

# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 1

Baptism of the Lord

9th January 2022

## *Self-introduction from Fr Dantus....*

My full name is Fr. Dantus Thottathil and it's my pleasure to introduce myself to you. I have been a priest for about 13 years. I am delighted that the Archbishop appointed me to this great parish community. It is my hope and prayer that we be filled with blessings through our journey together as disciples of Jesus Christ. I was born on 27th February 1982. Sadly, my beloved father Joseph and my elder sister Sr. Joe Maria. C. M. C who inspired me to become a priest passed away in January 2019 and November 2018 respectively. I miss them so much. Back at home, I have my mother, one older sister who is also a nun and my twin brother who is married with two kids. I come from the southern part of India called Chandanakampara, in the state Kerala. I fondly remember my childhood days. My parents were a good example to me in my Catholic faith and commitment. The faith that I witnessed from my parents enriched my life. All members of my family were Catholics and still practice the faith as is the case with most Catholic families in Kerala. I entered the Seminary to study for the Priesthood in 1997 and was ordained to the priesthood on 30th December 2008, in India. I was then appointed as the associate pastor in one of the parishes in Kerala. I have worked as a pastor in different parts of India. Finally, I was appointed as the administrator in our minor seminary before I came to Australia.

The Religious order of priests to which I belong, is the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS). The order was founded in 1933 at Mallapally, India. This Order is a Religious Congregation of the Syro-Malabar Church in Kerala, India. Liturgical Ministry, Pastoral Activity, Evangelisation, Ecumenism, Multiculturalism and Social outreach are the core areas of MCBS ministry.

The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church is an Archiepiscopal Church in full communion with the Catholic Church. It is the second largest of the 23 Oriental (Eastern Rite) Catholic Churches in full communion with the Church in Rome, and one of four having in common the East Syrian Liturgical tradition. It is a sui iuris (i.e. autonomous) Church governed by a Synod of Bishops headed by the Major Archbishop. The Syro-Malabar Church, with its deep-rooted spirituality and high rate of vocations to priesthood and religious life, is probably the most vibrant Catholic community in the world. The Syro-Malabar Church is an Apostolic Church which traces its origin to St. Thomas, the Apostle, who landed at Kodungallor, Kerala in 52 AD and founded seven Christian communities in different parts of India. St. Thomas suffered martyrdom at Mylapur in 72 AD. We are proud to be known as St. Thomas Christians. And I am very happy that our patron saint of the parish is St. Thomas the Apostle.

Following the agreement between the Archdiocese of Brisbane and my order I came to Brisbane on 17th of February, 2015. My first appointment was to Ipswich Parish as associate priest for one year. My second to Burleigh Heads for the term of two years as associate priest. Then I've been Administrator of Stanley River Parish for two years. For the last two years I was administrator of two Parishes Manly and Birkdale. Let us pray for each other as I begin my ministry in this parish. Thank you to those who have welcomed me already and I looking forward to meeting and working with you all in due time.

God's blessings and peace be upon you.  
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

## *Gospel Focus – My Son, the Beloved*

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.' This declaration by the voice from Heaven – the voice of God – is an amalgamation of two earlier pieces of scripture: 'You are my son; today I have begotten you' (Ps 2:7) and 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights' (Is 42:1). The fact that it is uttered before Jesus has begun his ministry is a sign to all of us that God delights in us for who we are, not for what we have achieved in our lives.

### **Baptism of the Lord**

**1st reading: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7** *Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased. .*

**2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38** *God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22** *When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

# Parish News & Notices

## MASKS AT MASS

As directed by the QLD Government, **masks MUST be worn to Church, and must remain on during the Mass**

We have some spares on hand if you forget.

Thank you for your help to keep our parish safe.

## TAP & GO—IMPORTANT

Just reminder that 2 x tap'n'go facilities are now available in the church. **These are not replacing the collection** but provide an easy alternative for those who don't have cash. The amount is set at \$10.00, and you can tap more than once if you wish to donate more. Donations are anonymous.

Let us know if you have any feedback on these. Thank you for your support.

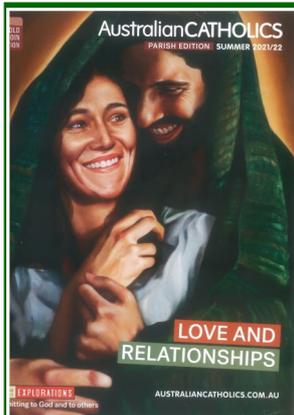


A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Masses so special. It was wonderful to see the church filled with joyful faces.

Special thanks must go to all our wonderful volunteers who, as always, gave of their time so generously to ensure we could all come together to celebrate:

- ♥ Our PPC and Liturgy Team
- ♥ Mass Organisers
- ♥ Communion Ministers
- ♥ Nativity Play coordinators
- ♥ Musicians
- ♥ Readers
- ♥ Welcomers

Thanks also to all of you who came along and celebrated with us.



