

# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 27

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th July 2021

This Sunday, as Catholic Education Week commences in Queensland, our Parish and School community come together celebrate our second St Thomas' School House Mass. This week we welcome the children from Kelleher house, and their families, who join us in celebrating our morning Mass.

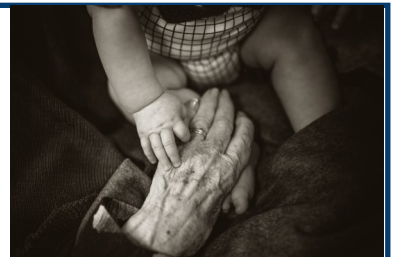
The Kelleher House is named after Sr. Patrick Francis Kelleher, who was a Good Samaritan Sister and the founding principal of St Thomas' school in 1929. Kelleher House colour is blue.

To conclude our Mass this Sunday, the Kelleher children will lead the congregation in singing the hymn "Raise Your Voice for Justice" by John Burland. This year the school is exploring the value of JUSTICE, as they celebrate their theme, 'ACT WITH JUSTICE'. Their spiritual journey will foster and deepen their connections with the First Nations people's history and culture as they explore Justice, Peace and Reconciliation, all prominent characteristics of a Benedictine spirituality.



## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has marked the 4th Sunday in July as a new celebration in honour of all grandparents and the elderly who are so important to our communities and our Church. This date was chosen as it is close to the liturgical memorial of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme this inaugural year is '*I Am With You Always*'.



The Holy Father said he instituted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly because "grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on" what the elderly have received. He emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another. The elderly "remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life." We give thanks for the influence and blessings of the grandparents and elderly people in our community and in our own lives.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,  
make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming,  
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st reading:** 2 Kings 4: 42-44 *They will eat and have some left over.*

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4: 1-6 *There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

**Gospel:** John 6:1-15 *He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*



**Catholic Education Week**  
25-31 July 2021

*A SPIRITED TOMORROW*

*Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all the Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos; striving to make a difference by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.*

*St Thomas' school has been an integral part of our community since 1929 when school was first taught on the old church verandah. We are very proud of the compassionate, inclusive and respectful environment fostered here and the way our staff encourage our youngest members to live their Catholic faith through prayers, words and actions.*

*Lord,  
Bless our school and the students entrusted to us.  
Bless our teachers and staff for their warmth, wisdom and loving care.  
May all who pass through our school be filled with the joy of Your enduring presence as they work and learn in the light of our Catholic faith. Amen*

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8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

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### Support Our Right to Palliative Care - A Message from the Archdiocese of Brisbane

The State government has introduced draft legislation for assisted suicide in Queensland. It is imperative all sectors of the community affected by this legislation but still not heard – are heard. Namely; first nations people, disabled people, palliative care providers, mental health providers, multi-faith and multicultural groups.

We believe every Queenslanders has a right to high quality palliative care. Only a tiny percentage of Queenslanders may access Euthanasia, but 100% of Queenslanders will require palliative care – and the cost of proper palliative care is small compared to the colossal State health budget.

Even the Qld Law Reform Commission's recommendations to the Government on legislation urges;

***"Any scheme for voluntary assisted dying should complement, not detract from, the provision of high quality and accessible palliative care."***

How you can help:

- Phone and email your [local Member of Parliament](#) and try to arrange a meeting
- Encourage friends and other community groups you are part of to do the same
- Obtain an advocacy pack with more information on the issue. Email [communications@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:communications@bne.catholic.net.au) to receive one.

We have between now and end of August to let MPs know how we feel on this issue. I'm grateful for your prior support and willingness to advocate for protecting life at all stages. Please join with us again.

*Archbishop's Euthanasia Taskforce Secretary*

### Peter's Pence Collection - This Weekend

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken as a retiring collection at Masses this weekend - 24/25 July.

The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the catholic church around the world. The funds received allows the Holy Father to respond to the world's most need and to offer effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. It gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful across the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. We thank you for your support.

### We remember in our prayers



**The sick:** Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Marjorie Cusack, Joe Sherlock, Sue Lamb, Jacob Mu, Megan Bowden, Camel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon

### Recently deceased: Margaret Burke

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Dorothy Thomsen, Joseph Walsh, John Condon, Doris Carey, Elsie Smollen, Edward Welsh, Coronato Said, Sam Said, Beverley Croning, May Andrews, Jack Ballinger, Marie Welsh, Cecily Murray, Imelda Kitchen, Margaret McArdle, Maree Wynn, Brian McNamara, Ronald Dendle, Josephine Beh, Karen Daley, Eric Johnston, Joseph Shannon, Anton Swajczak, Helena Swajczak, Fr Tom Hegarty, James Montgomery, Rosemary Dugdale, Mary James, Daniel (Don) Buckley, Florence McKenna, Noel Tessman, Brian McKee, Mark Moloney, Ivy Fanning, Thelma Mitchell, Neville Stewart, Mary Smith, Moira Cremin & Noel Ives



