

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No.1

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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8:30 am - 3:30pm: Thurs & Fri

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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From Darkness into Light

This weekend's Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to bring light into our darkness. He begins His ministry by calling people to follow Him, to turn away from what keeps them trapped, and to walk in the light of God's love. This call is not only for a few chosen people long ago. It is for each one of us, here and now. There is a beautiful story about Mother Teresa that helps us understand what this light really means. One day, she visited a man who was living in complete loneliness and neglect. His room was dark, untidy, and filled with rubbish. He kept the blinds closed and hardly ever let any light in. When Mother Teresa tried to clean the room, he protested. He had given up caring. Under a pile of rubbish, she found a beautiful oil lamp, covered in dirt. She cleaned it and asked him, "Why don't you ever light it?" He replied, "Why should I? No one ever comes to see me." Then she said, "Will you promise to light it if one of my sisters comes to visit you?" He agreed. From that day on, the sisters visited him regularly. Slowly, his life began to change. Before he died, he asked them to tell Mother Teresa: "The light she lit in my life is still burning."

What a powerful reminder this is for all of us. Sometimes people around us live in darkness, loneliness, sadness, fear, or hopelessness. A simple visit, a kind word, or a listening ear can be the light that helps them begin again. Jesus calls each of us to be that light. Every one of us is called by God individually and as members of His Church. The mission Jesus began in Galilee - preaching, teaching, healing, and bringing hope, now belongs to us. Our vocation may be different: priest, married, single, young, old, male or female. But the call is the same: to follow Christ and to reflect His light. This calling began at our Baptism, when Christ claimed us as His own. It was strengthened in Confirmation and continues to be nourished through the Eucharist and Reconciliation. In Matrimony and Holy Orders, we live out our call in a special way. In the Anointing of the Sick, God heals and comforts us. And even when we wander away, God never gives up on us. He keeps calling us back, again and again.

The question for us this week is simple: Are we allowing Christ's light to shine in our own lives? And are we helping others find that light? Let us make a personal effort to grow in faith, to learn the truths of the Church, and to live what we believe. Let us be shining lights in our families, workplaces, schools, and neighbourhoods. And let us gently invite others to come and see, to experience the joy of belonging to Christ and His Church. May the light Christ has lit in us never go out and may it lead many others home.

Blessings

Fr. Dantus Thottathill

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 Petrlia, Lynne Jordan and Lynn Toon, Ray Duncanson, June Simpson, Catherine Challinor, Mildred Duncan & Paul Duncan, Hannah Parton.



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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Desmond Neave, Norma Lucas, Mervyn Scanlan, Pauline De Leacy, James Brown, Margaret Jones, Ellen Clarke, Mervyn Dean, Dorothy O'Brien, Florence Harris, Kevin Gee, Leo Burton, Vivian Aguila, Kenneth Russell, Norm White, Andrew Fleming, Maud Shannon, Olive Dean, Charlotte Gordon, Evelina Puntill, Thomas Mackenzie, Lea Trainor, Glen Carter, John Barker, Leo Ryan, Dennis Scott, Catherine Goodwin, Filippa Zammit, Russell Fitzpatrick, Ernest Swan, Ronald Henry, Ronald Ellis, Victoria Mercie, Tim O'Neil, William 'Bill' Spamm, Mary Hall, Myra Dickson, Teresa Simento, Josephine Podesta, Bruce McCormack, Joan Smith, June Colch, Barry Ahern & Kay Warwick

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

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St Thomas' Safeguarding Representatives:

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Quote of the week

“Caring is a gift that no one can buy. It’s made up of love that roots in our hearts and creates memories not just for a while but for a lifetime.”

