

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



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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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Listening to God's Call on Our Lenten Journey.... On this Second Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to reflect on God's personal and loving call. Throughout the Bible, we encounter a God who speaks and who asks us to listen. His call is never distant or general. It is personal and deep. He calls Abraham to leave his homeland. He calls the disciples up the mountain. He calls each of us by name. Lent is a sacred time to listen more carefully to that voice. Jesus, as He prepared for His Father's mission, entered into prayer and sacrifice. In these forty days, He invites us to be converted to become more like Him. As we move into this second week, we are encouraged to continue examining our hearts. Where do we need to change? What attitudes, habits, or attachments prevent us from growing closer to God?

Change is part of life. We cannot rely only on past achievements or past faithfulness. Each day is a new opportunity to respond to God. We are pilgrims on a journey, not settlers in a permanent home here. Our true dwelling place is union with God, who is Truth and Love. The history of humanity is a search for meaning and happiness. It is marked by success and failure, sin and repentance but also by God's mercy and forgiveness. This is not only the story of the world; it is the story of each one of us. Too often, we look for lasting happiness in wealth, status, beauty, or possessions. Yet none of these truly satisfy the human heart. They pass away.

The Transfiguration of Jesus reminds us that we are made for something greater. When Peter, James, and John saw the glory of Christ on the mountain, they were given a glimpse of heaven. But that moment was not meant only for admiration. It was an invitation an invitation to transformation. They were called not only to witness His glory, but to allow their own lives to be changed. St. Paul reminds us that our true home is in heaven. These words challenge us to look honestly at our priorities. Are we more focused on earthly success or on our relationship with God? Do our daily choices reflect our faith?

Living as citizens of heaven does not mean neglecting our responsibilities. Rather, it means living them with a different perspective. Every act of charity, every sincere prayer, every effort to forgive, every sacrifice made out of love these are steps toward our eternal home. They shape our hearts for heaven. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us listen attentively to the voice of the Father who says, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." May we seek our true happiness in Christ, in the Gospel, and in His Church. In Him we find the strength that sustains us now and prepares us for life eternal. May this week be one of deeper prayer, sincere conversion, and renewed hope.

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: Lenore Dobbie, 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 Petriia, Lynne Jordan and Lynn Toon, Ray Duncanson, June Simpson, Catherine Challinor, Mildred Duncan & Paul Duncan, Hannah Parton.



Recently deceased: Christyne O'Reilly, Fung Jang Liu, Fr Peter Casey, Dorn & John Robson Petch.

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.

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St Thomas' Safeguarding Representatives:

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The Week Ahead

	2nd Sunday of Lent Year A
Sun - 1st Mar	Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm
Mon - 2nd Mar	Mass @ 7.00am
Tue - 3rd Mar	No Mass @ until further notice
Wed - 4th Mar	Mass @ 9.00am
Thu - 5th Mar	Mass @ 9.00am Eucharistic Adoration 6-9pm
Fri - 6th Mar	Mass @ 9am Stations of the Cross 7pm
Sat - 7th Mar	Devotion of the Holy Rosary @ 7.30am – Church Vigil Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 8th Mar	3rd Sunday in Lent Year A Mass @ 8.30am & 5:30pm

Quote of the week

“Everything in your life is about to take a positive turn. Do not give up. So many good things are coming.”

Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEK	Mass Organisers	Welcome/ Prayers of the Faithful	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion Minister
Sat 28th Feb – 5.30pm	Mary Harris	Brian Kilmartin & Catie Duncan	Brian Kilmartin	Catie Duncan	Mary Harris
Sun 1st Mar – 8.30am	Moyra Walls	Kathleen Armstrong	Carmen McCrone	Bryanna Witheira	Lyn Kasatchenko
Sun 1st Mar – 5.30pm	Angelique Cahill	Georgia Bergen & Brian Harding	Brian Harding	Georgia Bergen	Chris Harding
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 7th Mar – 5.30pm	Michael Williamson	Irene Poh & Amanda Yeates	Irene Poh	Amanda Yeates	Mary Harris
Sun 8th Mar – 8.30am	Amanda Sheridan	Mary Rejmer & Mary-Louise Shearer	Mary Rejmer	Mary-Louise Shearer	Amanda Sheridan
Sun 8th Mar – 5.30pm	Caroline Sarra	Caroline Sarra	Oostenbroek Family	Caroline Sarra	Oostenbroek Family



Second Sunday of Lent
28 February – 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



*St Thomas'
Care & Concern
Invite you to*

*St Patrick's Day
Morning Tea*

*On Thursday 19th March 2026
Healing Mass at 10:30am*

*Morning Tea to follow in the
Hall with raffles.*

RSVP: 10th March 2026

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We have been made aware that a scam email is circulating, claiming to be from Fr Dantus Thottathil and asking for money or financial assistance. Please be assured that this message is not from Fr Dantus or St Thomas Parish.

If you receive any email, text message, or online request asking for money, gift cards, or urgent financial help please ignore it and delete it immediately. Do not reply, click any links, or provide personal information. St Thomas Parish will never request donations in this manner.

You can also check the email address matches one of those on the front page of the newsletter. Emails from our office will always end with @bne.catholic.net.au.

If you are unsure about any message you receive, feel free to contact the parish office for clarification.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe and informed.

Second Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you .

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

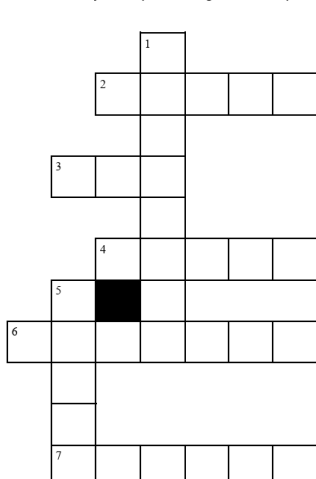
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

For the Children...

Listen to today's Gospel reading. Then complete the crossword below.



1. Jesus went up on a m_____.
2. A v_____ was heard.
3. God the Father said, "This is my s_____".
4. With him Jesus took Peter, John and J_____.
5. Jesus' face s_____.
6. Jesus' look c_____.
7. Moses and E_____ appeared with Jesus.

Second Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
The Israelites complain to Moses in the desert.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Christ laid down his life for us.

Gospel: John 4:5-42
Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.