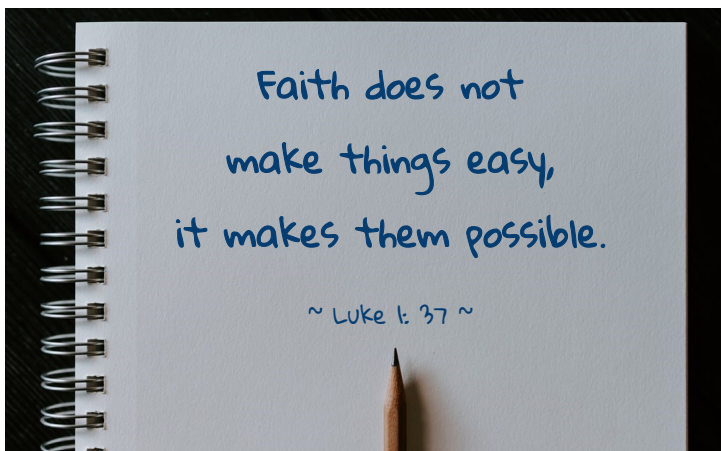
## Parish News & Notices

**"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart..."** Elizabeth Andrew

As a parish, we pride ourselves on our strong community spirit and welcome all who choose to join us. We rely on our volunteers to keep our spirit alive and everyone in our community is invited to consider sharing their time, talents and resources in our parish. We understand life is busy but we welcome any commitment - as small as you can spare.

There are many ways to be involved in parish life: setting up for, or reading at, Mass, leading Children's Liturgy, helping serve morning tea after mass, joining our music ministry or serving on one of our committees such as the Pastoral Council, Liturgy Team or Finance Council. Each of these require only a once a month commitment. If you are unable to commit your time, you may prefer to consider a financial contribution in support of the parish.

If you think you might be able to help, or would just like some more information, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, or visit our website: <http://www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/volunteers.html>



### PASSING ON THE FLAME

All women of the Archdiocese of Brisbane are invited to an evening of conversation as Catholic women share their experience of church, their call to discipleship, challenges and their hopes for the Church of the future.

Date: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 5:45pm – 8pm

Place: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (249 Elizabeth Street Brisbane City)

Cost: \$20 (\$15 concession)

For more information or to register, head to <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/spiritedwomen>

### 2021 First Communion Preparation (for those already Confirmed)

Preparation for Sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence at the end of this month. This is for children in Grade 4 and above who have already been Confirmed. Key dates below:



**Enrolment Weekend/Parent Information Session** – 31 July/1 Aug – Come to one of the weekend masses

**Commitment Weekend**

**Activity Weekend**

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**Workshop**

**First Communion Celebrations**

- 7/8 Aug Come to one weekend mass
- 14/15 Aug - Come to one of the weekend masses
- 21/22 Aug - Come to one of the weekend masses
- Saturday 28 Aug – 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- 4/5 Sept & 11/12 Sept – all masses

Where carers  
can find support



### Emotional help and support available for carers

Getting help early can make a big difference to a carer's life by helping to reduce emotional and physical strain and improving their overall health and wellbeing.

Supports and services are free for carers through Carer Gateway and are designed to help if you are:

- feeling stressed
- experiencing anxiety
- have low moods
- find it difficult to manage feelings.

Services such as counselling, peer support, and skills courses are available to help you in your caring role.

Find out more at [carergateway.gov.au](http://carergateway.gov.au) or call **1800 422 737**, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

# CCR GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

PRAISE, WORSHIP, EUCHARIST

St Stephen's Cathedral  
11am, Saturday 7 August, 2021



Mass celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Music Ministry by Emmanuel Worship  
Hosted by Charis Connect comprising Catholic Charismatic  
Renewal Prayer Groups, Communities and Ministries

Bookings essential. Register at [www.trybooking.com/BSBIF](http://www.trybooking.com/BSBIF)  
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## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH

The theme *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, & behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations.

The Brisbane launch by Bishop Ken Howell will take place at St James' Coorparoo:

Date: 25 August 2021

Time: 7pm

Place: St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo.

To register go to: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement>

The statement will be available for download from August 5th at this link: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>



## Fan the Flame

**Towards Plenary  
Assembly One October 2021**

*'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,  
and gave them out to all who were sitting ready'*

*John 6:1-15*

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: how do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness?

*(Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 6)*

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

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## WORD PLAY

*God is the Father of all people*



**Find these words:**

barley	baskets
Elisha	five
gentle	grass
left over	mountain
One	Passover
peace	Tiberias

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G G U J P X V V Y R O N E Q O  
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