

# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No.47

4th Sunday in Advent, Year A

21st December 2025

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### Office hours:

8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

### 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

Fr. Dantus Thottathil  
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Dear Parishioners, as we enter the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we stand at the threshold of Christmas. The weeks of waiting, prayer, and quiet preparation now draw to their fulfilment. In this weekend's Gospel, we are invited to contemplate Saint Joseph, a man of deep faith and humble obedience. Trusting in God's word, he welcomed Mary and the child Jesus into his life. His example reminds us that Christmas begins in hearts that are open, listening, and ready to receive God's gift. These final days of Advent invite us to slow down amid the busyness and allow God to draw near. Christmas is not only a date on the calendar; it is the celebration of Emmanuel - God with us. In the birth of Jesus, God enters our world with gentleness and love, bringing hope to the weary, peace to the troubled, and light to all who walk in darkness.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, we are reminded that Christmas is not simply a season of lights, gifts, and gatherings, but a profound encounter with God's love made flesh in Jesus Christ. In the quiet of Bethlehem, the eternal Word entered our world in humility, showing us that true greatness is found not in power or wealth, but in self-giving love.

This holy season invites us to open our hearts anew to the Christ Child. His presence brings peace to troubled spirits, hope to weary hearts, and joy to communities longing for unity. Amid the busyness of December, may we pause to recognize Emmanuel God with us in our families, our parish, and especially in those who are lonely or in need.

I warmly invite you and your families to join us for the celebration of our Christmas Masses. Coming together around the altar, we rejoice as one parish family to welcome Christ anew. Your presence enriches our worship and strengthens our shared faith.

At this special time, we also to express our heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Analissa, who has lovingly served our parish community for the past ten years. Through her quiet dedication, compassion, and generous service, she has touched many lives and strengthened our parish in countless ways. As she prepares to return to her home country, we assure her of our prayers, gratitude, and affection. She will always remain part of our parish family.

On behalf of our parish staff, I wish you all a **Happy and Holy Christmas**. May the peace of Christ fill your homes, and may the joy of His birth remain with you throughout the coming year.

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, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Megan Bowden, Carmel Horn, Judith Angela, Jan Effiney, Alex Stegman, Kui Liu, Eileen MacDermott, Lorraine O'Leary, Rod Grove, Sr Belen, Trish Buckle, Evelyn Neave, Michael & Anne Murphy, Kay and Paul Bertini, Anne & Peter Kelleher, Leo Plowman, Margaret Jermanus, Lachie James Edwards, Aldo, Michael Colch & Giuseppa Petrilia, Lynne Jordan and Lynn Toon, Ray Duncanson, June Simpson, Catherine Challinor, Mildred Duncan & Paul Duncan.



**Recently deceased:** Dorn & John Robson Petch, John Nye Boustead, Elizabeth Rejmer, Margaret O'Donnell.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Francis Cosgrove, Arthur Gorski, Leslie Dossetto, Benjamin Longland, Allan Rogers, Margaret Catchpole, Olive Dean, John Milford, Kathleen Jessop, Madge Sapsford, William Peake, Daniel Barry, Marjorie Croft, Nancy Downing, Fred White, Margaret White, Barry Harding, Susan Ballinger, Jack Ballinger, Theresa Hourigan, Patrick Radford, John McKenna, Ken Murray, Ruby Johnston, Mary McNamara, Margaret Goakes, Patricia O'Leary, Betty Smith & Fay Thomas.

### 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: 10005597  
\* We also have Tap n Go facility in the Church premises.

### St Thomas' Safeguarding Representatives:

Name: David Colch  
Contact: [lsr.stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au)  
This parish is Child Safety Aware and complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Safeguarding policy is situated on the Notice Board outside of the church. **STOPLINE CONTACT:**  
Phone 1 300 304 400 Email [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)

PLEASE HELP TO SUPPORT THE PARISH. THE SMART TERMINAL IS AN EASY WAY TO DONATE AND TO HELP US CONTINUE OUR WORK.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

### Quote of the week

“What does it profit me  
if Christ is born in Bethlehem once more  
this Christmas, but is not born again  
in my heart through faith?”

