

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 34

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

27th August 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

PARISH TEAM:

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There are five things we need to know:

There is a beautiful story about a pencil. Just before putting it into the box, the pencil maker took the pencil aside. There are five things you need to know, he told it, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be. One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand. Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil. Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make. Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside. And Five: Every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The same applies to each one of us too. When we find an answer to Jesus' question "Who do you say that I am?" we will be able to make ourselves useful in our world. We have to undergo the process that the pencil undergoes. One: We will be able to do many great things, but only if we allow ourselves to be held in God's hand, and allow other human beings access to the many gifts we possess. Two: We will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but we'll need it to become a stronger person. Three: With God's help we will be able to correct any mistakes we might make. Four: The most important part of us will always be what's on the inside. And Five: On every surface we walk through, we must leave our mark. No matter what the situation, we must continue to do our duties to the best of our abilities.

Let us accept Jesus as our Lord and personal saviour. Jesus is not merely the founder of a new religion, or a revolutionary Jewish reformer, or one of the great teachers. For us, He is the Son of God and our personal Saviour. This means that we see Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Saviour, and the Redeemer. He is our beloved friend, closer to us than our dear ones. He is a living experience, who walks with us, loves, forms, helps and transforms our lives and outlook. The joy, love and peace that we find in Jesus is reflected in the way we live our lives.

The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Saviour is a living, personal experience for each Christian. This is made possible by our listening to Jesus through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, by talking with Jesus through daily, personal and communal prayers, by our offering our lives on the altar with Jesus whenever we attend Holy Mass and by our leading a sacramental life as a means of forgiveness and reconciliation. The next step is the surrender of our lives to Jesus by rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person. The step after that is to praise and thank God in all circumstances, both good and bad, realizing that God's loving hands are with us in every situation.

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, Annette Bongiorno, Bob Mewburn & Elizabeth Rejmer.

Recently Deceased: Elvira Suter, Errol Lisk, Robert Mills & Peter Morrissey.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joan Dennis, Jack Glockner, Mary Ellis, Hilda Burke, Elizabeth Ives, Corliss Newman, Terence Sullivan, Dorothy Traynor, Maureen Morrissey, Eulalie Patterson, John Seppanen, Graham Underwood, John Proudfoot, Eileen Dendle, Athol Wild, Lee Hunt, Ted Hanns, Bill O'Brien, Helen Bemrose, Fay Gee, Lurlene Kent, Annie Buckley, John Ashwell, Dermott Casey, Margaret Moffat, Peter Riley, Alice Pacey, Lynette Buesel, Diana Calvisi, Lance Fry, Betty Watt, Dot Kelly, Daphne Waller, Shirley Tessman, Hilary Petrie & Isabella Marjorie Drew.



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@stoline.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 - 27th August	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 28th August	Mass @ 7am Memorial of St Augustine
Tue - 29th August	Mass @ 7am Memorial of The Passion of St John the Baptist
Wed - 30th August	NO MASS
Thu - 31st August	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 1st September	Mass @ 9am followed by Benediction and Adoration
Sat - 2nd September	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 3rd September	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

Quote of the week

**Good things come to those who wait,
Better things come to those who don't give up and
The best things come to those who believe.**

St Thomas'

Care & Concern Group

invites you to the

Healing Mass

Thursday 7th September 2023



*Healing Mass at 10.30am
at St Thomas the Apostle
Church. Camp Hill.
Morning Tea to follow in the
Hall.*

*RSVP: before Monday,
4th September 2023*

Parish Office: 33981154

Important Notice

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:-

- Fr Dantus will be away on a Retreat from the **28-08 to 01-09**. Fr Roger Burns will be celebrating Masses in his absence.
- There will be **NO MASS** celebrated on Wednesday, 30th of August. Thank you.



2023 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Thank you for being the face of Christ for others

Your support of the Annual Catholic Campaign will support those in dire circumstances and give children living in hardship access to a caring Catholic school community. Through this gift, you live the Gospel by caring for our elderly priests and educating seminarians who will lead the future Church.

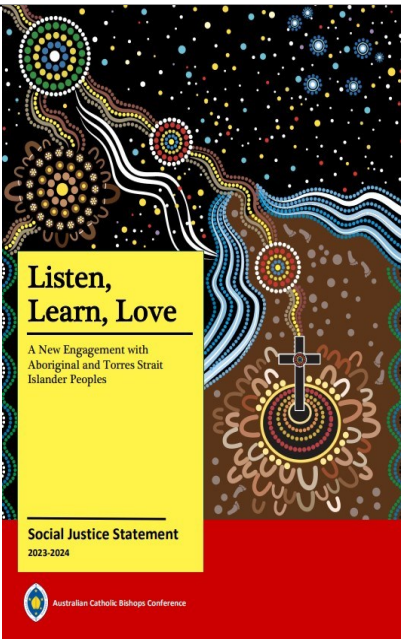
Thank you for all you do to support those in need in our local community

Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. Envelopes are still available at the entrance of the Church. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or place it in the collection at Mass. Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community. Thank you again for your time and generosity.

Social Justice Sunday

This weekend is Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2023-2024 is titled *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. You can also download a copy of the statement for free from:

<https://shop.catholic.au/Downloads-c6704639>



The Parish of St Thomas The Apostle and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

THE CHOSEN SEASON ONE

Have you ever wondered what it would like to be a disciple of Jesus in the First Century? The Chosen is the first multi-season TV series about our Lord and how he impacted those around Him. Each week from now until Advent, we'll be showing 2 episodes of the first 3 seasons. Come along and enjoy the show with us!



Readings

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First Reading: (Isaiah 22:19-23)

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: (Romans 11:33-36)

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 16:13-20)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

For the Children...

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Who am I?

Everyone knew that Jesus was a very special person! They had seen him cure the sick and blind, feed the crowds with a few loaves and fish, and do any other marvelous things. Yet, when Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" only one person knew the answer.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are the son of God. Your love for us is so great, that you suffered and died for us. May that light of your love always burn brightly in our hearts.



Readings for Next Sunday

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time– Yr A

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.