

# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 51

4th Sunday of Advent — YEAR B

24th December 2023

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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

## **PARISH TEAM:**

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## ***Jesus Is the Reason for the Season...!***

We have reached the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of our Advent journey, and Sunday evening we begin the celebration of Christmas. There is Christmas Eve Family Mass at 5.30 pm and Vigil Mass at 7.30. On Christmas morning, we celebrate Christmas Mass at 8.30 am. How quickly the days have flown leading up to this Christmas. Ready or not, let Christmas begin. Therefore, it is a special time in the life of the Church as we journey through our preparation of Advent, to the celebration of Christmas. Let us ask ourselves if we live in the mystery of God's goodness within us personally, within our family and faith community, within the Church. This is the basis for a wonderful Christmas. A Christmas where the centre is Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. A joyful and peaceful Christmas that we share with our brothers and sisters, with our families, and with the whole world.

Christmas is an everyday event that involves Jesus knocking at the door of our heart, seeking admission. It is Jesus who wants to journey with us today. To those accepting Him this Christmas day, He gives power to be children of God. It is He, our Lord Jesus Christ, who brings us here at this Christmas. With the help of His grace we can make a new beginning in our life.

I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the whole of 2023 and wish you and your families a **Happy and Holy Christmas** and a bright **Happy New Year**. May hope and peace be renewed as we celebrate together the birth of our Saviour.

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, Judith Angela, Alex Stegman, Kui Liu, Eileen MacDermott, Lorraine O'Leary, Shirley Mead, Don Cattnach, Rod Grove, Sr Belen, Trish Buckle, Elizabeth Rejmer, Trevor Farley & Evelyn Neave & Jan Effiney.

**Recently Deceased:** June Colch, Barry Ahern,

**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](mailto: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](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.

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER**

The Christmas 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.

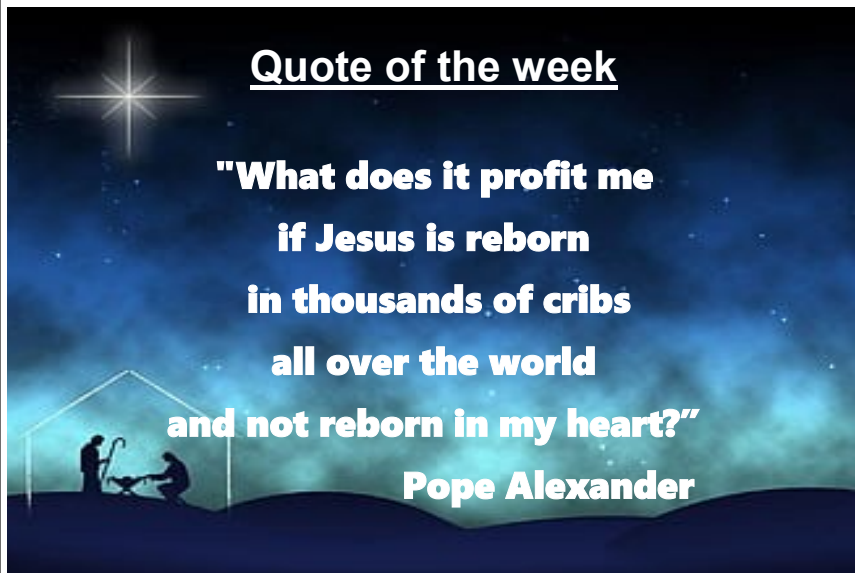
### The Week Ahead

Sun – 24th December	Mass @ 8.30am  <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Carols @ 5.00pm</b> <b>Family Mass &amp; Nativity @5.30pm</b>  <b>Carols @ 7.00pm</b> <b>Christmas Vigil</b> <b>Mass @7.30pm</b>
Mon - 25th December	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Carols @ 8.00am</b> <b>Mass @ 8.30am</b>
Tue - 26th December	<b>NO 7am Mass</b>
Wed - 27th December	<b>NO 9am Mass</b>
Thur - 28th December	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 29th December	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 30th December	<b>Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am– Church</b> <b>Mass @ 5.30pm</b>
Sun – 31st December	<b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>Mass @ 8.30am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>
Mon – 1st January	<b>New Year's Day</b> <b>Mass @ 9.00am</b>
Tue – 2nd January	Mass @ 7.00am
Wed – 3rd January	<b>NO 9am Mass</b>
Thur - 4th January	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 5th January	Mass @ 9am <b>followed by</b> <b>Benediction and Adoration</b>

### Quote of the week

**"What does it profit me  
if Jesus is reborn  
in thousands of cribs  
all over the world  
and not reborn in my heart?"**

**Pope Alexander**





## Parish News & Notices

Important Note

**Parish Office Closure over Christmas:** The parish office is closed from 22 December 2023 and will reopen on Monday 15 January 2024. We can be contacted via the Parish phone on **(07) 33981154**. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency, please contact the Presbytery on **(07)**

**33248021** or email at [thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au)

Please take note that there will be **NO MASS** on **26th December (Tuesday), 27th December (Wednesday), 3rd January (Wednesday) and 17th January (Wednesday)**.

**New Year's Day Mass will be on Monday, 1st January at 9.00am.** Due to the Christmas and New Year's break there will be no newsletters for next 3 weeks. Thank you.

### 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)

Many thanks to those who donated to our Christmas Appeal from the St Thomas St Vincent de Paul Group. If the donor with the surname Caffery would like a receipt, would you please email Chris Harding on [harding12@bigpond.com](mailto:harding12@bigpond.com) *Christmas Blessings to you all and best wishes for a bright and happy year ahead.*

### 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 !*



### Sacramental Preparation 2024

#### First Reconciliation

Enrolment/Commitment and  
Session 1 – 3/4 Feb  
Session 2 – 10/11 Feb  
Session 3 – 17/18 Feb  
Session 4 – 24/25 Feb



**Actual Celebration: Sat 2 March  
@3.30pm**

#### Confirmation Preparation:

Parents Information Session – Wednesday 6  
March @ 6.30pm

Enrolment/Commitment and  
Session 1 – 9/10 March  
Session 2 – 16/17 March  
Session 3 – 23/24 March  
Session 4 – 20/21 April

Rehearsal: Monday 29 April during school  
hours for St Thomas' children.

**Actual Celebration: Wednesday 15 May  
@ 5pm and 7pm**



At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus by doing special things. What are three special things you can do for your family or friends during Christmas?

### 4th Sunday of Advent—Year B

#### **First Reading: (2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16)**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29**

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

#### **Second Reading: (Romans 16:25-27)**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

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

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

#### **Gospel: (Luke 1:26-38)**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

#### **Readings for Next Sunday**

#### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - YEAR B**

**First Reading:** Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14  
**Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.**

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21  
**Concerning the Christian life in the world.**

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40  
**The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.**

*Wishing all our Parishioners a  
Happy Christmas and a Blessed  
New Year. May God Bless You This  
Christmas and Always.*

*Fr Dantus, Sr Analissa & Shanti.*