

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 45

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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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 SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU O LORD MY GOD

Be vigilant, be alert, be ready....

Our liturgical Year A is quickly drawing to a close. The Gospel this weekend is the story of the wise and foolish virgins. And our readings today remind us of our need to be awake. Vigilance is the underlying message in the parable of the ten virgins. This is not about good and evil. It is about being ready. Being alert. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins may be interpreted on many levels. It relates to the different kinds of accountability required of Christians as we prepare for our encounter with Christ. Pointing us towards the end things, our final destination – to be with God when Christ comes again.

The Gospel invites us to have oil for our lamps, that is, to be always ready for the coming of the Lord. He appears in moments and ways we do not expect and at any time throughout our day. The foolish virgins failed to prepare for when and how the Lord would come to them, and so they were not ready. Often too we get caught up in incidentals and unimportant worries, and we can miss what is essential. Perhaps we overlook the presence of Christ in the people around us, in the circumstances in which we are living, or fail to recognize Him in it, and therefore the grace of the moment. We need to strengthen our faith and see how the Lord is active and present in our lives.

Saint Augustine said, "Beware of the grace of God that passes and does not return." We need to experience God's presence in the little things of each day and never let the opportunity to love and serve Him pass us by. Our faith must be ready and watching for Him. If we take Him for granted, or presume that we are already saved, we can waste our chance to be with Him. The lamp is Christian faith, while the oil represents the good works that we do in our life. The wise virgins are those of us who have heard, understood and practiced the teachings of Christ while the foolish virgins are those who may have become distracted from the teachings of Christ or understood but did not practice them. What can help us in being vigilant and prepares for our own life now, is taking time to pray; taking time to talk with God. We need not make an appointment, God is always right here and right now.

**On behalf of the St. Thomas's Parish Community,
thank you to all Parish volunteers who support us
with their time and talent in so many ways! Nothing
would be possible here at St. Thomas' if not for great
volunteers like you! May God bless you all abundantly!**

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

Recently Deceased: Keith Roxburgh, Beryl Rook & Sue Lamb.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Harold Homann, Margaret McCann, Helen Malcolm, Leonardo Mariano, Leonard Smith, Mary McMahon, Arthur Poole, Leo Shipperley, Cliff Dennis, Marie Holdsworth, Harold Gilder, Margaret Kilmartin, Joyce Ireland, Patricia Hodges, Anna Graham, Patricia Peake, Norman Corrie, Reg Gamble, Sheila O'Donoghue, Brian Down, William Bozier, Moira Murphy, Rose Knauth, Stephen Lam, Robert Rafter, Luigi Marinucci, John Fry, Janina Pokoj, Celie Cosgrove, Elva Hargraves, Eugene Vidulich & Basil Nolan.



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.

Baptisms

We welcome...

Harvey Loosley son of Christopher & Cassandra Loosley, **Anders Chyi** son of Alexander Chyi & Anne Nguyen *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 -12 th November	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon -13 th November	Mass @ 7am
Tue -14 th November	Mass @ 7am
Wed -15 th November	Mass @ 9am
Thu -16 th November	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 17 th November	Mass @ 9am Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary
Sat - 18 th November	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am- Church Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun -19 th November	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

NOVEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES

All Souls Day is a chance for us to commemorate and honour those who have passed. On this day we remember the departed who have attained the beatific vision. During November parishioners are encouraged to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes will be available at Church doors and can be placed in the collection plate or bring to the parish office. Thank you.

Book of Remembrance



You are invited to record the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of remembrance that will be kept at the front of the church throughout the month of November. Prayers will be offered for the repose of the souls of the deceased relatives and friends names, written down in the book.

Quote of the week

*We cannot all do great things,
but we can do small things
with great love.*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

St Thomas'

Care & Concern Group

invites you to the

Healing Mass

Thursday 23rd November 2023



Healing Mass at 10.30am
at St Thomas the Apostle Church.
Camp Hill.
Christmas lunch to follow.

Cost \$5

**For catering RSVP: before Fri-
day, 17th November 2023**

Parish Office: 33981154

The
CHOSEN
ST THOMAS PARISH HALL

Come and see
WHAT THEY SAW



Fri 10th Nov: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

(Season 3, Episode 3 & 4)

Sun 19th Nov: 10am to 12pm

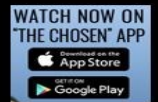
(Season 3, Episode 5 & 6)

Fri 24th Nov: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

(Season 3, Episode 7 & 8)

NETFLIX

ANGEL
STUDIOS



<https://watch.thechosen.tv/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheChosenSeries>

HELP!!

**CHRISTMAS
CHOIR
SINGERS
NEEDED!**



Scan the QR code to answer a quick survey about practice times

**SING CAROLS
AT CAMP HILL
AGED CARE!**

December 21st 6pm
15 Orwell St, Camp Hill



Come in Christmas bling!
No musical experience required!

Practice available
December 19th, 7pm
@ St Thomas Camp Hill Church
Queries: Veronica 0438 826 524

**ST VINCENT
DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS
APPEAL**

**Donate now and you'll
help provide the im-
mediate and practical
relief families need to
survive this Christmas**

Our St Thomas the Apostle St Vincent de Paul Conference asks that you join with us in offering a hand, for Christmas and beyond, to those who need assistance and who are living here in Camp Hill or nearby suburbs. We have found the vouchers and the monetary help that you have given in previous years to be of great help and we

wish to continue this for 2023. There are again a number of ways you can contribute:

♥ Direct transfer to our bank account BSB: 064 786 Acc no: 1000 265 95. Please make a clear reference with your payment and send an email to the Parish Office with your name, address and amount given, for your receipt. (stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au)

♥ Credit card or cash donation can be placed in the Appeal envelopes available from the stand near the exit to the church or use a clearly marked envelope with same details inside the envelope. Envelopes can be placed in the marked box near the exit door. (No Eftpost Vouchers, please)

♥ Single store gift vouchers from Coles, Woolworths, Aldi, Target, Kmart or Best and Less. If you cannot find single store vouchers then we can, with discernment, utilize group gift cards from Coles/Myer or Woolworths group. Vouchers can be placed in the labelled box near the exit door. These are very useful as they can provide for the Christmas celebration tables of our companions, household needs, small electrical appliances, bed linen, personal care items and can enable our companions to buy some small gifts for their loved ones and / or fresh food for Christmas. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Unfortunately vouchers are not included). Thank you for your continued support.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal
St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Readings

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First Reading: (Wisdom 6:12-16)

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 25:1-13)

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us."

But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

For the Children...

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Be ready

It is easy to be ready for something to happen when we know the day and time to expect it. Today Jesus explains that we must always be ready for his return, even though no one knows when he will be coming.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, we know that one day you will return, and we will be with you in heaven. Help us to make each day our best, so that we will always be ready to greet you when you come.



Readings for Next Sunday

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First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,
19-20,30-31

**Give her a share in what she has
worked for.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians
5:1-6

**The day of the Lord is going to come
like a thief in the night.**

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

**Because you have been faithful over a
few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.**