



St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



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1st Sunday of Advent — YEAR B

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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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Another Advent....

With the First Sunday in Advent, we begin a new Church Liturgical Year B. As usual, the four Sundays of Advent lead up to Christmas. Advent has always been a happy time for most people. Our year of prayer will carry through the liturgical year. This rhythm and pattern are a blessing for us, providing a spiritual support for all the bits and pieces of daily living, during the different seasons. This progression keeps our lives grateful and centred on God.

We begin this season of Advent in a spirit of hope and expectation. During this time, we look forward not just to the birthday of Jesus at Bethlehem but also for His second coming at the end of time. Why are these four weeks before Christmas called "Advent"? The term comes from a Latin word "adventus" meaning 'coming, arrival'. We immediately think it refers to the coming of Jesus at Christmas time and that is correct. But that is not the whole story. In fact, we can speak of three comings of the Lord. The coming of the Child Jesus in Bethlehem, which we anticipate and prepare for in these four weeks. That is what we may call the First Coming.

The Gospel speaks in ominous terms of the end of the world and what we refer to as the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come". However, there is still a third coming which forms an important and indispensable link between the First and Second Comings. It is the welcoming of Jesus into our lives in the here and now. This is something which takes place every day – moment by moment. Through it we both acknowledge the First Coming of Jesus in Bethlehem and prepare for the Second Coming at an unknown future date. The Lord Jesus calls us to be alert and watchful for His coming. He comes to us each and every day and He knocks on the door of our heart and home. So listen for His voice and welcome Him into our life. Let His word in the Scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us draw us to a deeper faith, hope, and yearning for His kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy.

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

Recently Deceased: Sue Lamb.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Francis Cosgrove, Arthur Gorski, Leslie Dossetto, Benjamin Longland, Allan Rogers, Margaret Catchpole, Olive Dean, John Milford, Kathleen Jessop, Madge Sapsford, William Peake, Daniel Barry, Marjorie Croft, Nancy Downing, Fred White, Margaret White, Barry Harding, Susan Ballinger, Jack Ballinger, Theresa Hourigan, Patrick Radford, John McKenna, Ken Murray, Ruby Johnston, Mary McNamara, Margaret Goakes, Patricia O'Leary, Betty Smith & Fay Thomas.



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

The Week Ahead

Sun – 3rd December	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 4th December	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 5th December	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 6th December	Mass @ 9am
Thu - 7th December	Mass @ 9am Memorial of St Ambrose
Fri - 8th December	Mass @ 9am Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat - 9th December	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am– Church Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun – 10th December	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

Join our 2023
Christmas
Choir

Practice on Fridays
8th, 15th and 22nd Dec
6.30pm to 7.30pm
In the church

St Vincent de Paul would like vouchers for the Christmas Appeal to be donated by Sunday 10 December if possible. Please place them in the box on the stand near the ramp entrance to the church. There are also some envelopes still there for a monetary donation. Please place these of the collection plate. Thank you

THE CATHOLIC
LEADER

The December 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.

Quote of the week

We need **STRENGTH**
while doing the
POSSIBLE.
But we need **FAITH**
while doing the
IMPOSSIBLE.

St Thomas's Catholic Parish, Camp Hill
Christmas Mass Times 2023

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Weekend Masses 23/24 December

5.30 pm Saturday

8.30 am Sunday

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December

5.30 pm : Family Mass with Nativity play

7.30 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day

Monday 25 December

8.30 am: Christmas Day Mass

No evening Mass on 25 December

Happy and Holy Christmas !



ANY CHILDREN WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIVITY PLAY AT THE 5:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS, PLEASE CONTACT ALISON CLARK VIA EMAIL: ALISON.CLARK@BNE.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU. ALL ARE WELCOME.

FREE
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
RESOURCES FOR KIDS

With 2023 drawing to a close. This means that Ad-vent is on our doorstep! Amid the decorations and end of year activities, the season of Advent invites us to prepare our hearts for the most precious gift of all - Jesus - and to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's love for us. This gift is for our children also, so the Evangelisation Brisbane Children & Families Team have developed some free resources for you to share. Free resources are available at: [Advent and Christmas with Kids - Evangelisation Brisbane](#)

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St Thomas Music Ministry
News!!

A big thanks to the Youth Band who made their debut playing at our last Family Mass last month!! They practiced for weeks leading up to the event - amazing effort!! The St Thomas Music Ministry had our inaugural thanksgiving dinner this month! A big thank you to all who've given their time and talents throughout the year to provide awesome music each week for Masses!! Also thanks to Lynne, Robyn, Frank, Emma and Gerard who were unable to attend There are still plenty of spaces on the music roster to fill! All ages and abilities welcome! **Please contact Melissa Chong on 0467220461 if you can help, we'd love to hear from you!!!**



CHRISTMAS
isn't just one day!

SCAN QR TO PURCHASE FOR ONLY \$2.50 EACH

Activity book for kids YEAR 8

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
Evangelisation Brisbane
Children and Families

Readings

1st Sunday of Advent—Year B

First Reading: (Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8)

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down –
at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ.
I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Mark 13:33-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.
So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cock-crow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

For the Children...

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

The Prophecy Candle

Before Jesus came into the world God spoke to His people through the Prophets, telling them about the one who was to come, who will be a light unto the world and saviour to us all. The first Advent candle is a candle of hope, it reminds us of how thousands of years ago people hoped and waited for Jesus, and today, we can have hope in Jesus too.



LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus,
When we are struggling and on the hardest days, help us have hope in you and the love you have for us. Let our hope be a light unto the world for others. Amen

Readings for Next Sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
Prepare the way for the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
Make straight the paths of the Lord.