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen



### The Week Ahead

Sun– 21st Dec	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A</b> Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon– 22nd Dec	Mass @ 7.00am
Tue– 23rd Dec	Mass @ 7.00am
Wed– 24th Dec	Christmas Family Mass @ 5:30 pm Christmas Night Mass @ 8:00 pm
Thu– 25th Dec	Mass @ 8:30am <b>Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord</b>
Fri– 26th Dec	<b>No Mass</b> <b>Feast St Stephen, the first martyr</b>
Sat– 27th Dec	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am – Church Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm <b>Feast St John, apostle, evangelist</b>
Sun– 28th Dec	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year A</b> Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm

### Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion Minister
Sat 20th Dec – 5.30pm	Tammie Davis	Os Cotta & Yannick Cotta	Os Cotta	Yannick Cotta	Tammie Davis
Sun 21st Dec– 8.30am	Iubu Kelly	Amanda Sheridan & Paul Mead	Amanda Sheridan	Paul Mead	Tess Paolucci
Sun 21st Dec – 5.30pm	Kathryn Flint	Oostenbroek Family & Kathryn Flint	Oostenbroek Family	Kathryn Flint	Kathryn Flint
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 27th Dec – 5.30pm	Mary Harris	Mary Harris & Ana Morton	Mary Harris	Gervais Morton	<b>Required</b>
Sun 28th Dec– 8.30am	Moyra Walls	James Mann & Tammie & James Davis	James Mann	Tammie & James Davis	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 28th Dec – 5.30pm	Caroline Sarra	Angelique Cahill	Angelique Cahill	<b>Required</b>	Caroline Sarra



# Thank You and Farewell

to Sr. Analissa

for 10 years of faithful service to our  
St Thomas Parish Community

## Important Parish Notices – Christmas & New Year

Dear Parishioners,  
As we approach the joyful season of Christmas and the beginning of a new year, I would like to share a few important notices for your attention:

### 1. Mass & Adoration Schedule

- **No Morning Mass** on next two **Wednesdays 24 and 31 December and Friday 26 December.**
- Christmas Day: Please note there will be **no Eucharistic Adoration** from 6:00–9:00pm.

### 2. Parish Office Closure

- The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 23 December 2025 and will reopen on Thursday 15 January 2026.
- In the event of an emergency, please contact us via the Parish office phone: (07) 3398 1154. Leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Alternatively, you may email us at:

[stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au) or  
[thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au)

### 3. Parish Office Hours – Change from January

- From 15 January 2026, the Parish Office hours will be: **Thursday & Friday, 8:30am – 1:30pm** (until further notice).
- As our Parish Secretary Maria begins maternity leave, we warmly welcome Talitha as our Acting Parish Secretary. Please keep her in your prayers as she serves our parish community.

### 4. Newsletter Break

- Please note there will be no parish newsletters for the next couple of weekends. I wish each of you a blessed Christmas filled with joy and peace, and a bright New Year full of hope and grace.

Fr. Dantus.



St Thomas's Catholic Parish, Camp Hill  
**Christmas Mass Times 2025**

*Jesus is the Reason for the Season*

**Christmas Eve: 24 December**

5:30 pm: Christmas Family Mass

8:00 pm: Christmas Night Mass

**Christmas Day: 25 December**

8.30 am: Christmas Day Mass



**Happy and Holy Christmas**

## St. Thomas Parish – Sacramental Coordinator Position

St. Thomas Parish is seeking a dedicated Sacramental Coordinator to join our parish team. This important role supports the faith journey of children, families, and parishioners by coordinating the preparation and celebration of the sacraments, including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Interested in this role?

Please apply through the following link:

<https://www.seek.com.au/archdiocese-jobs/in-All-Brisbane-QLD?jobId=88871939&type=standard>



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

St Thomas St Vincent de Paul Conference is very thankful for the monetary and voucher donations received from parishioners for our Christmas Appeal. This will enable those we help to eat well at Christmas, including a few treats and to buy gifts for their families.

**Happy Christmas to you all.**

Wishing all our Parishioners a  
Happy Christmas and a Blessed  
New Year. May God Bless You This  
Christmas and Always.

Fr Dantus, Sr Analissa & Maria



## Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

### **First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10**

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

### **Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

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

A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

**Alleluia!**

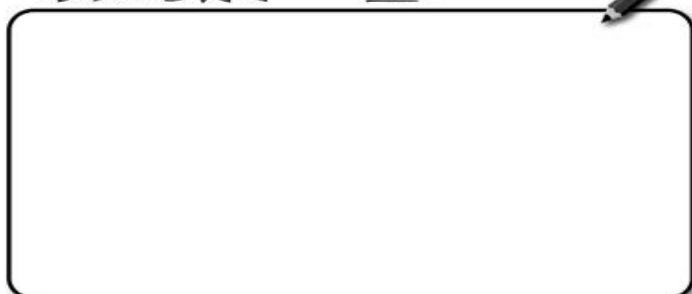
### **Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24**

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

### **For the Children...**



At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus by doing special things. Draw a picture of yourself doing something special for your family or friends during Christmas.



### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year A**

#### **First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14**

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

#### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21**

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23**

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.