



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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Month of the Holy Rosary



October, Month of the Rosary....

It's October! Can you believe it? By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary every day.

The Rosary brings great peace and holiness to our life. Daily praying the Rosary helps us get to know our Mother better. By connected in a deeper way with Mary, we will in turn draw closer to Jesus. When we look at each mystery of the Rosary, we reflect upon different aspects of Jesus' life through the eyes of His mother. Because the Rosary was given to us by Mary, it is very powerful. And of course, Our Lady of Fatima said, "Pray the Rosary daily." There have been many miracles associated with praying the Rosary.

The Rosary is one of the most powerful weapons that we have against Satan. It will help to ward off temptations. Through Mary and her Magnificat, her "yes" to God, we had Our Lord Jesus Christ become flesh. Through Him we have our salvation, if we choose to accept it. This is how powerful the Rosary is. St. Francis de Sales, the great master of the spiritual life, wrote, "The greatest method of prayer is praying the Rosary." St. John Paul the II said "With the Rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer". Pope Francis says "the Rosary is the prayer that always accompanies my life: it is also the prayer of simple people and saints...it is the prayer of my heart".

Our Blessed Mother herself has asked us in her apparitions to pray the rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and of the world. As we pray it, we are not only praising the Blessed Virgin Mary with the words of the angel Gabriel but we are also petitioning the Father to hear us. At the same time we have the opportunity to reflect upon the events of the life of our Lord Jesus. Let us make a commitment to pray the Rosary every day – and keep it. The best way to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary is, of course, to pray the rosary daily. **"THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS THE ROSARY TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER!"**

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 Cattanach, 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 Joyce Holden, Errol Lawes, Dorothy Clayton, William Vanden, Mary Kittson, John Cassidy, George Schlecht, Joyce O'Sullivan, Katherine Adamski, Kathleen Hardy, Barry Uscinski, Sr Mary Camillus, Des Power, Peter Kenny, Frances Moffat, Tom O'Brien, Sr Eunice Osbourne, Mary Smith, Anitha Bradbury, Jean Just & John Payne.

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.

Baptisms

We welcome...

Thomas & Matilda

O'Hara son & daughter of Jesse & Julia O'Hara, Robert Tague son of Christopher & Elizabeth Tague being baptised in our Church this weekend. May Jesus, who loves all children, bless your precious child with love and peace on this special day and always.



The Week Ahead

Sun - 8th October	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm Baptisms@ 10.00am
Mon - 9th October	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 10th October	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 11th October	Mass @ 9am
Thu - 12th October	Mass @ 9am PFC Meeting @6.30pm- Parish Office
Fri - 13th October	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 14th October	Mass @ 5.30pm Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am - Church Annual Parish Planning Session @ 9.00am-12.00pm
Sun - 15th 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

Don't look for big things, Just do small things
With Great love.

St. Mother Teresa

Supporting



MICAHA PROJECT

Thank you to all those who donated to the MICAHA PROJECT APPEAL. They are very grateful.



Calling all prayer warriors! 🙏

Devotion of the Holy Rosary

For success of the Parish Strategic Plan

Starting 7th October

Every Saturday 7.30am in the Sanctuary

YEAR 12 BLESSING MASS

We bless and pray for all the Yr 12 students preparing for their final exams both those with us this weekend and those that couldn't be with us. Keep them in your prayers.

ST THOMAS STRATEGIC ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION - 2023

Your team leaders are meeting on Saturday, 14th October 2023 to look at our Parish plans for 2024. If you have any thoughts, dreams, wishes that you would like included in the 2024 Plans, please let a Team Leader or the Parish office know about it this coming week. Thank you.



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!

THE CHOSEN Screening Dates:-

Sunday 8th Oct: 3pm to 5pm
 Sunday 15th Oct: 10am to 12pm
 Friday 20th Oct: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
 Friday 27th Oct: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
 Saturday 4th Nov: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
 Friday 10th Nov: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
 Sunday 19th Nov: 10am to 12pm
 Friday 24th Nov: 6.30pm to 8.30pm



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, 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. **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.**



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor



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



SAVE THE DATE

BIG BLUE TABLE

October is 'mental health awareness month'. **WEAR BLUE** and please come along and share a meal and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners as we help raise awareness & funds for Mental Health. 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.

Readings

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First Reading: (Isaiah 5:1-7)

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20.

O Lord. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: (Philippians 4:6-9)

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 21:33-43)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

For the Children...

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Listen to God's message

Jesus came to share the Good News and to bring God's message to all people. He wanted them to learn how to live in the love of God and one's neighbour, and to know what mattered most in life. Many people did not listen, and so Jesus told them that he would give his message to others.

LET US PRAY

Jesus, open our ears to hear your message and help us to understand it. Help us to share the message of your saving love with others, so that they too, can share in your kingdom.



Readings for Next Sunday

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First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.