St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill

No. 26 | 14th Sunday in OT— Feast of St Thomas | 3rd July 2022

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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
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Public Holiday	9.00am

Reconciliation
Saturday evenings 5.00-5.20pm

Adoration and Benediction
1st Friday After 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick during Mass
Thursday 16th June @ 10.30am

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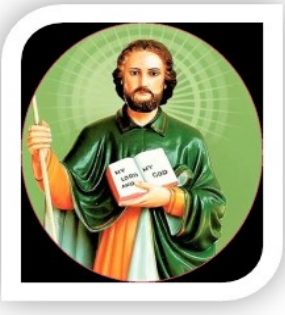


"My Lord and My God"…. Happy feast of St. Thomas!

I hope and pray that our parish Feast Day of St. Thomas will be a time to contemplate the life of St. Thomas the Apostle as someone who offers us inspiration to be the people of faith. St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his feast day is celebrated July 3. Called to become one of the Apostles, Thomas was a dedicated follower of Jesus. Thomas was known for being courageous, forthright, open and faithful. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is traditionally believed to have preached the Good News to the Persians and Medes until he reached India in AD 52, he travelled via land and sea and arrived in an area in India, called, Malabar, today's Kerala and preached the good news of the Gospel. There are some writings and traditions on the missionary work of St. Thomas in India. He reached Muziris (Kodungalloor in the present Kerala State) and there was a Jewish community there during that time. St. Thomas established seven churches in the present Kerala. Then he went to Chennai, known at that time as Madras and preached the gospel. It was in Chennai St. Thomas received his crown of martyrdom in 72 A.D. Following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa while the rest were kept in India. They can still be found within the San Thome Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India. And I had an opportunity to visit and pray in this church a few years ago. The relics taken to Edessa were moved in 1258 to Italy, where they can be found in the Cathedral of St. Thomas the Apostle in Ortona, Italy. However, it is believed that Saint Thomas' skull rests in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian on the Greek Island Patmos. The remains of St. Thomas were transferred from Mylapore to Edessa on July 3, 232. So, the honouring of St. Thomas was also associated with that date.

Syro-Malabar Catholics to which I belong, trace their origins to the evangelistic efforts of St. Thomas the Apostle. Hence, traditionally they are considered to be part of the 'Saint Thomas Christians' who were a group of Christians from the Malabar Coast, now Kerala in South India. Historically, the community of the Saint Thomas Christians was a part of the 'Church of the East', which split into two factions, the independent 'Assyrian Church of the East' and the 'Chaldean Catholic Church' which was in full communion with Rome. As a child growing up, I personally recall all the celebrations on this special feast day. Today we celebrate and share the joy of the Catholic faith in the St. Thomas Community, a spiritual home, a place where people can form relationships, grow and feel supported in their needs and in their relationship with God and one another. We are continuously called to do God's will whatever that might be. We walk the way of Jesus, following in His footsteps, together.

Blessings,
Fr Dantus Thottathil

St Thomas' 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

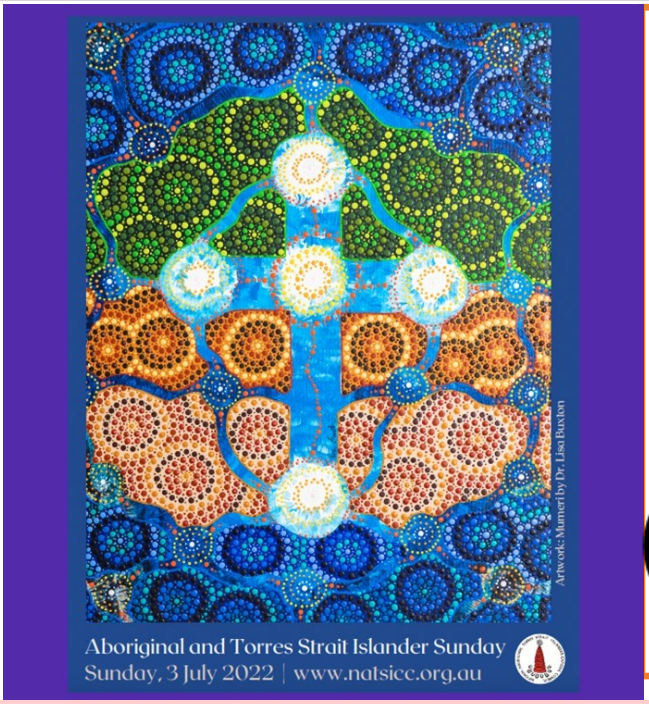
We remember in our prayers

The sick: *Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant , Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Sue Lamb, Megan Bowden, Carmel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, June Colch, Judith Angela, Jayne and Devan, Eileen MacDermott, Kui Liu, Lorraine O'Leary, Moyra Walls*

