

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 41

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

15th October 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

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I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE

God's grace is a costly gift.... A small boy was consistently late coming home from school. His parents warned him one day that he must be home on time that afternoon or have no supper, but he arrived later than ever. His mother met him at the door and said nothing. His father met him in the living room and said nothing. At dinner that night, the boy looked at his plate. There was a slice of bread and a glass of water. He looked at his father's full plate and then at his father, but his father remained silent. The boy was crushed. The father then quietly took the boy's plate and placed it in front of himself. He took his own plate of meat and placed it before his son. When that boy grew up, he said, "All my life I've known what God is like by what my father did that night." Our sin is serious business. God's grace is a costly gift. Jesus explains it today through the parable of the wedding garment.

In the normal Jewish customs, when an invitation was sent out to a great feast like a wedding feast, the time was not stated. Only after everything was ready the servants were sent out with a final summons to tell the wedding guests to come. So then, the king in this parable had long ago sent out his invitations but it was not until everything was prepared that the final summons was issued and _subsequently refused by the invited wedding guests.

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear a parable about a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. Those invited did not come for so many reasons, so in the end the king allowed the gates of his kingdom to be opened to all, and his hall was filled with guests. Today's Gospel reading is an invitation. Our Lord is inviting us to be with Him, to come to Him, to come to His Kingdom which is described like a wedding feast where people have joyful faces and dress in their best clothes. He invites us to be close to Him at all times. If we compare our Christian religion with any other world religions, in them it is the people who look for God, but in the case of Christianity, it is God who looks for us. This truth can be seen in some other parables of Jesus, where it is God who looks for the lost sheep and the lost coin. And so it is God who takes the initiative for our salvation.

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 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 & Evelyn Keenan.

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

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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.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This 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.** Please do take a giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection. Thank you.



The Week Ahead

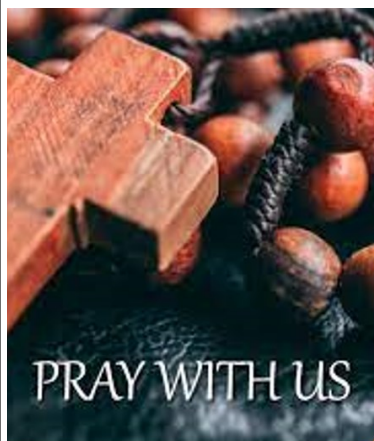
Sun - 15th October	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - 16th October	Mass @ 7am
Tue - 17th October	Mass @ 7am Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch
Wed - 18th October	Mass @ 9am Feast of St Luke
Thu - 19th October	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 20th October	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 21st October	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am - Church Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 22nd 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 is a trip.
The only problem is that it doesn't come with a map.
We have to search our own routes to reach our destination.



Calling all prayer warriors! 🙏

Devotion of the Holy Rosary

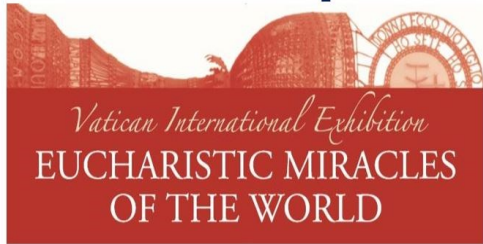
For success of the Parish Strategic Plan

Starting 7th October

Every Saturday 7.30am in the Sanctuary



**ST THOMAS CAMP HILL
PARISH HALL**
Sunday 29th October
9.30am to 12pm



Vatican International Exhibition
**EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
OF THE WORLD**

The Eucharist is the highway to heaven" – Blessed Carlo Acutis

The CHOSEN

ST THOMAS PARISH HALL

Come and see
WHAT THEY SAW



Sun 15th Oct: 10am to 12pm
(Season 2, Episode 3 & 4)

Fri 20th Oct: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
(Season 2, Episode 5 & 6)

Fri 27th Oct: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
(Season 2, Episode 7 & 8)

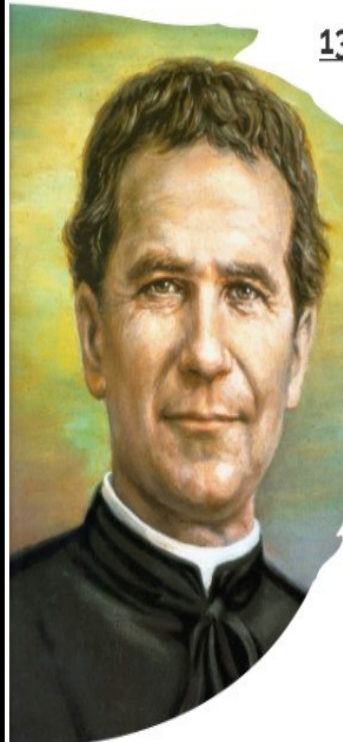
NETFLIX

**ANGEL
STUDIOS**

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"THE CHOSEN" APP
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ST DON BOSCO RELICS - BRISBANE VISIT

13th to 22nd October, 2023



FRIDAY 13th - Cathedral of St. Stephen
Brisbane City - 8am to 6pm

SATURDAY 14th - Stella Maris
Maroochydore - 9am to 6.30pm

SUNDAY 15th - Mary Immaculate
Annerley - 6.30am to 7pm

MONDAY 16th - Mary Immaculate
*Annerley - 8.30am to 11am
and 3pm to 8.30pm*

TUESDAY 17th - Holy Spirit
Bray Park - 11am to 9pm

WEDNESDAY 18th - Little Flower
Kedron - 8am to 7pm

THURSDAY 19th - Guardian Angels
Wynnum - 4pm to 7pm

FRIDAY 20th - Our Lady of Victories
Bowen Hills - 4pm to 9pm

SATURDAY 21st - Our Lady of Victories
*Bowen Hills - 6.30am to 10am
and 1pm to 3pm*

SUNDAY 22nd - Marian Valley Shrine
Canungra - 9am to 6pm

The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco. The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic. Brisbane is its last stop!



Up to date information at www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

BIG BLUE TABLE

October is Mental Health Month
Come along and share and meal and
friendship with fellow parishioners
while raising awareness for Mental Health.
Come in Blue bring a meal to share and have
some fun.

There is a raffle so if you want tickets \$2 each
or 3 for \$5 in a big Blue hamper.
Donation can also be made via the link Big Blue
Table <https://bigbluetable.come.au/> Find Host : St
Thomas Big Blue Table and make a donation.
All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and re-
ceipt will be issued directly to you. Or you can
give a donation in an envelope "clearly marked"
on the plate or to the Parish Office.
Looking forward to seeing you there – live music
and fun and laughter. All the family Welcome.

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



St Thomas Parish Hall



Saturday 21st October 6.30pm

Bring a meal to share !!



Readings

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First Reading: (Isaiah 25:6-10)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 22:1-14)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

For the Children...

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The wedding invitation

God gives each one of us an invitation to join him in his heavenly kingdom and the celebration of everlasting life. We must choose whether to accept the invitation or turn away from his loving offer.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, you invite each one of us to enter the kingdom if heaven. Help us to make the effort to do things God's way, so that we can accept your offer and be ready to share in your glory at the end of time.



Readings for Next Sunday

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First Reading: Isaiah 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.