

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



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4th 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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The attitude that beatifies.... This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the Beatitudes, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes as being "at the heart of Jesus' teaching" (CCC 1716–1724). In these few short lines from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus reveals what it truly means to belong to the Kingdom of God and what genuine happiness looks like. The Beatitudes speak to us in three important ways. First, they address our deepest desire: happiness with God. Every human heart longs for fulfilment, yet Jesus reminds us that no possession, success, or status can satisfy us completely. Only God can fill the heart with lasting joy. Second, the Beatitudes show us the path that leads to God, both as individuals and as a Church. By living them, we share in God's own life through sanctifying grace and begin to experience His Kingdom here and now. Finally, the Beatitudes challenge us to live moral lives by placing God first, shaping our choices around mercy, humility, justice, and peace.

This way of life requires trust especially when life does not make immediate sense. A simple story helps illustrate this attitude. There was once a farmer who lived a quiet and contented life, working his land with the help of his horse. One day the horse ran away. His neighbours came to console him and said, "What a shame!" The farmer calmly replied, "Who knows? God knows." A week later the horse returned, bringing another horse with it. The neighbours returned, full of joy. "What a blessing!" they said. Once again the farmer replied, "Who knows? God knows." Sometime later, the farmer's son fell from one of the horses and broke his leg. The neighbours came again with sympathy. "What terrible luck," they said. The farmer answered as before, "Who knows? God knows." Not long after, a war broke out, and all young men were ordered to join the army. The farmer's son was spared because of his broken leg. Once more the neighbours rushed over. "What a blessing!" they exclaimed. And once again, the farmer simply said, "Who knows? God knows."

This story captures something essential about the Beatitudes. The farmer does not deny suffering or joy, nor does he pretend that pain does not hurt. Instead, he resists the urge to judge events too quickly. He lives with a quiet confidence that God is present and at work, even when the outcome is unclear. The Beatitudes invite us to live with this same spirit. To be poor in spirit is to recognise our dependence on God. To be gentle and merciful is to trust God rather than force our own way. To be peacemakers is to believe that God's love is stronger than conflict or fear. If we wish to understand what it truly means to be Christian, the Catechism encourages us to return often to the Beatitudes. May they shape our hearts this week, teaching us to trust God in every circumstance and to find our true happiness in Him alone.

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, 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: Marie Roberts, John (Jack) Cannon, Patrick O'Gorman, John McGovern, Theresa Poole, William Simson, Eileen Crowley, Maureen Sheridan, Kevin Eickenloff, Thelma Bradshaw, Dean Bonke, Barbara Woodroffe, Cecilia Buskey, Mona Costa, Joseph 'Gerard' Cremin, Anne-Maree Denaro, Grace Dalziel, Terry Cooney, Anastasia Forster, Rosemary McDonald, Peggy Cannon, John Roborgh, Fr Pat Dowd & Warwick Marden.

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.

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St Thomas' Safeguarding Representatives:

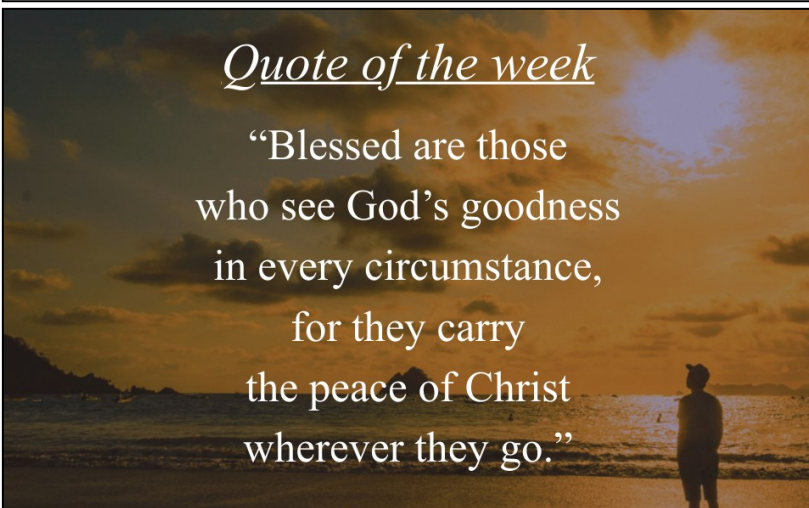
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This parish is Child Safety Aware and complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Safeguarding policy is situated on the Notice Board outside of the church. **STOPLINE CONTACT:** Phone 1300 304 400 Email AOB@stoline.com.au

Quote of the week

“Blessed are those
who see God’s goodness
in every circumstance,
for they carry
the peace of Christ
wherever they go.”



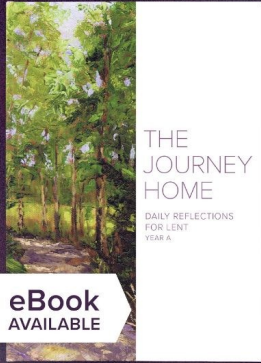
The Week Ahead

Sun - 1st Feb	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 2nd Feb	Mass @ 9.00am <i>Feast—The Presentation of the Lord</i>
Tue - 3rd Feb	Mass @ 7.00am
Wed - 4th Feb	Mass @ 9.00am
Thu - 5th Feb	NO MASS @ 9am Eucharistic Adoration 6-9pm <i>Memorial of St Agatha, virgin, martyr</i>
Fri - 6th Feb	Mass @ 9am <i>Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs</i> Followed by Benediction & Adoration
Sat - 7th Feb	Devotion of the Holy Rosary @ 7.30am – Church Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 8th Feb	5th 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	Communion
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
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 7th Feb –	Michael Williamson	Irene Poh & Amanda Yeates	Irene Poh	Amanda Yeates	Required
Sun 8th Feb – 8.30am	Amanda Sheridan	Mary Rejmer & Mary-Louise Shearer	Mary Rejmer	Mary-Louise Shearer	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 8th Feb – 5.30pm	Kathryn Flint	Caroline Sarra	Oostenbroek Family	Caroline Sarra	Oostenbroek Family

Daily Reflections for Lent



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Emeritus Mark
Coleridge

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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.

Please note that as Fr. Dantus will be attending the funeral, there will be no 9am Mass here at St Thomas that morning.

Reminder—Change to Office Hours

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.



CATHOLIC JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO

Brisbane launch of the **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2026 Social Justice Statement**. Launched by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay with a reflection from **Trish McMahon**, State President for St Vincent de Paul Society.

THE COST OF OUR LIVING: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

10 FEB | 7PM | ST JAMES PARISH HALL

92 Kirkland Avenue Coorparoo (Off-street parking available)



Register your seat or connection through this link.



Hosted by the St James Catholic Parish Social Justice Group and the Brisbane Catholic Justice and Peace Commission

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

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

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

For the Children...

Draw a line from the first half of each beatitude to its correct ending.



Blessed are those who grieve...

...they will be treated with mercy.

Blessed are the merciful...

...they will be called God's children.

Blessed are those who make peace...

...they will see God.

Blessed are those with pure hearts...

...they will find comfort.

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Faith is a gift from God.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16
Salt of the earth, light of the world. .