

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



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Office hours:

Mon, Tue

8:30 am - 1:30pm

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday : 5.30pm

Sunday : 8.30am & 5.30pm

Weekday Eucharist

Monday & Tuesday: **No Masses
until further notice**

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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For many people 'going home', means a return to comfort and security.

In the best homes children are unafraid, they know that their home is a buffer against some harsh realities beyond the door. As adults we carry that desire for security into all the various homes in which we live.

When we reflect on our childhood homes many of us can say of it what Jesus says of himself. It was the first place almost all of us learnt about 'The Way'. The earliest Christians were called people of The Way. It's a rich image denoting that Christianity is not an idea, it's a way of living, a path to follow.

For better or worse one of the distinctive features of most of our homes is that it's also where we are told 'The Truth'. Sometimes that deflates our egos or means we hear things we would rather not listen to. But hopefully the comfort and love which accompanies this truth telling comes from the ease and care in the relationships at home. Our family doesn't pull any punches with the truth because they know us too well and love us too much.

Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. 'The Life' in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It's not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being the Way, the Truth and the Life are put together in today's Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The best homes, however, do not just protect and keep their occupants safe for eternity. A home is a means to an end, which is to give us the stability and sanity we need to keep going out to the world beyond it. In the same way, our home of faith with Jesus enables us to keep going out to a sometimes hostile world and share with others the Way, the Truth and the Life that sustains us. In a world where 70% of all people have substandard housing and millions of displaced people have to create homes wherever they are, we have our work cut out for us.

The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth. We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at odds with the majority. And we have to keep living the Life which sees that our greatest joy comes from human dignity being celebrated everywhere.

If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did. Now that's a challenge to take with us into the coming week!

Richard Leonard SJ is the Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting,

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: Richard Drum, Stan Rejmer, Deborah Houghton, 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 Petrilina, Lynne Jordan and Lynn Toon, Ray Duncanson, June Simpson, Catherine Challinor, Hannah Parton.



Recently deceased: Mildred Duncan, Rick Rooke, Eleanor Hart (sister of Fr Jim Browne)

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Blue Smith, Peter Ryan, Margaret Murray, Benjamino Giacomodonato, Anthony Volmer, Beryl Robinson, Justin Cosgrove, Gordon Bissett, Les Bertini, Salvatore Vitale, John Leahy, Aileen Cokayne, Fr Bob Mitchell, Rita Leslie, James O'Connor, Darcy Dickson, Dorothy Vaughan, Marie Fitzpatrick, Mary Rafferty, Suzanne Ballinger, Geraldine Simento, Irene Matthews, Michael O'Connor, Des O'Toole, Sid O'Toole, Joseph 'Gerry' Cremin, Mona Costa, Margaret Simson, Bill Collins, Russell Lea, Tom Killian, Edie Coughlan, Bernadette Moy & Brian Harding (Senior) .

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

St Thomas' Safeguarding Representatives:

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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 1300 304 400 Email AOB@stopline.com.au



After I have gone
and prepared you
a place, I shall return
to take you with me.

John 14:3

The Week Ahead

Sun- 03 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 04 May	No Mass until further notice
Tue - 05 May	No Mass until further notice
Wed - 06 May	Mass @ 9.00am
Thu - 07 May	Mass @ 9.00am Eucharistic Adoration 6-9pm
Fri - 08 May	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 09 May	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am – Church Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun- 10 May	Six Sunday of Easter Year A Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion Minister
Sat 02 May – 5.30pm	Required	Brian Kilmartin & Caitie Duncan/Annie	Brian Kilmartin	Caitie Duncan/ Annie	Mary Harris
Sun 03 May– 8.30am	Moyra Walls	James Mann & Tammie & James Davis	James Mann	Tammie & James Davis	Lyn Kasatchenko
Sun 03 May – 5.30pm	Angelique Cahill (Rejmer)	Kathryn Flint	Angelique Cahill	Kathryn Flint	Chris Harding
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 09 May – 5.30pm	Michael Williamson	Amanda Yeates/Annie	Irene Poh	Amanda Yeates/ Annie	Mary Harris
Sun 10 May– 8.30am	Amanda Sheridan	Mary Rejmer & Mary-Louise Shearer	Mary Rejmer	Mary-Louise Shearer	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 10 May – 5.30pm	Caroline Sarra	Oostenbroek Family & Caroline Sarra	Oostenbroek Family	Caroline Sarra	Caroline Sarra



PENTECOST
sunday

Join us for St Thomas' multicultural celebration and Family Mass!

Sunday 24th May
8.30am

Come in traditional dress
Bring morning tea to share!

Urgent Call for Volunteers

We are very grateful for the wonderful team of committed volunteers who help out at Masses each week, and are hoping to find more people to join the team.

We are seeking more volunteers for our roster of Mass organisers, readers, and Communion ministers.

Could you help out one weekend a month?

If so, please contact the parish office for more information: stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

A Great Start for The Tukka Project

Our first day of the Tukka Project was a great success, and we are proud of the unity shown by our parish and school community.

Thanks to the parish for making the kitchen available, and to the volunteers who prepared the food with such dedication. This initiative truly reflects our Gospel values in practice: compassion, service and justice. We are grateful for the support we have received and look forward to continuing this important mission together.



Volunteers - Children's Liturgy of the word

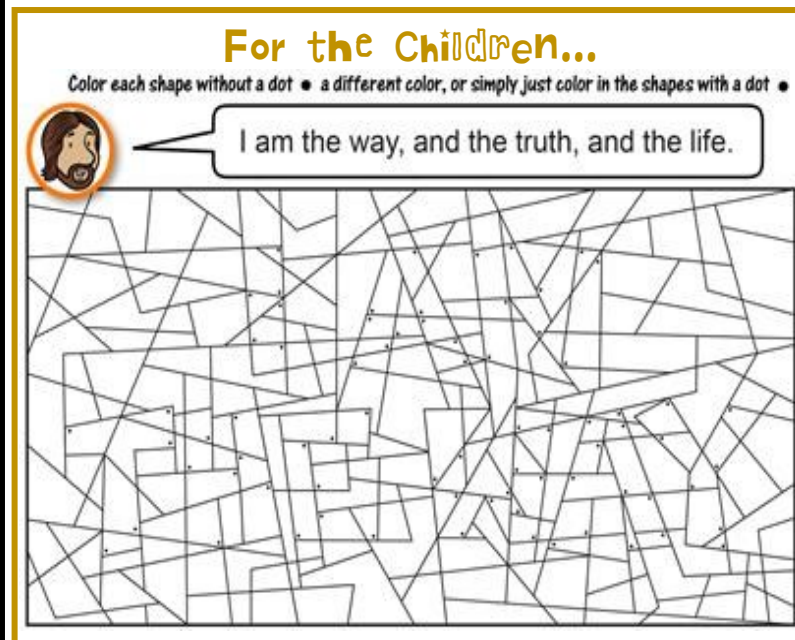
Would you like to be involved in facilitating our Children's Liturgies?

We are looking for people willing to run CLOW once per term during the Sunday morning Mass alongside another volunteer

If this sounds like something you are interested in, please contact the parish office for more information:
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For the Children...

Color each shape without a dot • a different color, or simply just color in the shapes with a dot •



I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

Six Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17
They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel: John 14:15-21
I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'