

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No.4

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 February 2026

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Office hours:

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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Turning our hearts toward Lent...This Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time gently prepares our hearts for a significant moment in the Church's year: Ash Wednesday, which opens the sacred season of Lent. There is a quiet wisdom in this timing. Before we receive ashes on our foreheads, today's readings invite us to look honestly at what is written in our hearts. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that faith is not just about obeying rules on the surface. He goes deeper. It is not enough, He says, simply to avoid murder if anger rules our hearts, or to avoid adultery if our thoughts and desires are unfaithful. Jesus is not raising the bar to make life harder; He is showing us the path to true freedom. God's law is not meant to weigh us down, but to shape hearts that are capable of real love. This message flows naturally into the meaning of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we will hear the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes are a humble reminder of our fragility and our need for God's mercy. They are not a badge of honour, but a sign that we want our lives realigned with the heart of Christ.

Lent is often misunderstood as a season of giving things up. While fasting and sacrifice are important, they are only means to a deeper goal: conversion of heart. Lent invites us to allow God to touch the places within us that remain hardened old grudges, unhealthy habits, half-hearted faith, or compromises we have grown comfortable with. It is a season to let God's grace do what we cannot do on our own. The Church gives us three simple practices for Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer reconnects us with God. Fasting creates space within us and reminds us of what truly matters. Almsgiving turns our hearts outward, especially toward the poor, the sick, and those who feel forgotten. When lived sincerely, these practices help us move from merely "keeping the rules" to truly living the Gospel.

As a parish community, Lent is also a shared journey. We walk together toward Easter, supporting one another through prayer, reconciliation, and acts of kindness. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Catholics aged 18-59 are obliged to fast; people with medical conditions are exempt. Let us take this season seriously not with fear, but with hope. God desires our happiness and offers us new life. May this Sunday prepare us well for Ash Wednesday, and may the coming season of Lent be a time of grace, renewal, and deeper love for God and one another.

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: 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

Quote of the week

“Patience and Silence are two powerful energies. Patience make you mentally strong, Silence makes you emotionally strong.”



The Week Ahead

Sun - 15th Feb	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 16th Feb	Mass @ 7.00am
Tue - 17th Feb	Mass @ 7.00am
Wed - 18th Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9.00 & 6.30pm
Thu - 19th Feb	Mass @ 9.00am Eucharistic Adoration 6-9pm
Fri - 20th Feb	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross 7.00pm
Sat - 21st Feb	Devotion of the Holy Rosary@ 7.30am – Church Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun- 22nd Feb	1st Sunday of Lent 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 14th Feb – 5.30pm	Tammie Davis	Mary Harris	Mary Harris	Required	Tammie Davis
Sun 15th Feb– 8.30am	Ibubu Kelly	Required	Amanda Sheridan	Paul Mead	Tess Paolucci
Sun 15th Feb – 5.30pm	Zuzanna Horniak	Kathryn Flint & Zuzanna Horniak	Kathryn Flint	Zuzanna Horniak	Zuzanna Horniak
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 21st Feb –	Required	Mary Harris & Ana Morton	Mary Harris	Gervais Morton	Mary Harris
Sun 22nd Feb– 8.30am	Iubu Kelly	James Mann & Tammie & James Davis	James Mann	Tammie & James Davis	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 22nd Feb – 5.30pm	Zuzanna Horniak	Laura Hawes & Angelique Cahill	Angelique Cahill	Angelique Cahill	Caroline Sarra



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.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

5th March 2025
Mass Times: 9:00 & 6:30pm

Stations of the cross will be celebrated at St Thomas' each Friday evening of lent at 7.00pm, **From 20 February 2026.**

All are welcome to join us.



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>

World Day of Prayer 2026

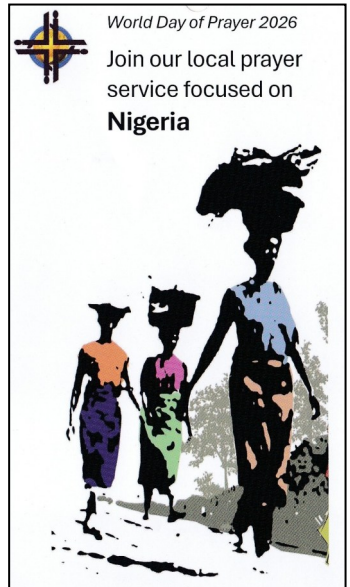
World Day of Prayer for 2026 is to be hosted and held at St Thomas.

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.

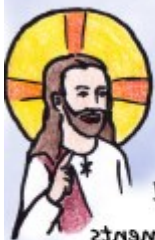
Our sisters in Nigeria invite us to join them on Friday 27th of February. The service they have prepared reflects on the theme "*I will give you rest*".

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

"I will give you rest".



For the Children...



Whoever opens and teaches the Commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Do not think that I came to abolish the law or the prophets...
I came to fulfill them.

Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?

Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!

First Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'