



St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 24

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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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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Our Baptismal calling... This weekend's Gospel speaks of discipleship. Jesus was traveling to villages and towns, teaching and preaching in the synagogues. He was proclaiming the Gospel of God's Kingdom. During the time of Jesus, there were so many people who were in need of help. Matthew says: "When Jesus saw the multitudes He was filled with deep compassion for them." Jesus recognized how lost, hungry, and alone the people were. Truly, they were sheep without a shepherd. They had no one to tend to them or care for them. Jesus then called His twelve disciples. He gave His disciples the power and ability to heal, to drive out unclean spirits and to cure every disease. Jesus then instructed His disciples to find the "lost" sheep of Israel.

It is the same during our time, if not, more so. Just look around us, people everywhere are hungry for the Good News, hungry for physical food, and are in need of healing as well as comfort. Who will proclaim to them the Kingdom of God and tend to their needs? The task of spreading the Word of God and serving the needy is not only for the priests or for pastors. Every baptized Christian is called to share in the unfinished work or creation as priest, prophet and king, which is our Baptismal calling. Just as Jesus was moved with compassion, may the Holy Spirit moved each one of us to move out of our comfort zones and reach out to the last, least and lost people in society.

Today Jesus also gives us the power to heal. We may heal simply by listening to another person. On the other hand, we may heal by giving an unexpected gift of our time or ability. We may heal by truly seeing another person. We all have the ability to heal. We may heal another person with a touch, with loving words or perhaps by simply giving our full attention to each person we meet. Moreover, be mindful of the individuals who share their time and love with us. It is a great gift to give and receive!

Just as Jesus has called and sent the first twelve apostles, He is also calling and sending us for a mission. In other words, discipleship entails a mission. We are called therefore to do something in the vineyard where "the harvest is ready but the labourers are few". The gifts of the Holy Spirit has been given to us freely, let us serve the people of God freely, without expecting reward or recognition. For it is Jesus whom we actually serve and it is Jesus who will bless us and give what is due to us whether at the present time and in the life beyond.

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, Rod Grove, Sr Belen & Trish Buckle.

Recently Deceased: Deryth Jealous & Antony Raitiri.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Josephine Charlson, Saviour Paul Said, Neil Hendry, Colin Kiely, Peter Hellwig, Merryl Hooke, Sheila Wallace, William Vaughan, Kevin Hutton, Mary James, Kerrie Rimbart, Grace Hardy, Robert Graham, Yvonne Behm, Julieanne Handcock, Betty Stephens, Robert Imecs and Br John Ehlefeldt msc. and George Axisa.

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.**

Parish Newsletter—If you would like to receive a copy of the Newsletter via email, please contact the Parish office at 33981154.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION—The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world and gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. This year the collection will be taken up **NEXT WEEKEND** during masses on the **24th & 25th June**. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take this collection up as a retiring (leaving) collection. Thank you.



Parish Event
23rd JULY'23
Sunday Morning Mass
St Thomas Parish Feast Day and The launch of the St Thomas Parish Strategic Plan. More details coming soon!



CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS
A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

Who do you invite when you share a meal?
Who does Jesus invite to share in his sacred meal?
What are some of the things we do at this sacred meal, the Mass? (ie. listen to God's Word, bring forward gifts, sing, pray, join in processions etc)
Eucharist means 'thanksgiving'. What can we thank God for in the Eucharist today?

SACRED HEART OF JESUS STATUE
PARISH OFFICE FOYER
To all our Parishioners, we welcome you to come and have a moment of prayer or reflection during our office hours.

The Week Ahead

Sun - 18th June	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 19th June	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 20th June	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 21st June	Mass @ 9am
Thur - 22nd June	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 23rd June	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 24th June	Mass @ 5.30pm The Nativity of Saint John the
Sun - 25th June	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

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



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



SUNDAY MORNING TEA FELLOWSHIP
after the 8.30am Mass. All welcome to come along for a chat and a cuppa.

