

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 25

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

25th June 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

PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest

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Do not be afraid.... A little wave was bobbing along in the ocean, enjoying the wind and the fresh air until it notices the other waves in front of it, crashing against the shore. "This is terrible," the wave says. "Look what's going to happen to me!" Then along comes another wave. It sees the first wave, and it says to the first wave, "Why do you look so sad?" The first wave says, "You don't understand! We are all going to crash! All of us waves are going to be nothing! Isn't this terrible?" The second wave says, "No, you don't understand. You're not a wave; you're part of the ocean."

"Do not be afraid." How good it is for someone who is worried to hear those words from Jesus. In the Bible the words "do not be afraid" are used 365 times. Jesus knew we needed to hear those words. "Do not be afraid." Jesus, who was human as well as divine, knew that some of us need to be reminded again and again not to worry. So many times, in the Gospels we hear Jesus asking us not to worry. Three times in today's Gospel we hear Jesus saying, "Do not be afraid." The reason why Jesus tells us these words is that the Heavenly Father has great concern for us all. He knows us well, our person, our wellbeing, our needs. Hence the central theme of today's reading is that we should surrender all fear and anxiety from our minds by cherishing an unshakable confidence in the never-failing providence of God.

We can only be free from fears if we truly believe in the Lord and desire everlasting life. The deepest truth about God that Jesus taught is that He is a caring God, compassionate and forgiving, a God who is on our side. "Don't be afraid. I am with you always." The only thing to fear is distancing ourselves from God, loss of trust in our Creator. We follow Jesus, trusting that He is with us, not just for a moment, but for every moment of our lives. The mystery of God's call to us and of our response to Him is that He is always there for us. Nothing happens in our life without God's knowledge and it follows that God's care is unfailing. Today Jesus invites us to a life that is truly open and to a life following His way to the Cross! Let us walk forward with faith and strive to live with joy and delight in the love of Jesus!

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.

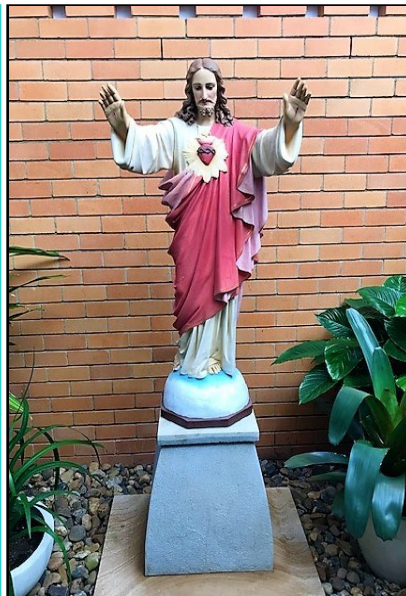
Baptisms

We welcome... **Georgia & William Goodwin** daughter and son of Richard & Ann Banh 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.**



ST THOMAS PLAYGROUP

Come along and join our St Thomas mums & bubs every Monday (during School Term) in the Parish Hall from 9.30am to 11.00am. For any enquiries, please email Amanda Bidston at amanda.bidston@outlook.com.



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.

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

What are some of your most precious things?
How do you care for them?
God says that we are precious to him.
How does God care for us?
We do not need to be afraid because God is always with us.

The Week Ahead

Sun - 25th June	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 26th June	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 27th June	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 28th June	Mass @ 9am Memorial of St Irenaeus
Thur - 29th June	Mass @ 9am Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul
Fri - 30th June	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 1st July	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 2nd July	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

When you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish

*Invites you to celebrate St Thomas' feast day
and
the launch of our Parish Strategic Plan (2023-2027)*



On Sunday 23 July 2023 at 8:30am

*At St Thomas the Apostle Church.
31 Perth Street, Camp Hill*

*Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall.
Please RSVP for the morning tea at stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au*



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 **THIS 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.



Parishioners thank you so much for your generous response to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Your contributions will make a real difference in our capacity to assist those in our local area who are struggling financially.
Thanks—Chris

Celebrations at the Cathedral of St Stephen

Wednesday 28 June, 10.00am—Mass Parishioners are invited to celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout its history. Archbishop Coleridge will preside and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Come along and give thanks for the gift of service of the ordained ministers of our local church. Also at this Mass, the Archdiocese will thank Bishop Ken Howell for his 40 years of service to the Archdiocese of Brisbane before he takes-up his appointment as Bishop of Toowoomba.

Thursday 29 June, 7.00pm—Mass The Archdiocese will celebrate the Ordination of the Presbyterate for Deacons Isaac Falzon, Minje Kim and Gerard Lai.

Queensland Irish Choir

presents

A Celtic Winter

An afternoon filled with Songs and Music

Guest Performers
Chermide Trio Bellissimo
Camp Hill Timli Trio

Musical Director: David O'Keeffe
Accompanist: Tim Li

CHERMIDE
2.00 pm Sunday 23 July 2023
Chermide-Kedron Community
Church
Cnr Gympie and Rode Roads
Doors Open 1.30 pm

CAMP HILL
2.00 pm Sunday 30 July 2023
St Thomas Catholic Primary
School Hall
10 Stephen Street
Doors Open 1.30 pm

Tickets: \$20 \$10 u15yo
<https://www.qldirishchoir.org.au/events/>



Enquiries 0493 455 487

Evangelisation Brisbane is hosting a morning that celebrates the important role grandparents play in shaping the faith of their grandchildren and children including morning tea, a time of input and sharing. All are invited to stay on for Mass at the Cathedral at 11:30am where they will receive a special blessing, reaffirming the impact they have on their family's spiritual journey.

When: Saturday 22 July, 9:15-11:15am

(followed by optional 11:30am Mass at the Cathedral)

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre
(196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City) Cost: \$15

RSVP: Monday 17 July. Register here: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/grandparents>

Readings

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First Reading: (Jeremiah 20:10-13)

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends

watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy

from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: (Romans 5:12-15)

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 10:26-33)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

For the Children...

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Do not be afraid

Imagine how you would feel if your parents wanted to send you to Africa to tell the children there all about Jesus. How would you feel travelling to a strange country all alone? Jesus wanted his disciples to share the Good News with everyone.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus help us to share the Good News of the Gospel.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the strength and courage of the apostles, to stand up and be witnesses to what we believe.



Readings for Next Sunday

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Yr A

First Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.