Recently deceased Keith Jealous

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Dorothy Thomsen, Joseph Walsh, John Condon, Doris Carey, Elsie Smollen, Edward Welsh, Coronato Said, Sam Said, Beverley Croning, May Andrews, Jack Ballinger, Marie Welsh, Cecily Murray, Imelda Kitchen, Margaret McArdle, Maree Wynn, Brian McNamara, Ronald Dendle, Josephine Beh, Karen Daley, Eric Johnston, Joseph Shannon, Anton Swajczak, Helena Swajczak, Fr Tom Hegarty, James Montgomery, Rosemary Dugdale, Mary James, Daniel (Don) Buckley, Florence McKenna, Noel Tessman, Brian McKee, Mark Moloney, Ivy Fanning, Thelma Mitchell, Neville Stewart, Mary Smith, Moira Cremin & Noel Ives



It is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 3rd July 22

We all have a responsibility to care for our community members and those outside our own groups. We must work together for the betterment of all. The youth activities that NATSICC has created in partnership with Edmund Rice Education Australia encourage students to begin their own journey of exploration into the history of our Great Southern Land and to seek out ways in which they can

GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!
3-10 JULY 2022

Call for Volunteers

Covid has changed our lives— but as we come out of most of the restrictions, we need to build our parish ministries and that means our volunteers again -

The parish needs volunteers for all weekend masses:
Sacristan duties, Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Altar Serving, Screen Operators, Hospitality and Singers and all musicians.

If you are already listed as a volunteer in our parish and would like to assist again in one of the many ministries, please call the parish office on 3398 1154 or email us at stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au.
If you'd like to help and are not already a volunteer in our parish please register at: http://archbne.org/welcome and we will be in touch.

Full training is provided to all volunteers.

Position Vacant – Parish Business Manager

Applications are open for the above position at the Coorparoo St James Parish. The position is a part-time 12 hours a week either over 3 days per week or 2 days per week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/ and to careers.

Applications close: 11 July 2022

The Week Ahead	
Sun - July 3rd	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Feast of St Thomas @ 8.30am Mass at 5.30pm
Mon - July 4th	Mass @ 7am
Tues - July 5th	Mass @ 7am
Wed - July 6th	Mass @ 9am
Thur - July 7th	Mass @ 9am
Fri - July 8th	Mass @ 9am
Sat - July 9th	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - July 10th	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass 8.30am and 5.30pm

Quote of the Week

**We come with nothing,
we go with nothing,
but one great thing
we can achieve in our
beautiful life is…
A little remembrance in
someone's mind
and a small place in
someone's heart.**

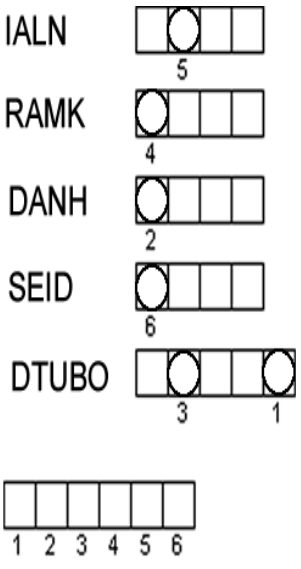
Thanks to all who joined in the Celebration of the Feast of St Thomas our parish Feast Day

PLENARY COUNCIL: The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed . Please pray for the success of the Council

Prayer for Plenary Council

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

"Stop doubting and believe."
John 20:27 (NIV)



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ALTAR SERVING?

Altar Servers or Junior Ministers have an active role in the Order of the Mass every Sunday and on special feasts and occasions. The primary role of the altar server is to assist Father in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. Equally as important, they assist the community in prayer through their actions and symbolism. This Ministry is open to boys and girls who have received their Sacraments of Initiation. ie Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. At the end of the Sacramental Program each year all children are invited to be part of this Ministry. It is an excellent starting point for becoming part of Catholic Community Activities. Full training and ongoing support is provided.

Please contact the Office via **Email stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au** or **Contact the parish office on 33981154**

if you wish to register your interest.

Readings

14h Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: (Isaiah 66:10-14)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: (St Paul to Galations 6:14-18)

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia,

Gospel: (John 20:24-29) (This is a special reading for the Feast of St Thomas)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:
'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
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For the Children...

The 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Feast of St Thomas

"My Lord and My God"

This is quite a statement from this faithful believer St. Thomas! As Catholics, when we take communion, we say this phrase "My Lord and my God" to ourselves, and it is straight from the mouth of Thomas!
Let us pray
Grant, almighty God, that we may glory in the Feast of St. Thomas, so that we may always be sustained by his intercession and, believing, may have life in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord. Amen.

Readings for Next Sunday

15th Sunday in ordinary Time

First Reading:
Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading:
St Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel:
Luke 10:25-37
Who is my neighbour?