



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 30

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

26 July 2020

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Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

Living the Gospel

Today we hear another gospel story about the Kingdom of Heaven.

*How do you think we could help to bring about God's kingdom on earth?
What would such a place look like?*

It would be a safe and enjoyable place where people are appreciated and loved. It would be a place where people's gifts are acknowledged and valued, where everyone is treated fairly, where people are honest and caring. Add some ideas of your own!

Welcome

St Thomas' pride ourselves on being a warm and inclusive community with many committed and valued members. One of the biggest benefits of being part of such a community is the opportunity to give back. Volunteering is a great way to connect with the community and find a sense of belonging through helping others, sharing your talent and donating your time. *There are many ways, big and small, to be involved in our parish.*

For information on our groups or ministries,
go to: www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/volunteers.html, or contact the parish office.

If you are ready to sign up, please register at <http://archbne.org/welcome> and we will be in touch.

Thank you for your consideration.

★ **Don't forget to register for Mass**

Go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-thomas-parish-30461026974>

Or contact the Parish Office on 3398 1154 or stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

This is a wonderful day.
I've never seen
this one before.

Maya Angelou



PARISH GIVING APP

Don't forget to check out our new Parish Giving app for one off donations, or to set up a regular contribution.

Go to

www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/planned-giving.html
for more information.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

COVID-SAFE live-out weekend enrichment
for married couples

24-25 October 2020 at Hendra
(go home Saturday evening)

For bookings/details contact:

Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456,

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Website: www.wmme.org.au

Watch our video –

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V3PwNz9ENP1tiaSUaT1C_gqYklgHxzQ8/view?

St Ignatius Parish's Annual

Women's night of Spirituality

With great pleasure, we are offering a unique experience for
our 14th Annual Women's Night of Spirituality.

This year, view the event from **Tuesday 28th July** on Youtube

Go to www.stignatiustooowong.org.au on the day.

The evening will be hosted by our very own Robyn Emerson,
who will unpack the stories of two exceptional women –

**Sr Angela Mary Doyle RSM AO and
Dr Sr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF."**

CATHOLIC JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION & ST JAMES COORPAROO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Invite you to a discussion on

the Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement.

Official Brisbane Launch by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Theme: MENTAL HEALTH

When: Wednesday 19th August @ 7pm

Where: St James Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

RSVP: Monday 17th August to 3397 1671 or book online:

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au

Donation on Entry. Current Covid-19 protocols apply

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Office hours

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

PARISH TEAM:

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We now have a dedicated email address for our Local Safeguarding Rep (LSR),
David Colch. If you have questions, comments or wish to make a confidential report,
please email lsr.stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

For more information on Safeguarding within the Archdiocese of Brisbane,
go to their website: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 *You have asked for wisdom.*

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30 *He predestined us to become true images of
his Son.*

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 *He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*



We remember in our prayers

The sick: Betty Bendel, Jim Paterson, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa,
Joan Burlew, Betty Smith, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue
Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Fr Ted Houlihan, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez,
Fr Ron Mollison, Cletus Obi, Mark, Trish Buckle, Marjorie Cusack, Tim Owen

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