



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 2

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th January 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
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

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Invite Jesus and Mary to remain with us in our homes

In one of Pope Francis' homilies, he focused on the role of Mary in this week-end's Gospel story of the Wedding at Cana; inviting the audience to "journey with her to Cana." The Pope chose three characteristics of Mary to meditate on – her motherhood, her prayerfulness, and her willingness to act. Mary's motherhood is shown when she pays attention to the needs of the newlyweds at Cana, noticing when they have run out of wine for their guests. The Pope noted that wine is a sign of "happiness, love, and plenty," and that many families today have also run out of 'wine' due to loneliness, unemployment, relationship problems, illness, and other difficulties. Mary, an attentive and concerned mother, realises when others no longer have wine in their lives.

Secondly, Mary exhibits prayerfulness when, with confidence, she approaches Jesus to make known to Him the family's problem. The Pope said that the family is a school of prayer where people are reminded that they do not live in isolation, but must be concerned about the well-being of loved ones around them. In the family, we are one and we have a neighbour close at hand.

Finally, Mary's willingness to act is seen as she turns to the servants at the wedding feast and tells them to follow Jesus' commands. Mary's words are also directed at us; we should do what Jesus tells us, that is, give our lives in the service of love. The Pope emphasised the family as a place where people can serve one another in love. Each member in the family deserves this love; no one is rejected, everyone is of equal value.

The Holy Father went on to speak about the family as an important contributor to the common good of society. The family is the nearest hospital, the first school for the young, the best home for the elderly, and a small Church. We need to put our efforts into strengthening the family because it is one institution which cannot be replaced.

Let us invite Jesus and Mary to remain with us in our homes when our family feels needy. The awareness of the presence of Jesus and Mary in the family encourages us to create an atmosphere in our relationships of prayer, Bible-reading, mutual love, and respect, with a spirit of forgiveness and sacrificial service. This change will refresh and rejuvenate our family life.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

Please Note:

In line with advice from the Archdiocese of Brisbane, all hospitality events and gatherings - including Morning Tea following Mass - will be suspended until further notice.

Thank you for your cooperation.



MASKS AT MASS



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

We have some spares on hand if you forget.
Thank you for helping to keep our parish safe.

Gospel Focus – The best wine

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.

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, 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the start of school being delayed by two weeks, the decision has been made to delay preparation for the sacrament of Penance. The Parent Information Sessions scheduled for the weekend of 5/6 Feb will now be held on 12/13 Feb, combined with the Enrolment Weekend. The remainder of the schedule will follow as planned. See website for full details: camphillcatholicparish.org.au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Kimberley Region

Volunteers are needed in the remote community of Kalumburu Mission WA (pictured). Learn about indigenous culture, contribute to the community and grow personally. Roles include: food prep, office duties, ground maintenance, maintaining vehicles, room bookings/preparation. Assistance available for flights. Accommodation & meals included. If you would like to learn more, please contact Diocese of Broome Chancery Ph: 08-9192-1060 E: volunteers@broomedioocese.org W: www.broomedioocese.org (click the volunteer tab at top of page)



The Week Ahead

Sun - Jan 16th	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - Jan 17th	Mass @ 7am
Tues - Jan 18th	Mass @ 7am
Wed - Jan 19th	Parish Office Closed
Thur - Jan 20th	Mass @ 9am
Fri - Jan 21st	Mass @ 9am
Sat - Jan 22nd	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - Jan 23rd	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

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.

Go to <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> for more info.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 62:1-5)

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 2:1-11)

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.