

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



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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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Losing all to gain all with Jesus Christ....

Each of us has some problems, worry, concern and cross to bear. At times the cross may be rather insignificant; for others, the cross seems to have unbearable weight. When we face these worries, problems, fears ... these crosses, we often find our faith challenged and perhaps hope fades. But it is precisely at these times that our faith teaches us that God holds us in the palm of His hands and that life is not a game of chance.

One morning, a wealthy man sat on his balcony enjoying sunshine and his coffee, when he noticed a little ant which was going from one side to the other side of the balcony carrying a big leaf several times more than its size. The man watched it for more than an hour. He saw that the ant faced many obstacles during its journey, paused, took a diversion and then continued towards its so destination.

At one point the tiny creature came across a crack in the floor. It paused for a little while, analysed and then laid the huge leaf over the crack, walked over the leaf, picked the leaf on the other side then continued its journey.

The man was captivated by the cleverness of the ant, one of God's tiniest creatures. The incident left him in awe and lead him to contemplate the miracle of creation. It showed the greatness of the creator. In front of his eyes there was this tiny creature of God, lacking in size yet equipped with the ability to analyse, contemplate, reason, explore, discover and overcome.

About an hour later, the man saw that the creature had reached its destination, a tiny hole in the floor which was the entrance to its underground dwelling. And it was at this point that the ant's shortcoming was revealed. How could it carry into the tiny hole the large leaf that it had managed to carefully bring to the destination? It simply couldn't!

So the tiny ant, after all the painstaking and hard work and exercising great skills, overcoming all the difficulties along the way, just left behind the large leaf and went home empty-handed.

The ant had not thought about the end before it began its challenging journey and in the end the large leaf was nothing more than a burden to it. The ant had no option, but to leave it behind to reach its destination. The man learned a great lesson that day. Isn't that the truth about our lives?

We worry about our family, our job, how to earn more money, and where we should live, what kind of vehicle to buy, clothes to wear, all sorts of unimportant things, only to abandon all these when we reach our destination – the grave. We don't realize in our earthly journey that these are just burdens that we carry with utmost care and fear of losing them, only to find that at the end they are useless and we can't take them with us....

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 & Elizabeth Rejmer.

Recently Deceased: Di Russell.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Mary McGrath, Bessie Ann King, Eva Shannon, Rosina Agius, Jean Beryl Deshon Smith, Margaret Clair Fahy, Norman Richards Waller, Samuel Sedgwick, Michele Greenway, Clarice Kathleen Swan, Lara Jane Neih, Phelomena McDonald, Helen Bemrose, Jed Minogue, Fay Gee, Lara Anne Mylne, Michael Williams, Maude Veronica Rupesinghe, Lurlene Kent, Annie Buckley, John Ashwell, Mervyn Hinds, Gerald Simentio & Nicholas Dolan.

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 - 3rd September	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 4th September	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 5th September	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 6th September	Mass @ 9am Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @7pm
Thu - 7th September	Healing Mass @ 10.30am Parish Finance Council Meeting @7pm
Fri - 8th September	Mass @ 9am Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Sat - 9th September	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 10th September	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
3 - 9 September 2023



St Thomas' Safeguarding Representatives:

Name: David & Veronica Colch
Contact: lsr.stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

Please contact David or Veronica, if you have any questions or concerns regarding Child Safety in our parish. If you are not comfortable speaking to someone in the parish, or wish to make an anonymous disclosure, PLEASE CONTACT **STOPLINE** on 1300 304 550, aob@stoline.com.au; or www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com an external service provided by the Archdiocese to receive confidential & anonymous disclosures.

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

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The Weekly Round-Up

The September 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.

Australian Catholic Magazine

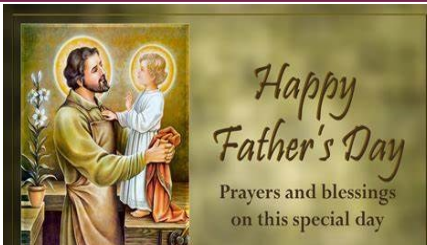
Australian Catholic Magazine spring edition is now available. They are situated on the tables at the entrance of the church and they are free, please take one home.

Quote of the week

**Be bold when you lose,
Be calm when you win...
Changing the face can
change nothing..
But facing the change
can change everything.**

Parish News & Notices

FATHER'S DAY can hold many emotions for both men and women—those who had a loving father that passed away, those who never knew their dad, those expectantly waiting to become a dad soon, and countless other situations surrounding the father-child relationship. God can use Father's Day to draw us closer to Himself, the one true Father who remains faithful and full of unconditional love. This Fathers' Day bring God's peace and glory into your home and life.



What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it....**Dad**

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!



THE CHOSEN Screening Dates:-

Friday 8th Sept: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Sunday 17th Sept: 3pm to 5pm
Sunday 24th Sept: 3pm to 5pm
Sunday 1st Oct: 10am to 12pm
Sunday 8th Oct: 3pm to 5pm
Sunday 15th Oct: 10am to 12pm
Friday 20th Oct: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Friday 27th Oct: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Saturday 4th Nov: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Friday 10th Nov: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Sunday 19th Nov: 10am to 12pm
Friday 24th Nov: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Supporting

MICAH PROJECTS



St Thomas' Donation Drive

September 2023

Please bring donations of non-perishable food & hygiene products for the month of September to support Micah Projects – a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting the marginalised and responding to injustice in the community. These donations are an immediate and tangible way to help someone in need and make a difference.

Drop off items at St Thomas the Apostle's Church Parish Office

Find out more by contacting the Service & Outreach Team (Veronica, Brendan, Neisha & Zuzana) or the Parish Office

Personal Care Packs (singles and families)

- Soap/ Shower gel (singles 60-90ml) (families 250-500ml)
- Shampoo (singles 60-90ml) (families 250-500ml)
- Conditioner (singles 60-90ml) (families 250-500ml)
- Hand Sanitiser (singles 50ml) (families 250-500ml)
- Moisturizer (singles 50ml) (families 250-500ml)
- Deodorant (singles travel size 50ml) (families large size)
- Toothpaste (singles 40g) (families 100g)
- Toothbrush
- Tissues (pocket)
- Hairbrush
- Razors

Community Pantry Items

- UHT 1L Milk
- Noodle Cups
- Heinz Chunky Soup, Chicken Soup
- Baked Beans, Spaghetti
- Pasta Sauce, Pasta
- Fruit Cup
- Up & Go
- Tuna
- Muesli, Weetbix
- Crackers, Savoury biscuits

Donations can be dropped off into the coloured baskets at the front and back entrance of the Church or alternatively you can drop it off at the Parish office. Thank you for your contribution.

Readings

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First Reading: (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: (Romans 12:1-2)

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 16:21-27)

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

For the Children...

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God's way

No one likes to do something difficult when there is an easier way! Sometimes it is hard to do what we know is right, but today Jesus tells us that we should not try to take the easy way out but follow his way.

LET US PRAY

Lord we pray for people who are suffering difficulties: the homeless and unemployed; the sick and the lonely; the hungry and the poor. Share your courage and strength with them and surround them with your love.



Readings for Next Sunday

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time— Yr A

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10
Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.