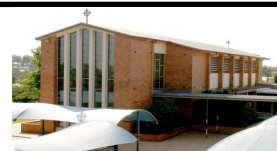


St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

Living the Gospel

A key message in today's gospel concerns the great generosity of God. In the end, there was not only enough food for all, but twelve baskets left over. God's love and care for us is indeed abundant. We are called to love in the same generous and abundant way. When the priest blesses the bread and wine at Mass, they become the body and blood of Christ for us to share in the Eucharistic meal. Jesus feeds us so we may feed one another.



Think about the ways in which different people 'feed' you & help you to grow emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually.

SCHOOL NEWS...

Celebrated annually in week 3 of Term 3, Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all 307 Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. It's a week where we can all reflect on the significant contributions our Catholic communities make. This year's theme, **'A spirited tomorrow'**, acknowledges the 175th anniversary of the opening of the first Catholic school in Queensland, the long tradition of Catholic education and its continued relevance in preparing students for the future. The theme also references the work of the Plenary Council in discerning the way forward for the Church in Australia.

Mike Armstrong, Principal, St Thomas' Primary School

Meditation in School

Meditation is an important form of prayer in our Catholic faith. Last week our St Thomas' School staff participated in a 2-hour Meditation Workshop, examining why we have Meditation in our Catholic schools and the connections it has to the Religious Education Curriculum, School Vision and Mission, BCE Formation Framework, personal well being and the Good Samaritan charism.

The school has a whole school approach to meditating where, three days a week for 5 minutes, everyone on campus (staff, students, visitors) stops to take time for themselves. It is a time to nurture their faith formation and foster their well being.

"God speaks in the silence of the heart." ~ Mother Teresa



★ **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

Parish News & Notices

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1st reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3 *Hasten and eat.*

2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39 *No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.*

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 *Jesus feeds five thousand.*

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 & Where: Wednesday 19th August @ 7pm at St James Parish Hall, Coorparoo

RSVP: Mon 17th August to 3397 1671 or online: www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au

Donation on Entry. Current Covid-19 protocols apply



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.

We thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.



We extend a special thank you this week to one of our volunteers, Andrew Challinor. After 25 years of managing our church cleaning ministry, Andrew has stepped away from this role. We are most appreciative of all the work he has done and for giving his time and talents so generously and graciously. He has also been instrumental in setting up our Covid safe practices to ensure we are cleaning at the highest possible standard. Thank you Andrew!



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,

dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

Watch our video – https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V3PwNz9ENP1tiaSUaT1C_gqYkIgHxzQ8/view?usp=sharing

SHARE THE Dignity

Share the Dignity are a charity aiming to give those in need the dignity they deserve by collecting donations of sanitary items.

Their August Dignity Drive will run from Saturday 1st August to Monday 31st August with collection points at all Woolworths stores and nominated collection points across the country. Cash donations are also welcomed.

For more information on how and where to make a donation go to:

<https://www.sharethedignity.org.au/event/august-dignity-drive>



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:

Joan Dennis, Arpad (Jack) Glockner, Mary Ellis, Hilda Burke, Elizabeth Ives, Corliss Newman, Terence Sullivan, Dorothy Traynor, Maureen Morrissey, Eulalie Patterson, John Seppanen, Graham Underwood, John Proudfoot, Eileen Dendle, Athol Wild, Lee Hunt, Amy Campbell, Ted Hanns, Bill O'Brien, Helen Bemrose, Fay Gee, Lurlene Kent, Annie Buckley, John Ashwell, Dermott Casey, Margaret Moffat, Peter Riley, Alice Pacey, Lynette Buesel, Diana Calvisi, Lance Fry, Shirley Tessmann, Daphne Waller & Aidan Hunt

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