

# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 46

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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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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# BLESSED IS EVERYONE WHO FEARS THE LORD

***Make use of our talents....*** As we approach the final weeks of the Church year, we read the last parable Jesus taught. It's not only the final parable, but it is also one of the longest and most detailed. In this Gospel story, we hear about a man going away on a journey. He entrusts to his servants some possessions according to their ability. Those more capable are given more. Two of them double what they have been given. The third servant buried his talent to keep it safe, therefore it gained nothing.

What we must realize, however, is that we are not talking about money and prestige. We are talking about God's gift to us and God's expectations. The basic teaching seems to tell us that we are to use everything that is given us in the best way possible - this is what God expects. All of us in the Church today have received at least one talent. We have received the gift of Faith. Our responsibility as a follower of Faith is not just to hold on to the Faith. Pope Francis encourages us to live our faith and not to bury it. And he reminds us, all the goods that we have received are to be shared with others, and thus they increase.

It is good for us to ask how we are increasing what God has given us. How do we share our faith, our joy, our hope and our love, our life with others? We need to make use of our talents at every opportunity. In addition to our homes and families, the best place to do this is in our parish, work situation and the wider community. This means that we should be always willing to share our abilities when we see a need - in creative worship in the Church liturgies and other parish activities. And let us remember time is more valuable than money.

We can get more money, but we cannot get more time. Time is really the only capital that any human being has and the only thing that shouldn't be wasted. Let us use our time effectively.

As the saying goes: *There's no present like the time.* God has given us talents. He trusts us to use them wisely. Let us decide how best to use our gifts for building the kingdom of God.

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, 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 Cattannach, Barry Ahern, Rod Grove, Sr Belen, Trish Buckle, Elizabeth Rejmer, Trevor Farley & Evelyn Neave & Jan Effiney.

**Recently Deceased:** Keith Roxburgh, Beryl Rook & Sue Lamb.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Harold Homann, Margaret McCann, Helen Malcolm, Leonardo Mariano, Leonard Smith, Mary McMahon, Arthur Poole, Leo Shipperley, Cliff Dennis, Marie Holdsworth, Harold Gilder, Margaret Kilmartin, Joyce Ireland, Patricia Hodges, Anna Graham, Patricia Peake, Norman Corrie, Reg Gamble, Sheila O'Donoghue, Brian Down, William Bozier, Moira Murphy, Rose Knauth, Stephen Lam, Robert Rafter, Luigi Marinucci, John Fry, Janina Pokoj, Celie Cosgrove, Elva Hargraves, Eugene Vidulich & Basil Nolan.



### 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:

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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](mailto:aob@stopline.com.au); or [www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com) an external service provided by the Archdiocese to receive confidential & anonymous disclosures.

### Baptisms

We welcome...

**Wren Scopes** daughter

of Steven & Grace Scopes & **Elka Scopes**  
daughter of Gregory & Danielle Scopes *being 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 Week Ahead

Sun -19 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Mass @ 7am <b>Memorial of The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Wed - 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Mass @ 9am <b>Memorial of St Cecilia</b>
Thu - 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Healing Mass @ 10.30am <b>Parish Finance Council Meeting @6.30pm</b>
Fri - 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass @ 9am <b>Memorial of Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priests and companions, Martyrs</b>
Sat - 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am- Church Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun -26 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm <b>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>

### 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.

### Australian Catholic Magazine

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

### 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](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Quote of the week

**The best gift you can give to someone is your time, Because you're giving them something you can never get back.**



# The CHOSEN

Come and see  
WHAT THEY SAW

ST THOMAS PARISH HALL



**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov: 10am to 12pm**

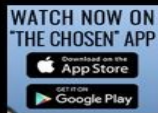
*(Season 3, Episode 5 & 6)*

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: 6.30pm to 8.30pm**

*(Come join us for the Season 3 FINALE)*

**NETFLIX**

**ANGEL  
STUDIOS**



<https://watch.thechosen.tv/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheChosenSeries>

## SING CAROLS AT CAMP HILL AGED CARE!

**December 21st 6pm**  
15 Orwell St, Camp Hill

Come in Christmas bling!  
No musical experience required!

Practice available  
December 19th, 7pm  
@ St Thomas Camp Hill Church  
Queries: Veronica 0438 826 524

## HELP!! CHRISTMAS CHOIR SINGERS NEEDED!

Scan the QR code to answer a quick survey about practice times



**Donate now and  
you'll help provide  
the immediate and  
practical relief fami-**

the envelope. Please place appeal envelope donations on the parish collection plate and vouchers in the marked box near the exit middle door of the church. (No Eftpost Vouchers, please)

♥Single store gift vouchers from Coles, Woolworths, Aldi, Target, Kmart or Best and Less. If you cannot find single store vouchers then we can, with discernment, utilize group gift cards from Coles/Myer or Woolworths group. Vouchers can be placed in the labelled box near the exit door. These are very useful as they can provide for the Christmas celebration tables of our companions, household needs, small electrical appliances, bed linen, personal care item's and can enable our companions to buy some small gifts for their loved ones and / or fresh food for Christmas. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Unfortunately vouchers are not included). Thank you for your continued support.

Our St Thomas the Apostle St Vincent de Paul Conference asks that you join with us in offering a hand, for Christmas and beyond, to those who need assistance and who are living here in Camp Hill or nearby suburbs. We have found the vouchers and the monetary help that you have given in previous years to be of great help and we wish to continue this for 2023. There are again a number of ways you can contribute:

- ♥Direct transfer to our bank account BSB: 064 786 Acc no: 1000 265 95. Please make a clear reference with your payment and send an email to the Parish Office with your name, address and amount given, for your receipt. (stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au)
- ♥Credit card or cash donation can be places in the Appeal envelopes available from the stand near the exit to the church or use a clearly marked envelope with same details inside



## For the Children...

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### Gifts from God

When we love someone, we sometimes give them a gift, something special for them to use and enjoy. God has given talents to each one of us as a sign of his love; these are gifts from God.

### LET US PRAY

Heavenly father, we thank you for the talents which you have given to each of us. Whatever our gifts may be, teach us to use them wisely and for the good of others.

### Readings for Next Sunday

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNI-  
VERSE YEAR A**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17**  
**You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28**  
**He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father,  
so that God may be all in all.**

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**  
**He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he  
will separate men one from another.**

## Readings

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#### **First Reading: (Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31)**

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27:1-5**

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

#### **Second Reading: (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.  
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief.  
No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

#### **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

#### **Gospel: (Matthew 25:14-30)**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.'

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back."

But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents."

For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."