St Thomas Music Ministry
Hymn Requests



Scan this QR code and tell us your favourite hymn!

Quote of the week
Life is too short to argue and fight.
Count your blessings.
Value the people who love and make the most of each day.

Parish News & Notices

DID YOU KNOW - What is the proper way to receive the Holy Communion?



· ***Come prepared:*** As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. "A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible" (canon 916). The frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all. Do your best during Mass to pay attention to the readings, prayers, and homily and draw nearer to Jesus as

you get ready to receive Him.

· ***Bow or genuflect before receiving:*** The General Instruction asks us to make a sign of reverence before receiving Holy Communion. Our sign of reverence before receiving the Eucharist will be a bow of the head to the Body and Blood of Christ in the hands of the minister. This is a sign of reverence for Jesus who is present in the Eucharist. You can do this while the person in front of you is receiving. This bow is not a deep bow from the waist, but a simple bow of the head, as a form of honouring. This simple gesture, made individually, unifies us in our visible respect for the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation which we are about to receive.

· ***If you receive the Body of Christ in your hand:*** Make sure your hands are uncovered (no gloves, etc.), clean, and empty. Make a solid "throne" for Jesus with your hands: one beneath the other, flat and firm, and raised up in front of your chest. (See photo.) When the priest, or extraordinary minister says, "The Body of Christ," respond clearly, "Amen" signifies 'I believe' (Do not say thank you Father...). Once the host is in your top hand, use your bottom hand to pick it up and put it in your mouth and eat. Please do so immediately! Never reach and grab the Host. But be careful that no particles of the Holy Host fall, and make sure the small particles of the Holy Host are not stuck to your hands. Some people make the Sign of the Cross after receiving, but this is not required, it is optional.

· ***If you receive the Body of Christ on the tongue:*** Keep your hands folded prayerfully. Then extend your head forward, open your mouth, and extend your tongue slightly over your bottom teeth. Once the host is on your tongue, gently close your mouth around it and eat. Return prayerfully to your pew.

· ***To receive the Precious Blood:*** If you wish to receive the Precious Blood - the choice is yours bow your head and shoulders slightly as the person before you is receiving from the chalice. Approach the Priest/ministers of Communion and they will hold the chalice in front of you and say, "The Blood of Christ," to which you respond, "Amen". The Priest/minister of Communion will then hand you the chalice. Grasp the chalice firmly with both hands and bring it to your lips, taking care not to spill any of the Precious Blood within. Take a small sip of the Precious Blood and hand the chalice back to the minister who will wipe its rim and rotate the cup a quarter turn to prepare it for the next communicant. Do not carry the Host with the intention of dipping it into the Precious Blood.

· ***Prayer of thanksgiving:*** Then say a prayer of Thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion when you are back in your place. All of this will help us to remember that Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion are the source and summit of our Catholic Faith.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS & CELEBRATION WITH OUR PARISH CHILDREN—10 & 11.06.23.

BLESSING OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS STATUE IN THE PARISH OFFICE FOYER— 16.06.23.



PARISH EVENTS

A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION TO TERESA POKOJ BY ANTHONY OUR FINANCE CHAIR.



A THANK YOU GIFT FOR BRIAN TULLY FROM MICHAEL OUR PASTORAL CHAIR.

Readings

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First Reading: (Exodus 19:2-6)

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:2-3. 5

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: (Romans 5:6-11)

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 9:36 – 10:8)

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

For the Children...



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A ***The Twelve Apostles***

Jesus chose twelve disciples to become his apostles. They became the foundation stones of the early church and went out to share all that Jesus had taught them with the nations of the earth.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, give wisdom and courage to our Pope and bishops who are the leaders of your church on earth. Help them to carry on with the mission given to the twelve apostles, to lead your people to our father in heaven.

Readings for Next Sunday **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Yr A**

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
He has delivered the soul of the needy from
the hands of those who are evil.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15
God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against
him.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33
Do not fear those who can kill the body.