

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 43

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

29th October 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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J Love You, O Lord My Strength!

That's how God works.... There is a story about a young girl who was in great distress because she had lost a sense of God in her life. She complained to her elderly grandmother, "Why doesn't God let me feel His presence? If only I could feel Him and know that He has touched me." Her grandmother said, "Pray to God, right now. Close your eyes and pray to him. Ask Him to put out his hand and touch you." The girl closed her eyes and prayed fervently. Then she felt a hand on her hand. "He touched me. He touched me," she cried out. Then she said, "You know, his hand felt just like your hand." "Of course it was my hand," her grandmother said. "That's how God works. He takes the hand that is nearest and uses that."

The readings of today obviously remind us how God expresses His love for us. Most of the time, God shows His love for us through the people around us. God's love is there for all to share and we love God when we sincerely love our brothers and sisters. It is simply the commandment to love. It reaches out even to those who do not make good choices or wish to harm us. However, God does not stop loving us and He constantly reaches

out to our love. We are always assured that God's love is unconditional and is never taken back. It comes in the sunset, in creation, in friendship, in our service to others, and in our desire to reconcile. God expects us to respond to this love through our gratitude to Him and express it in our loving service to our brothers and sisters.

Book of remembrance

November is traditionally when we remember our dearly departed who are now with God. If you would like the names of deceased family members and friends added to the Book of Remembrance for the days in November please include them in the book at back of the church, or via the Parish Office. The Memorial Book with all the names will be placed on the front of the altar the whole month of November so that we can pray for all those listed.

November Mass Envelopes

You are invited to record the names of deceased family members and friends for whom you wish to have Masses offered throughout November. Envelopes to make a Mass offering are available at church. The Book of remembrance in the church will display the requested names and they will be remembered during the month of November. Please place your envelope on the collection plate or return it to the parish office.

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, Elizabeth

Rejmer, Trevor Farley & Evelyn Neave.

Recently Deceased: Keith Roxburgh, Beryl Rook.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Mary McGrath, Bessie Ann King, Eva Shannon, Rosina Joyce Holden, Errol Lawes, Dorothy Clayton, William Vanden, Mary Kittson, John Cassidy, George Schlecht, Joyce O'Sullivan, Katherine Adamski, Kathleen Hardy, Barry Uscinski, Sr Mary Camillus, Des Power, Peter Kenny, Frances Moffat, Tom O'Brien, Sr Eunice Osbourne, Mary Smith, Anitha Bradbury, Jean Just, John Payne & Evelyn Keenan.

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.

St Thomas' Safeguarding Representatives:

Name: **David & Veronica Colch**

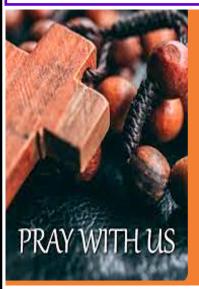
Contact: Isr.stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au.

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@stopline.com.au; or www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com an external service provided by the Archdiocese to receive confidential & anonymous disclosures.

NOVEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES

All Souls Day is a chance for us to commemorate and honour those who have passed. On this day we remember the departed who have attained the beatific vision. During November parishioners are encouraged to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes will be available at Church doors and can be placed in the collection plate or bring to the parish office. Thank you.



Calling all prayer warriors! 🙏

Devotion of the Holy Rosary

For success of the Parish Strategic Plan

Starting 7th October

Every Saturday 7.30am in the Sanctuary

| The Week Ahead | |
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| Sun - 29th October | Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm |
| Mon - 30th October | Mass @ 7am |
| Tue - 31st October | Mass @ 7am |
| Wed - 1st November | Mass @ 9am Solemnity of All the Saints |
| Thu - 2nd November | No @ 9am Mass All Souls Day Mass @6.30pm |
| Fri - 3rd November | Mass @ 9am followed by Benediction and Adoration |
| Sat - 4th November | Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am - Church Mass @ 5.30pm Memorial of St Charles Borromeo |
| Sun - 5th November | 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

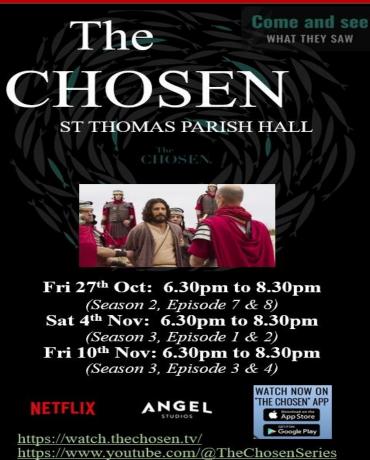
Quote of the week

If We Judge People Nobody is Ours... If We Understand People Everyone is Ours... Develop the Habit of Understanding and We will Experience Peace & Love in All Relations.

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All Souls Day Mass, this Thurs - day, 2nd November will be celebrated at 6.30pm. Please take note that there will be no 9.00am Mass on that day and the Parish Office is closed. Thank you.





You are invited to record the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of remembrance that will be kept at the front of the church throughout the month of November. Prayers will be offered for the repose of the souls of the deceased relatives and friends names, written down in the book.



For more information contact Liam.Beatty@bne.catholic.edu.au



Thanksgiving Mass
Solunteer
Appreciation Dinner

As a small token of our gratitude, we would like to invite all parish volunteers to our **Thanksgiving Mass** and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!

on Saturday 11th November 2023 at 5.30pm—9.00pm

Let us express our gratitude for you have done to help out at St Thomas Catholic Parish community with a fun night after the Thanksgiving Mass!

RSVP by Thursday, 9th November 2023
Place name and details on the list in the church or contact the parish office on
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Readings

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First Reading: (Exodus 22:20-26)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt.

You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset.

It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you.

This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere.

We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 22:34-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?'

Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

For the Children...

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Living love

Jesus taught us to love God and to love each other more than anything else in our lives.

LET US PRAY

Lord, I have only one life and shall not live this day again. Help me to remember that everyone is my neighbour. If I can do something good or show my kindness, then help me to do it today, for unless love is shared it cannot grow.

Readings for Next Sunday

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

First Reading: Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10 You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12 They do not practise what they preach.