

# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 28

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

16th July 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:**

### **Parish Priest**

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Michael Williamson—Chair

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## **HOW GOD'S WORD TAKES ROOT IN US.....**

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won the prize. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbours. How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbours when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked. "Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbours grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbours grow good corn."

As Christians we know the parable of the sower so well, however although we have heard it so many times, we can't hear it again without being stirred. Jesus tells His disciples that the seed is the word of the Kingdom; that is, His own word, His own witness, ultimately Himself. We want to receive this Word. Yet how well we know that we are not the perfect soil we should be! How easily we allow our hearts to become weakened by our resentments, attachments, worries or temptations, so that the hoped-for fruits of holiness are not produced to the full as they could be! Then also we reflect on how Jesus casts His seed in us, in order that we might continue His work in the world. So the parable of the sower is also a call to the Church, to all of us, to evangelise! Our calling is to find ways to proclaim Jesus in our own times. To communicate to people our own faith experience, itself a gift from the Holy Spirit that God is with us; that He is good; that He has come to us in Jesus Christ, in order to forgive our sins, and to draw us to Himself; to gift us with eternal life.

The parable of the sower challenges us to see how deeply the word of God takes root in our lives and in our day to day existence. Jesus challenges us in this parable to be both sower and seed: to sow seeds of encouragement, joy and reconciliation regardless of the ground on which it is scattered, and to imitate the seed's total giving of life that becomes the harvest of Gospel justice and mercy. Each of us has many gifts and talents. Let us spend these doing the will of God and becoming more Christ-like. The opportunity is calling us. The parables of Jesus enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge and inspire us.

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 Cattanaach, Barry Ahern, Rod Grove, Sr Belen & Trish Buckle.

### Recently Deceased: -

**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.

Our parish has a Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) who is dedicated to promoting safeguarding messages and practices, and available to assist with any questions, concerns, disclosures, incidents or complaints. **Our LSR is David Colch at [lrs.stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lrs.stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au).** If you wish to remain anonymous, 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)

### 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.

### PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

- ✓ Visit our website - [www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au)
- ✓ LIKE our Parish Facebook page -
- ✓ [facebook.com/StThomasCatholicParishCampHill](https://facebook.com/StThomasCatholicParishCampHill).
- ✓ Read our newsletter.

### Call for Volunteers

The parish needs volunteers for all week-end masses:

**Sacristan duties, Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Altar Serving, Screen Operators, Hospitality and Singers and all musicians.**

If you are already listed as a volunteer in our parish and would like to assist again in one of the many ministries, please call the parish office on 3398 1154 or email us at [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au).

If you'd like to help and are not already a volunteer in our parish please register at: <http://archbne.org/welcome> and we will be in touch.

**Do you love to sing?  
Or do you play an  
instrument, keyboard, organ,  
guitar etc.**

**St Thomas' Music Ministry  
needs you!**

**No prior experience necessary, all training and  
support provided. All ages welcome!**

**Contact Melissa Chong 0467220461**

### The Week Ahead

Sun - 16th July	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 17th July	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 18th July	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 19th July	Mass @ 9am
Thur - 20th July	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 21st July	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 22nd July	Mass @ 5.30pm Feast of St Mary Magdalene
Sun - 23rd July	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm <b>St Thomas Feast Day Mass &amp; Launch of our Parish Strategic Plan @8.30am</b>

### 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)

**Parish Newsletter**—If you would like to receive a copy of the Newsletter via email, please contact the Parish office at 33981154.



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
8.30AM MASS EVERY SUNDAY  
During School Term only.



### SUNDAY MORNING TEA FELLOWSHIP

after the 8.30am Mass. All welcome to come along for a chat and a cuppa.

### Quote of the week

**When you focus on  
problems  
you will have more  
problems.  
When you focus on  
possibilities  
you'll have more  
opportunities.**



## St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish

Invites you to celebrate

### St Thomas' Feast Day

and

the launch of our

Parish Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

**ON SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023  
AT 8:30AM**

At St Thomas the Apostle Church.

31 Perth Street, Camp Hill

Mass will be followed by morning tea in  
the Parish Hall.

Please RSVP for the morning tea at  
[stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au) or call the Parish  
office at 33981154.  
Thank you.



### IMPORTANT: SCAM TEXT MESSAGE

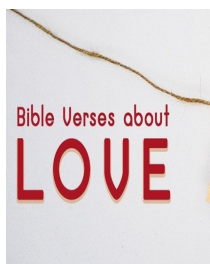
- Dear Parishioners, please be aware of a text message scam appearing to be from the Parish or Fr Dantus requesting for Gift cards or Cash. Under no circumstances, would any Priest make such a request. This is a phishing scam which is targeting church-goers at a number of Parishes in the Archdiocese, including our Parish. Unfortunately, we are unable to stop these messages at the source. This is a reminder to please ignore and delete such SMS text / WhatsApp messages and/or emails, if you receive them. Thank you. Parish Office.

Congratulations to four Canossian Sisters in Australia who celebrated the Jubilee of Consecrated Canossian Life - Sr Angela Botti (60 years), Sr Belen Aguila and Sr Daisy Thomas (50 years) and Sr Jucelina Pereira (25 years). We thank God for the gift of each of you, as you continue to make Jesus known and loved.

**Grand Plans for Grandparents:** - Date/Time: Saturday 22 July, 9:15-11:15am Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (194 Charlotte St, Brisbane City). Dress code: smart casual RSVP: 17 July Cost: \$15. Reserve your spot today by registering here: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/grandparents> Free parking available via 194 Charlotte Street (underneath the Cathedral). Stay on for Mass at Cathedral at 11:30am where you'll receive a special blessing, reaffirming the impact you have on your family's spiritual journey.

### Ten Ways to LOVE :-

1. Listen without interpreting. (Prov 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (Js 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Prov 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Col 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Prov 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Eph 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Phil 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (Cor 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Col 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Prov 13:12)



### CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

#### A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

Who has ever grown a plant from a seed? What happened?  
What do seeds need if they are to grow into a plant?  
Where did the farmer sow the seed in today's gospel?  
Why didn't some of the seed grow?  
The seed is like the word of God wanting to be planted in us.  
How can we become the 'good ground' so it can grow in us?



### Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

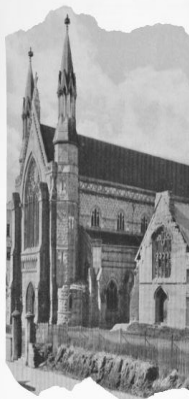
In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd.

email: [todd@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:todd@bne.catholic.net.au)  
telephone: 3324 3030  
by 1st September 2023



To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023  
[cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)  
3324 3030

### For the Children...

#### 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A The Parable of the Sower

Jesus often told simple stories called *parables* to help people to understand something important. Today we hear the Parable of the Sower as Jesus teaches the people that it is very important for them to listen very carefully to the Word of God so they understand it.

#### LET US PRAY

Jesus help us to listen to and understand your message, so that our hearts and lives will be filled with God's love.



### Readings for Next Sunday 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Yr A

**First Reading:** Wisdom 12:13.16-19  
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:26-27  
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-43  
Let them grow together until the harvest.



## Readings

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#### **First Reading: (Isaiah 55:10-11)**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 64:10-14.**

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

#### **Second Reading: (Romans 8:18-23)**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

#### **Gospel: (Matthew 13:1-23)**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing,

and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,

understand with their heart,

and be converted

and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'