St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill

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Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri
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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Have you noticed how, these days when we meet someone and ask how they are, they reply, 'busy' or 'frantic' or 'as busy as ever'. I wonder what would happen if we replied, 'Relaxed and laid back' or 'taking time to smell the roses'. I don't think we would be believed, or we might get a lecture from our friends on how lucky we are not to be busy! As Christians we have to be careful about this busy-ness competition. Being active in our lives and engaged with the world around us is a gift, but if we are honest about our busyness, some of it is not virtuous. It's about denial, avoidance or trying to stay up with our peer group.

In John's account of the first Pentecost the primary gift Jesus' Spirit bestows on the disciples is peace. It's curious, isn't it, that just as we all compete with each other to be the busiest person we know, we also complain that what we really want is 'some peace and quiet'. We can't have it both ways. Compulsive frantic activity is the enemy of peace.

Sometimes we can think that peace and quiet is sitting in the lotus position in a darkened room. Christ's gift of peace is more robust than that. Peace is like all the best things in life: an attitude of mind and a habit born of consistently making good choices. Some people can do a large of amount of work and be quite serene about it. Peace, for them, is an affair of the mind and a way of life.

Seneca, a 2nd century philosopher, noticed, even in his day, how most of his friends and acquaintances were lacking peace. He wrote a famous book on anger and how to deal with it. He especially noticed that his richest friends were the angriest of all. Seneca came to believe that the reason so many people were agitated was that they had an unreasonable expectation about how smoothly their day would go. Those who were rich thought their money would buy them an easier life in every way and so when it didn't, they got the angriest of all. If Seneca is right and we want more peace and quiet, we have to have realistic expectations of each day and factor in the things that might go wrong.

Seneca's secular wisdom holds that the more aware we are of the frailties in us, others and life, the fewer fights we would have. In turn this would lead to fewer occasions when we would need to ask or give forgiveness. In today's Pentecost Gospel forgiveness is the second gift Jesus bequeaths the disciples.

If we really want to cultivate peace and quiet in our lives we have to confront the things we are trying to avoid or deny. Often these things hinge on painful memories or events where we were destructive toward others or they were toward us. Unless we forgive ourselves or forgive them, our busyness will ensure that we have enough clamour and activity to stay away from ugly memories. Unfortunately it usually follows that when we are so busy not dealing with the sins of our past, peace and quiet stay well away from us as well.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that while the Spirit might allow us to retain any sins, we choose Jesus' first option this Pentecost and forgive as generously as we can those who have tried to crucify us. We might have to forgive ourselves as well. And then, like Jesus, with old wounds exposed, we can rejoice that the Spirit has breathed into us the greatest gift of all: the peace and quiet we most crave and need.

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

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 Petrilia,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, Savatore 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: 100005597

*** We also have Tap n Go facility in the Church premises.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

St Thomas' Safeguarding Representatives:
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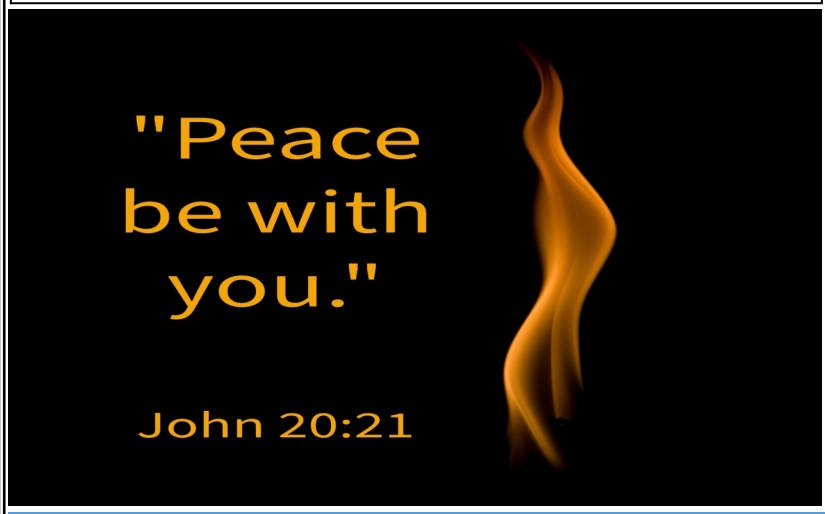
This parish is Child Safety Aware and complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Safeguarding policy is situated on the Notice Board outside of the church. STOPLINE CONTACT: Phone 1300 304 400 Email AOB@stopline.com.au



