

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



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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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**My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,
and they follow me. John 10:27**

Build wisely....

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a favour. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career. When the carpenter finished his work the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "My gift to you!" The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. So it probably is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back. Build wisely!

What kind of future are we preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come. God has given every human being freedom of choice. This does not mean that we have the right to do whatever we please. We can live in true freedom if we cooperate with the Holy Spirit, who gives us the virtue of discernment. This virtue helps us to recognize what is good in every situation and to make correct choices. The Holy Spirit gives us the gifts of wisdom and understanding to guide our choices in life in relationship to God and others. The gift of counsel helps us to reflect on making correct choices in life. As Christians, our overall direction in life is determined by our commitment to God, and we must be open to His directing our lives. What is clear from this weekend's Gospel and from the First Reading is that God is primarily concerned with our present relationship to Him.

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

Recently Deceased: -

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Mary McGrath, Bessie Ann King, Eva Shannon, Rosina Agius, Jean Beryl Deshon Smith, Margaret Clair Fahy, Norman Richards Waller, Samuel Sedgwick, Michele Greenway, Clarice Kathleen Swan, Lara Jane Neih, Phelomena McDonald, Helen Bemrose, Jed Minogue, Fay Gee, Lara Anne Mylne, Michael Williams, Maude Veronica Rupesinghe, Lurlene Kent, Annie Buckley, John Ashwell, Mervyn Hinds, Gerald Simentio & Nicholas Dolan.

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 CATHOLIC
LEADER

The October 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.

SAVE
THE
DATE

October is 'mental health awareness month' Come along and share a meal and some fun with fellow parishioners and raise some money for Beyond Blue as well! Donations can be made via the link Big Blue Table -find host :- <https://bigbluetable.com.au/>. 'St Thomas Big Blue Table'. And make your donation. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Fight the stigma of mental health – one meal at a time!



St Thomas Parish Hall



Saturday 21st October 6.30pm



Bring a potluck to share

The Week Ahead

Sun - 1st October	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 2nd October	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Mass @ 9am Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels
Tue - 3rd October	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 4th October	Mass @ 9am Memorial of St Francis of Assisi
Thu - 5th October	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 6th October	Mass @ 9am followed by Benediction and Adoration
Sat - 7th October	Mass @ 5.30pm Memorial of Our Lady of Rosary
Sun - 8th October	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

Quote of the week

Life doesn't allow for us to go back and fix what we have done wrong in the past, but it does allow for us to live each day better than our last.

Parish News & Notices

Important Notice

King's Birthday Public Holiday is this Monday, 2 October. Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am instead of 7.00am and the Parish Office will be closed. Thank you.



YEAR 12 BLESSING MASS

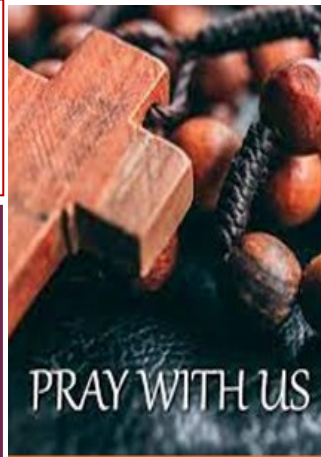
Can you believe your child, that commenced school in 2011, is now graduating Year 12!! St Thomas Parish have been involved with your family over your child's primary school years. We want to continue our prayerful support to these students with a special Blessing as they commence their final exams and start their next chapter.

We invite you all to a

Blessing Mass on Sunday 8th October 2023
at the 8.30am.

Mass will be followed by a morning tea and photo opportunity for these students. It would be lovely if all students come in their present School uniform.

Please share this with all Year 12 St Thomas past students as we don't want to miss anyone. For catering, please call Shanti in the St Thomas Parish office 3398 1154 to advise how many of your family members will be attending.



Calling all prayer warriors! 🙏

Devotion of the Holy Rosary

For success of the Parish Strategic Plan

Starting 7th October

Every Saturday 7.30am at the
Tabernacle



THE CHOSEN — SEASON ONE

Have you ever wondered what it would like to be a disciple of Jesus in the First Century? The Chosen is the first multi-season TV series about our Lord and how he impacted those around Him. Each week from now until Advent, we'll be showing 2 episodes of the first 3 seasons. Come along and enjoy the show with us!

St. Teresa of Calcutta: 5th Anniversary Celebration

This year we are celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Shrine dedicated to St. Teresa of Calcutta at the Marian Valley, Canungra. You are invited with your family & friends to share this special milestone celebration as we spread the message of Mother Teresa across our communities.

Join in the annual pilgrimage to the Mother Teresa Shrine at Marian Valley. Saturday 7 October, 11am Mass followed by Procession to the Shrine. Bus leaving 8.15am from Star of the Sea, Cleveland, return 3pm. Bus Bookings: 3821 4902. The MT Shrine Team.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

In two weeks' time, 14-15 October, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.



Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/timor



This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.



Readings

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First Reading: (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust?

When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed.

When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: (Philippians 2:1-11)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind.

That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are;
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?'

'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

For the Children...

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Making choices

Every day of our lives we have to make choices. Sometimes we make the wrong choice and do something we shouldn't. Remember that whenever we have had a change of heart, Jesus is always ready to give us another chance to put things right.

LET US PRAY

Lord, when I choose the way to go, help me choose the good way. When I choose the things to say, help me say what you'd say. Help me always do what's right; keep me always in your sight.



Readings for Next Sunday

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First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is
the House of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will
be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.