

# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No.3

5th 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

## **PARISH TEAM:**

### **Parish Priest**

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**The Quiet Power of Christian Witness....** One day a man visited the home for the poor and the dying in Calcutta founded by St Mother Teresa. He arrived just as the Sisters were bringing in some of the dying from the streets. They had picked up a man from a gutter, covered with dirt and sores. Without knowing she was being watched, one of the Sisters began to care for him. The visitor noticed how gently she washed him, how attentively she cared for every detail, and how she smiled as she worked. Deeply moved, he later said to Mother Teresa: "When I came here today, I didn't believe in God. Now I am leaving believing in God. I have seen the love of God in action."

That simple story captures beautifully the heart of this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus tells us: "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." He does not say, "Try to become salt and light." He says, "You are." By our baptism, we already carry Christ within us. The question is whether we allow that light to shine and that salt to give flavour to the world around us. Salt works quietly. A small amount is enough, yet without it food is bland and tasteless. Light too does not draw attention to itself; it simply allows others to see clearly. In the same way, Christian witness is often simple, hidden, and ordinary. A kind word, patient listening, forgiveness offered, help given without being asked these are not dramatic acts, but they can be life-changing. They are ways in which God's love becomes visible.

The Sisters in Calcutta did not preach a sermon or argue about faith. They simply loved. And through that love, a hardened heart was opened to God. This reminds us that people are not convinced of God's presence by clever words alone, but by lives shaped by compassion, humility, and mercy. In our parish and wider community, there are countless opportunities to be salt and light. It may be in our families, workplaces, schools, or among neighbours who feel lonely or burdened. Sometimes we may feel insignificant, thinking that our small efforts cannot possibly make a difference. Yet Jesus assures us that even a little light dispels darkness, and even a pinch of salt transforms a whole meal. Importantly, Jesus also reminds us that our good works are not for our own praise, but so that others may "give glory to your Father in heaven." When our actions reflect God's love, people do not stop at us, they are gently led to Him. As we journey through Ordinary Time, let us not underestimate the power of ordinary faithfulness. May we ask for the grace to live the Gospel simply and consistently, so that, through our hands, words, and our care for one another, others may come to say: "I have seen God's love in action."

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:** Fung Jang Liu, 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: 10005597

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

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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](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)

### The Week Ahead

Sun - 8th Feb	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b>  Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 9th Feb	Mass @ 7.00am
Tue - 10th Feb	Mass @ 7.00am <i>Memorial of st Scholastica, virgin</i>
Wed - 11th Feb	Mass @ 9.00am
Thu - 12th Feb	Mass @ 9.00am
Fri - 13th Feb	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 14th Feb	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am – Church  Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun– 15th Feb	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b>  Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm

### *Quote of the week*

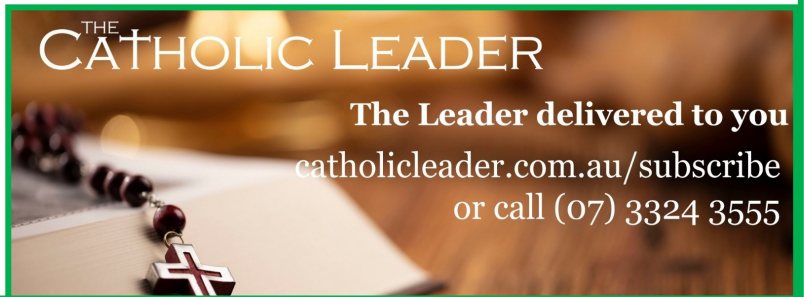
“Life is really nothing without love and care. Give it to everyone but don't expect it back, because it is a feel not a deal.”

### Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd	Communion
Sat 7th Feb – 5.30pm	Michael Williamson	Irene Poh & Amanda Yeates	Irene Poh	Amanda Yeates	Mary Harris
Sun 8th Feb– 8.30am	Amanda Sheridan	Mary Rejmer & Mary-Louise Shearer	Mary Rejmer	Mary-Louise Shearer	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 8th Feb – 5.30pm	Caroline Sarra	Caroline Sarra	Oostenbroek Family	Caroline Sarra	Oostenbroek Family
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 14th Feb – 5.30pm	Tammie Davis	Mary Harris	Mary Harris	<b>Required</b>	Tammie Davis
Sun 15th Feb– 8.30am	Ibubu Kelly	<b>Required</b>	Amanda Sheridan	Paul Mead	Tess Paolucci
Sun 15th Feb – 5.30pm	Zuzanna Horniak	Kathryn Flint & Zuzanna Horniak	Kathryn Flint	Zuzanna Horniak	Zuzanna Horniak

**Print Copy– Catholic Leader**

Many of you may already know The Catholic Leader, our Archdiocesan Catholic newspaper. It has shared stories of faith, service and hope from parishes and communities across our Archdiocese for nearly 100 years. The digital edition is no longer available, and **the print edition relies on the support of our Catholic community to continue.** An annual subscription costs \$70 and includes 12 editions delivered directly to your home, allowing you to enjoy faith-filled stories and to help you stay connected to the life of the Church.



**Project Compassion Donation Envelopes:  
How do I use them?**

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent. Envelopes will be available from next weekend.



**World Day of Prayer 2026**

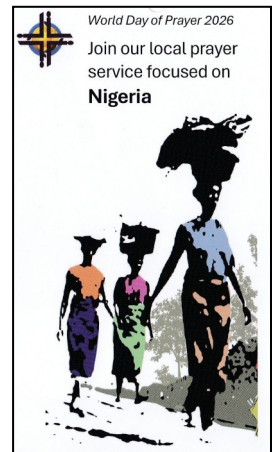
World Day of Prayer for 2026 is to be hosted and held at St Thomas.

It is an international, women-led, ecumenical movement that shares the hopes, concerns, and prayers of women from around the globe. 2026 has been prepared and focuses on NIGERIA.

Our sisters in Nigeria invite us to join them on Friday 27th of February. The service they have prepared reflects on the theme *"I will give you rest"*.

Come and join us at 10am for the service followed by morning tea.

**"I will give you rest".**



**Baptisms**  
This Sunday



*We welcome*

**Ivy Richards** daughter of Bradley & Judith Richards, and **Saskia Bennetto** daughter of Jake & Annabel Bennetto *being baptised in our Church this weekend.*



**May Jesus, who loves all children, bless your precious child with love and peace on this special day and always.**



**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>

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

**First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10**

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

**For the Children...**

Jesus says ...



**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE**

Use this code to reveal what Jesus' words mean.

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**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

**First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20**  
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**  
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

**Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37**  
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.