The Week Ahead	
Sun– 24 May	**Pentecost Year A** Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 25 May	Funeral Mass @ 11:00 AM (Deirdre Lois Vokes)
Tue - 26 May	No Mass until further notice
Wed—27 May	Mass @ 9.00am
Thu - 28 May	Mass @ 9.00am Eucharistic Adoration 6-9pm
Fri - 29 May	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 30 May	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am – Church Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun– 31 May	**The Most Holy Trinity Year A** Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd	Communion
Sat 23 May – 5.30pm	Mary Harris	Mary Harris	Mary Harris	**Required**	Mary Harris
Sun 23 May– 8.30am	Moyra Walls	Parish & School	James Mann	School	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 24 May – 5.30pm	Caroline Sarra	Angelique Cahill & Caroline Sarra	Angelique Cahill	**Required**	Caroline Sarra
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 30 May – 5.30pm	Mary Harris	Brian Kilmartin & Caitie Duncan	Brian Kilmartin	Caitie Duncan	Mary Harris
Sun 31 May– 8.30am	Moyra Walls	Mary & Lyn Kasatchenko	Mary Rejmer	Paul Mead	**Required**
Sun 31 May – 5.30pm	Catherine Dimmick	Catherine Dimmick & John Mackie	Angelique Cahill	John Mackie	Catherine Dimmick

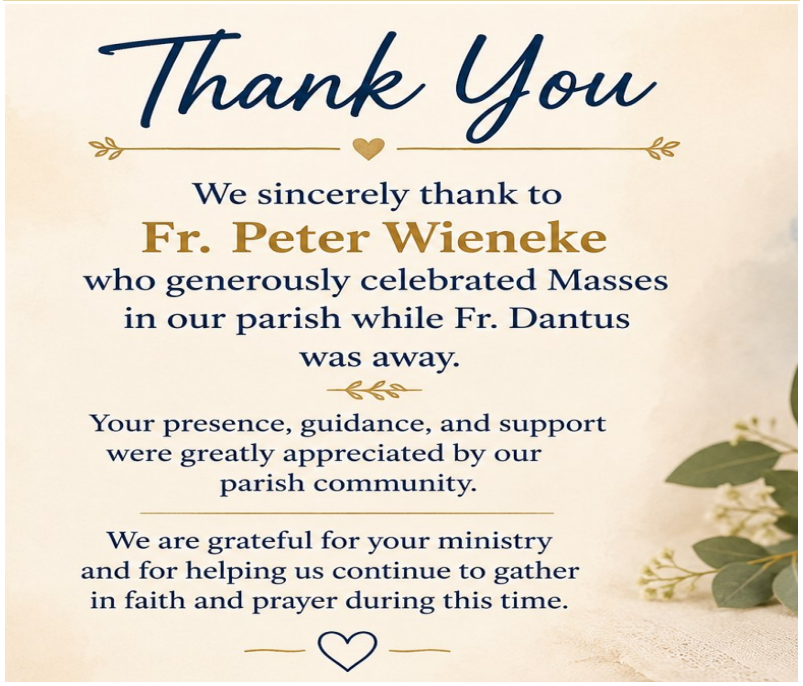
St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Next Weekend

This Winter more and more people are facing cost of living pressures. An unexpected medical expense, the loss of a job or a relationship breakdown and the skyrocketing rent can push people into homelessness. **YOUR KINDNESS THIS WINTER** can help with living expenses, accommodation for someone in our local area at risk of homelessness.

Ways to donate: Directly to our SVDP bank account BSB 064786 Acc 100026595. If donating to the bank account please email the parish office with your name, address and amount donated and this will be forwarded on to us for the receipt or email Chris to: harding12@bigpond.com Envelopes will be on the seats and these can be used for cash, cheque or credit card donations. Please place these on the collection plate over the coming weeks by the weekend of 20/21 June.

Many thanks
St Thomas Camp Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference members.



Urgent Call for Volunteers

We are very greatful 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

CONFIRMATION

Children attending St Thomas School, and from the wider community who have been Baptised Catholic and are 7 years or older are invited to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmations will be taking place in our Parish on

Wednesday the 2nd of September.

There will be a parent information session on Wednesday 15 July.

Please contact the Parish Office to register your interest.
stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au (07) 3398 1154

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...

When Jesus appeared to his disciples he gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Draw a flame above the head of each of the disciples below.

The Most Holy Trinity
Year A

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9
The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel: John 3:16-18
God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Readings

Pentecost Sunday Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence: the sequence may be said or sung.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'