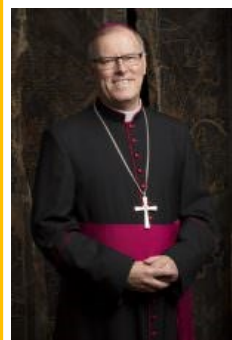
The Archbishop of Brisbane, has advised that the provision of Communion under both species (the Body and Blood of Christ) is able to be reintroduced safely at this time. *Undoubtedly, Holy Communion under both species illustrates Christ's intention that we eat His Body and drink His Blood.* The purpose, then, of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds, is not that the

faithful receive more grace than when they receive it under one kind alone, but that we are enabled to appreciate vividly the value of the sign. In short, we are in full communion with God in the reception of the Body of Christ alone. *If you have any concerns about receiving the Blood of Christ, please understand and know that it is not required.* It is emphasised, however, that if you are unwell that you refrain from receiving from the chalice or receiving communion on the tongue. Moreover, please note: *Intinction* (dipping the Consecrated Host, into the Precious Blood) is not customary and is discouraged. With the reintroduction of the Chalice, this will also mean an increase in the number of Ministers of Communion required across our Masses. Our Communion Ministers have all to be retrained in the safe sharing of the Chalice. So please receive the Blood of Christ from the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ onward; if you feel comfortable doing so.

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

Invitation to be a Minister of Communion

With the reintroduction of Holy Communion from the Chalice, we would require more Ministers of Communion across our Masses. If you feel interested in being part of this ministry as a Minister of Communion at Mass and are currently not on the roster, please call or email the parish office. A training session will then be organised in the near future for new Ministers of Communion. Thank you.



APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP KEN HOWELL

The entire community of the Archdiocese of Brisbane welcomes the appointment of Bishop Ken Howell as the new Bishop of Toowoomba and offers him our warmest congratulations. The only surprise perhaps was that it took so long. Bishop Ken was born in Brisbane, and in the Archdiocese he has been a well loved son, priest and bishop. He will be much missed here. But the Church is bigger than the Archdiocese; and his gifts and experience will ensure that he brings all

that is needed to his new mission and ministry. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has received much from the Diocese of Toowoomba through the years, and now in return we give one of our own.

We look forward to the Installation on 11 July, and in the meantime we accompany Bishop Ken with our prayers.

✠Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** study in the **week starting the 29th of MAY** with daytime and evening sessions and will run for **8 weeks**. Participants will meet every week at one of the local parishes in the deanery to view a video presentation by Jeff Cavins followed by a group discussion. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. **St Thomas Parish will be hosting the Tuesday Group in the Parish Office beginning on Tuesday 30 May.** For more information or to register your interest, please contact **Louise Simento at 0456 700 040.**

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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: Embedding Synodal Governance.

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Seven: Embedding Synodal Governance

We have begun the long and complex process of moving towards a synodal mode of governance in the Church, but the process is far from complete; and there is much to be done to embed synodal governance more securely at every level in the Archdiocese... Synodality implies inclusion, and therefore we will have to keep asking how we might at every level include women in the decision-making processes of the Archdiocese. So too synodality requires transparency and accountability, and we will have to keep asking what we need to do make the Archdiocese more transparent and accountable.

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Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

St Vincent de Paul—Thanks so much parishioners for your provision of winter clothing for a refugee family we are helping. That was much appreciated by them. We don't need any more clothing at present. Next weekend 3/4 June will be our Winter Appeal for your financial assistance.

NEXT WEEKEND Camp Hill St Vincent de Paul group is seeking your financial assistance to enable us to support those in need in our area as they battle the cost of living rises. There will be appeal envelopes on the pews next weekend, which you can use for cash, cheque or credit card donations. Please add these to the normal collection basket over the next two weekends. Donations can also be made to the SVDP bank account: BSB 064786/Acc 100026595 (please notify parish office with name, address, amount donated). **Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Many thanks for your kind support.**



St Vincent de
Paul

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

Today we celebrate the coming of the Spirit. Who do you know who is a Spirit-filled person? What sort of things show that a person is Spirit-filled? Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts so that we may be Spirit filled.

Readings

Pentecost Sunday - Year A

First Reading: (Acts 2:1-11)

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: (Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (John 20:19-23)

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

For the Children...



FEAST OF PENTECOST

The Holy Spirit comes

Today is Pentecost, which the Jews celebrated fifty days after the Passover. Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church and hear how Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to the disciples, just as he had.

LET US PRAY

Come Holy Spirit and breathe your life into us, so that we can bring Christ into the world and touch the lives of others we love.

Readings for Next Sunday

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY-YR A

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9
The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel: John 3:16-18
God sent his Son to save the world through him.