



St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 27

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

9th July 2023

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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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Come to me, all you who are
weary & burdened,
& I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

"My yoke is easy and my burden light".... Following Christ is all or nothing, we cannot at the same time serve God and long for material possessions and all the things, that money can buy. So if we found last week's readings rather demanding, "Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me"; they need to be balanced against the passages in this weekend's Gospel reading. "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest". We need to hear these words often these days. Life can certainly be burdensome at times. We all know this is true. However, as Christians we know the one to whom we can always turn, the Lord Jesus. He says to each of us, "come to me". Whatever demands Jesus may make for our following Him, He wants to be at all times truly a source of comfort, consolation and of forgiveness and reconciliation. Whatever challenges life may be making on us, God is there to strengthen and support us.

The yoke of Christ can be seen as the sum of our Christian responsibilities and duties. To take the yoke of Christ, therefore is to put ourselves in a relationship with Christ as His follower and to conduct ourselves accordingly. However, to take the yoke of Christ is to associate and identify ourselves with Him: our destiny with His destiny, our vision with His vision and our mission with His mission. Thus we are invited to understand from this context that we are not shouldering the yoke alone with our power but together with Christ and by the strength that comes from Him. It is to know that Jesus is not just a teacher who gives us instructions but also a friend who helps and guides us to do it.

When we are in difficulties and pain, we can ask Him to take them away. He may not always do so, but we can expect Him to restore our peace. For we need to remember that Jesus is not to be seen as an escape from our problems. We should never forget that we are yoked with Christ. He needs our feet to take Him where He is needed; our hands to bring His healing touch; our voices to speak His truth; our hearts to express His compassion and love. This is how the yoke becomes easy and the burden light.

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 & Trish Buckle.

Recently Deceased: -

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dorothy Thomsen, Joseph Walsh, John Condon, Doris Carey, Elsie Smollen, Edward Welsh, Coronato Said, Sam Said, Beverley Croning, May Andrews, Jack Ballinger, Marie Welsh, Cecily Murray, Imelda Kitchen, Margaret McArdle, Maree Wynn, Brian McNamara, Ronald Dendle, Josephine Beh, Karen Daley, Eric Johnston, Joseph Shannon, Anton Swajczak, Helena Swajczak, Fr Tom Hegarty, James Montgomery, Rosemary Dugdale, Mary James, Daniel (Don) Buckley, Florence McKenna, Noel Tessman, Brian McKee, Mark Moloney, Ivy Fanning, Thelma Mitchell, Neville Stewart, Mary Smith, Moira Cremin & Noel Ives.

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

- ✓ Visit our website - www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au
- ✓ LIKE our Parish Facebook page -
- ✓ facebook.com/StThomasCatholicParishCampHill.
- ✓ Read our newsletter.

Baptisms

We welcome... **Owen & Quinn** son and daughter of Thomas & Kate McKenna & **Bonnie** daughter of Adam & Jillian Havelberg 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.**



THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The Weekly Round-Up

The July issue is now available in the church for just \$4 per copy, or subscribe to the weekly email. Please use only the Poor Box at the back of the church for coin donations to St Vincent de Paul and the box on the wall near the hall side entrance to the church to pay for the Leader. Thank you.

**Do you love to sing?
Or do you play an
instrument, keyboard, organ,
guitar etc.**

**St Thomas' Music Ministry
needs you!**

No prior experience necessary, all training and support provided. All ages welcome!

Contact Melissa Chong 0467220461

The Week Ahead

Sun - 9th July	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 10th July	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 11th July	Mass @ 7am Memorial of St Benedict
Wed - 12th July	Mass @ 9am
Thur - 13th July	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 14th July	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 15th July	Mass @ 5.30pm Memorial of St Bonaventure
Sun - 16th 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

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



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.

Quote of the week

**Sometimes
things that hurt
you the most,
teach you the greatest
lessons in life.**

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 or call the Parish
office at 33981154.
Thank you.

Printed Invitations and an RSVP form will be available at the Church doors from this weekend onwards. If you would like to attend the above and celebrate with us, please put your name down on the form or call/ email the Parish office. Thank you.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ALTAR SERVING?



Altar Servers or Junior Ministers have an active role in the Order of the Mass every Saturday, Sunday and on special feasts and occasions. The primary role of the altar server is to assist Father in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. Equally as important, they assist the community in prayer through their actions and symbolism. This Ministry is open to boys and girls who have received their Sacraments of Initiation, ie Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. At the end of the Sacramental Program each year all children are invited to be part of this Ministry. It is an excellent starting point for becoming part of Catholic Community Activities. Full training and ongoing support is provided. Please contact the Office via **Email** stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au or **Contact** the parish office on 33981154 if you wish to register your

Unscramble the words below to find out what Jesus said to his followers.

COME TO , ALL
THAT ARE AND
ARE
HEAVY AND
I WILL GIVE YOU .



REST YOU BURDENS ME WEARY CARRYING



IMPORTANT: SCAM TEXT MESSAGE - Dear Parishioners, please be aware of a text message scam appearing to be from the Parish or Fr Dantus requesting for Gift cards or Cash. Under no circumstances, would any Priest make such a request. This is a phishing scam which is targeting church-goers at a number of Parishes in the Archdiocese, including our Parish. Unfortunately, we are unable to stop these messages at the source. This is a reminder to please ignore and delete such SMS text / WhatsApp messages and/or emails, if you receive them. Thank you. Parish Office.

Queensland Irish Choir

presents

A Celtic Winter

An afternoon filled with Songs and Music

CHERMSIDE

2.00 pm Sunday 23 July 2023

Chermside-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

God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes, Which God gave me to hold. He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, And all your joys into the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes Both my joys and sorrows I stored, But though the gold became heavier each day, The black was as light as before. With curiosity, I opened the black. I wanted to find out why, And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole Which my sorrows had fallen out by. I showed the hole to God and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be?"

He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're here with me." I asked God why He gave me the boxes, Why the gold and the black with the hole? "My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings. The black is for you to let go."

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

Who are some people you know who are wise?

What makes them wise?

Jesus says that ordinary people can be wise if they know God.

What is God like?

Jesus says he is gentle and humble. How can we be gentle and humble?

Readings

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First Reading: (Zechariah 9:9-10)

'The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious,
he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: (Romans 8:9.11-13)

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 11:25-30)

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

For the Children...

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Be like children

Sometimes grown ups seem very clever, as if they know all the answers. Today, Jesus tells us that it wasn't always the clever people who first understood him. Often it was those who had childlike hearts.

LET US PRAY

Listen to me little ones and you will please God. If your lives are to be filled with happiness and joy, turn away from wickedness and lies; surround yourselves with goodness and try with all your hearts to share the peace of God with others. (Psalm 34:12-15)



Readings for Next Sunday

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Yr A

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23
A sower went out to sow.