## Australian CATHOLICS

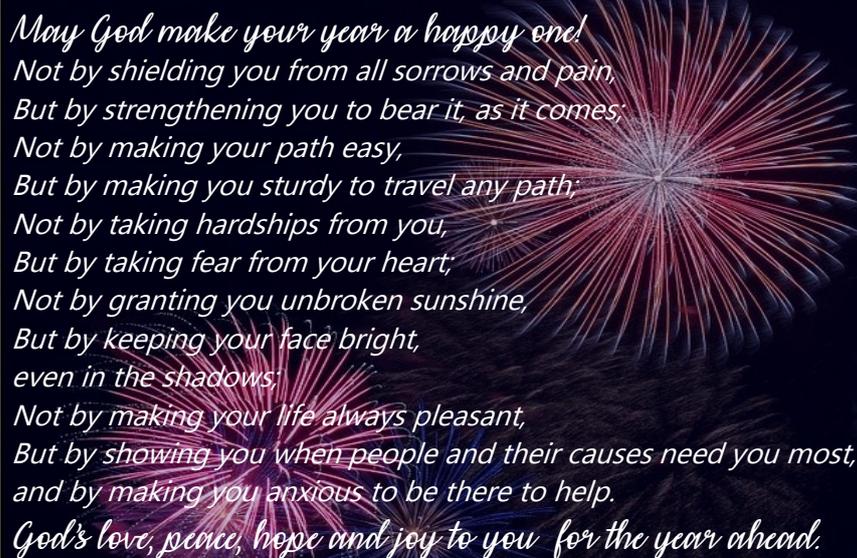
The Summer edition of Australian CATHOLICS is now available in the church. This issue focuses on *Love and Relationships: Making a Commitment to God and to others*, and is packed with interesting articles and stories.

Please take a copy to read at home.

In October 2023, the Catholic Church will gather to reflect on the theme **“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”**.

Pope Francis is inviting everyone to share their experiences of synodality (walking together). Your voice matters! You are invited to be a part of this journey by reflecting on the Synod Themes and sharing your story.

Visit <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> for more information.



## The Week Ahead

Sun - Jan 9th	Baptism of the Lord Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - Jan 10th	Mass @ 7am
Tues - Jan 11th	Mass @ 7am
Wed - Jan 12th	Parish Office Closed
Thur - Jan 13th	Mass @ 9am
Fri - Jan 14th	Mass @ 9am
Sat - Jan 15th	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - Jan 16th	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

## We remember in our prayers

**The sick:** Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Sue Lamb, Megan Bowden, Camel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, June Colch

**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, Mary Hall, Myra Dickson, Teresa Simento, William 'Bill' Spamm, Josephine Podesta, Bruce McCormack, Joan Smith.



## Lemonade Stand Fundraiser

The idea began with a little girl with a big heart. On 31<sup>st</sup> December, the children of Camp Hill Parish/School and neighbourhood raised a whopping \$580.00 for Emmanuel City Mission, West End (ECM) with a simple Lemonade and Treat stand.

From door-to-door promotion, squeezing lemons, baking, creating posters, grabbing people shamelessly off the street and braving the unpredictable weather, all the children gave their best to achieve this outstanding outcome!! Of course, they also had a fabulous time in the bargain.

All the proceeds go to ECM, a voluntary Catholic Mission Centre, that provide the homeless and vulnerable in Brisbane with 600 hot meals, 100 loads of washing, 150 showers and unlimited conversations, weekly. With COVID-19, more people are requiring the Centre where they feel comfortable, safe, valued, loved, filled with hope and healing.

A huge thankyou to the outstanding bakers (Lisa Gaffney, Susanne Smyth, Donna Ficca, Ange Garske, Teresa Pokoj); Karlie Dowley who was tireless in advertising the event; Fr. Leo who spent hours at the park to secure a Perth St Park hut in the rain and finally THE CHILDREN - we could not have done it without you!

We hope to make this an ongoing, annual event!!

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### Office hours

8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

### MASS TIMES:

#### Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 5.30pm

#### Weekday Eucharist

Monday 7.00am

Tuesday 7.00am

Thursday 9.00am

Friday 9.00am

Public Holiday 9.00am

**Reconciliation** Call Parish Office

#### Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

#### Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 17th March @ 10.30am

### PARISH TEAM:

#### Parish Priest

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Candle



Water

Draw a line to connect each symbol with it's correct meaning.

Symbolizes the Holy Spirit

Symbolizes life, cleansing and growth

Symbolizes purity and freedom from sin

Symbolizes the emergence from darkness into the light

Dove



White Gown

