

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 29

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

23rd July 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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*If you have faith like a grain of
mustard seed...nothing will be
impossible for you.*

Matthew 17:20



Letting God's word take deep root in the heart....

There is a story called, "Two Wolves." It goes like this: A grandfather is teaching his grandson about life. A fight is going on inside me, he said to the boy. It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. He continued, the other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too. The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, which wolf will win? The grandfather simply replied, the one you feed. Today's Gospelparable reminds us that we are a mixture of good and evil and, hence, instead of judging others we are called to try to lead exemplary Christian lives and leave the judgment to God.

Each one of us is a combination of wheat and weeds. In us there are elements of good and elements that are deeply opposed to it. So we need to learn how to be tolerant and accepting of our own and other people's weaknesses. God's word brings life, but Satan seeks to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. And in the end, God will reward each according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. On that day God will separate the evil from the good. Do you allow God's word to take deep root in your heart? Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and in your actions?

Your presence here makes all the difference....

This weekend we celebrate our Parish Feast Day and the launch of our five-year Parish Strategic Plan. The journey to this moment took about 12 months, but today represents a milestone in the life of our parish in the next five years. At the 8.30am Mass on Sunday, the four Ministry leaders and PPC members will be commissioned. There will be a number of copies of the printed Strategic Plan available after the Sunday 8.30 am Mass. I ask that you take one home to read, become familiar with its contents, an electronic copy will also be available on our Parish website. I would like to thank our Parish Pastoral Council, the ministry leaders, Evangelisation Brisbane team and all the people who have worked hard to develop this Strategic plan for the benefit of St. Thomas' Parish.

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 Cattanach, 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

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*** We also have Tap n Go facility in the Church. premises.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

Parents Information Session (Parents only):

Wednesday - 9 August 2023 at 6.30pm – Parish Hall

Enrolment/Commitment Weekend: 12/13 August - Saturday at 5.30pm mass and Sunday at 8.30am mass

Preparation Sessions: 4 weekends commencing on 19 Aug until 10 Sept 2023

Saturday at 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Sunday at 9.30am -10.30am

Actual Celebration: Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 5.30pm

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

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

The Week Ahead

Sun - 23rd July	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm St Thomas Feast Day Mass & Launch of our Parish Strategic Plan @8.30am
Mon - 24th July	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 25th July	Mass @ 7am Feast of St James
Wed - 26th July	Mass @ 9am Memorial of Sts Joachim and Anne
Thur - 27th July	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 28th July	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 29th July	Mass @ 5.30pm Memorial of Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Sun - 30th 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.

**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

ST THOMAS PLAY- GROUP



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.

Quote of the week
**Your talent determines what you can do.
Your motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it....**

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.

"Do small things with great love."

St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote, "Love proves itself by deeds, so how are we to show our love? She did all things — even the most ordinary, mundane or challenging — with extraordinary love.

So if we apply The Little Way to our lives, cooking, cleaning, helping carry groceries, holding open a door and even a simple "Hi, how's it going? Have a great day!" all count as opportunities to love others as Jesus loves us. It's not about the action itself; it's about the love with which the action is done.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, is well known for her embodiment of The Little Way. "We cannot do great things. We can only do little things with great love." And she practiced what she preached: among other works of charity. Although she was not solving the problem of poverty by doing this, she still loved her neighbor as Jesus loved her by doing this seemingly simple action.

When we choose to "do small things with great love" when we are at work, at school, in the grocery store, at the beach, on vacation, or **wherever your life journey takes you ... you can make a big impact in the smallest way.**

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

Who has seen weeds in a garden?

What is the difference between a weed and a plant?

When you care for a plant the weeds still grow.

In today's gospel what did the farmer do when he found weeds in his crop? The farmer didn't want to damage the good crop by destroying the weeds. God is like the farmer. What are the good things God looks for in us? We pray that the Spirit helps the good in us to grow.

For the Children...

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
The Wheat and the Weeds

Today Jesus tells us another parable and warns about what will happen at the end of time to those who do not listen to him.

LET US PRAY

Jesus, show us the way to eternal life. Walk beside us on our journey, until your angels lead us to share your everlasting happiness at the end of time.

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.



Italian Youth Choirs Concert :- Featuring:

Gioventù in Cantata from Marostica.

Giovani Voci Bassano from Bassano del Grappa

Saturday 5 August—2.00pm-4.00pm

Our Lady of Graces Church. 100 Mayfield Road, Carina



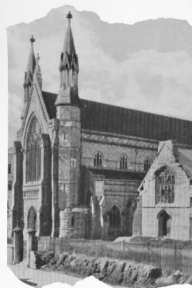
Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd.
email: todd@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023



To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
3324 3030

INDEX FINGER
FOR THE ONES THAT TEACH US

For those who instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others.

MIDDLE FINGER
FOR OUR GOVERNORS

As it is the tallest finger, it reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority.

RING FINGER
FOR THE SICK AND WEAKEST

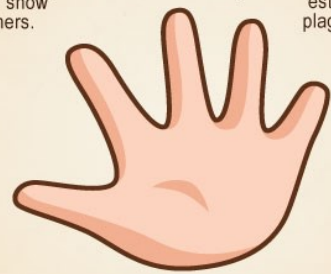
It is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems.

THE THUMB
FOR THE ONES WE LOVE

Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.

THE PINKY
PRAY FOR YOURSELF

The smallest finger should remind you to pray for your own needs when you are done praying for the other four groups.



THE 5 FINGER PRAYER

BY POPE FRANCIS

Readings for Next Sunday 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Yr A

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12
You have asked for wisdom.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30
He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52
He sells everything he owns and buys the field.



Readings

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First Reading: (Wisdom 12:13.16-19)

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: (Romans 8:26-27)

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-43)

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'