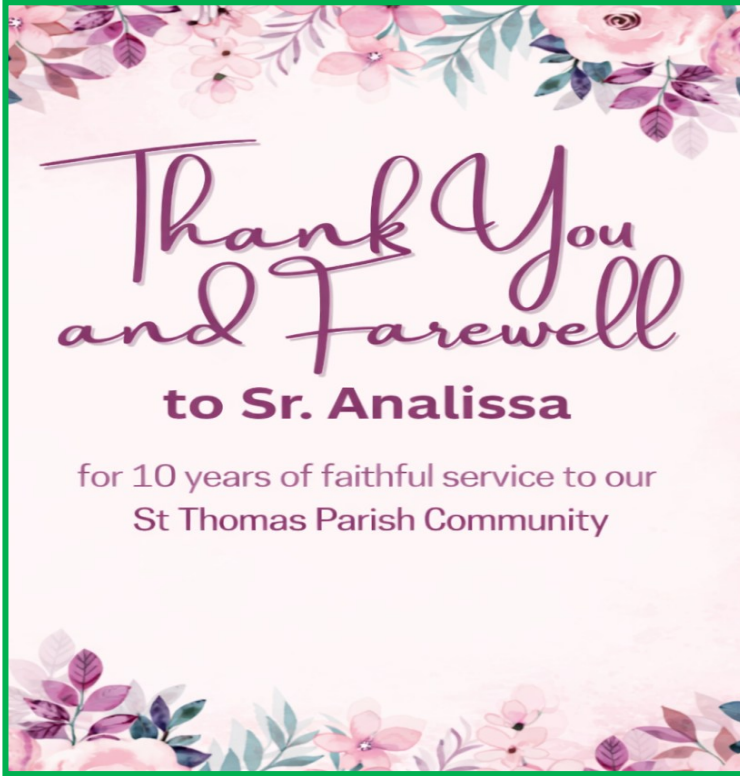


The Week Ahead

Sun - 25th Jan	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 26th Jan	Australia Day Public Holiday Mass @ 9.00am
Tue - 27th Jan	Mass @ 7.00am
Wed - 28th Jan	Mass @ 9.00am <i>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor</i>
Thu - 29th Jan	Mass @ 9am Eucharistic Adoration 6-9pm
Fri - 30th Jan	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 31st Jan	Devotion of the Holy Rosary @ 7.30am – Church <i>Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest</i> Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 1st Feb	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 24th Jan – 5.30pm	Required	Mary Harris & Ana Morton	Mary Harris	Gervais Morton	Required
Sun 25th Jan – 8.30am	Moyra Walls	James Mann & Tammie & James Davis	James Mann	Tammie & James Davis	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 25th Jan – 5.30pm	Caroline Sarra	Required	Angelique Cahill	Required	Caroline Sarra
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 31st Jan – 5.30pm	Mary Harris	Brian Kilmartin & Catie Duncan	Brian Kilmartin	Catie Duncan	Mary Harris
Sun 1st Feb – 8.30am	Moyra Walls	Kathleen Armstrong	Carmen McCrone	Bryana Witehira	Lyn Kasatchenko
Sun 1st Feb – 5.30pm	Angelique Cahill (Rejmer)	Brian Harding & Georgia Bergen	Brian Harding	Georgia Bergen	Chris Harding



Father Peter Casey



Sadly, we have received news that Fr Peter Casey passed away last night. Fr Peter has been living at St Vincent's community, Carseldine since 2018. He serviced

in the parishes of Lutwyche and Annerley Ekibin and as Assistant Priest, Administrator for Buranda and Parish Priest of Ipswich, Cannon Hill, and Camp Hill.

The funeral will be held at 10am on Thursday the 5th of February at the Cathedral of St Stephen. May he rest in peace and experience the eternal presence of Christ he has both loved and served.

Welcome to our acting Parish Secretary

We warmly welcome Talitha, who has commenced as our Acting Parish Secretary and will be supporting the parish in this role.

Parish Office Hours: Thursday & Friday — 8.30 am to 3.30 pm

If you require urgent assistance outside these hours, please:

- Phone: (07) 3398 1154 and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible. Or
- Email: stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au or thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au

Emails will be monitored outside office hours, and we will respond as needed.
Fr. Dantus.



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/job/89768186>

St. Thomas Parish – Safeguarding Update

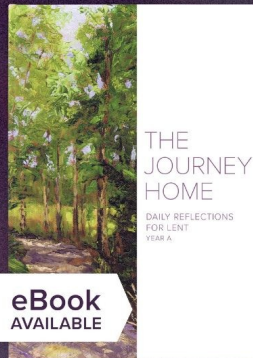
In accordance with the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy, every parish is required to have a Local Safeguarding Representative.

From January 2026, this important role in our parish will be taken up by Michael Williamson. We express our sincere thanks to him for his willingness to serve our community in this role.

We also extend our deep gratitude to David Colch, who has faithfully carried out this role for many years. Thank you, David, for your dedication and commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our parish family.

Daily Reflections for Lent

Reflections by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge



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Readings

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. The people that walked in darkness

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

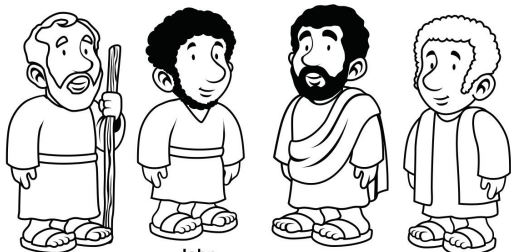
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

For the Children...



The first four disciples to be called by Jesus were all fishermen. Peter had a brother called Andrew, and John had a brother called James.

Can you guess who is Andrew and who is James?

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

The remnant of Israel will take refuge in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

The Lord chooses the lowly.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes.