



# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th September 2021

From the 5th to 11th of September we celebrate National Child Protection Week, finishing the week with Safeguarding Sunday on 12th September. As a Parish, there's no mucking about on matters concerning child safety and the protection of children. At St Thomas' we've built an environment that not only welcomes children but also gives time and talent to ensuring we are a safe space for them. By following the Archdiocesan Safeguarding expectations and policy we intentionally began to engage a framework which builds community consciousness around this matter - from the parish volunteers to parish and school leadership teams, the consciousness is strengthened. From such valiant and voluntary support networks come many ways of engaging with our Children: Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass, Monday Playgroup, inviting children to weekday Mass and to participate in our Care & Concern functions, and a strong Sacramental engagement. We work on building parental trust and confidence, knowing they can drop-off their children for a sacramental workshop and come back in an hour time rest assured their children are safe, respected, and protected. It's in the DNA of this Parish to give every child a fair go!

Of course, what we've done so far by God's grace stems from our imitating the actions and words of Jesus Christ: "let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"[ Matthew 19:14]. Come to think of it, Jesus' disciples were born for our times - conscious of the professional boundary. For Jesus Christ, however, it was also about symbolically letting his disciples know that protecting these little ones should be paramount at all times. He stretched out his arms around them and blessed them, thereby leaving for us an attitude expected of any Church and Parish community, which was captured in the theme of this year National Child Protection week: "Every Child, in every community, deserves a fair go!"

Fortunately, I had the opportunity of witnessing to the curiosity and humility of our Children when I went to meet with one of the Preppies classes last week. They had finished watching a video on Baptism and I was in the class for a brief chat. From talking about the things they saw take place at Baptism to asking questions, one could see innocence clearly tattooed in their hearts and on faces. Then from one of those small bodies in front of me came a tiny voice asking: what would happen if Jesus was not born? I could not resist laughing at the answer one of them gave: "we'd be like skeletons." Hmmm! I think I heard well. Where was that answer coming from? Then another one added: "we would not learn good things." Of course, the teachings of Jesus Christ which were a paradigm shift in our dealings with people did help us put things in perspective, so we learn to see things like God does.

In the readings of this weekend, God's special liking for his people - children and adults alike - is the game-changer. Jesus Christ is the Messiah not after the understanding of the world, but of a different kind. What kind of Messiah? Who do we say he is? The First and Gospel readings describe one who understands Jesus' nature and is kind as any one who allows oneself to be taken up or become defeated by love. Such a person is one who is capable of giving; giving out love. So as a Parish, we've made this capacity to give essentially present through sharing our time and energy in building a community space conscious of the visible presence of these little ones; our children [ Matthew 18:10 ]. We want them to feel

safe, to feel free to run around, to remind us when we were like them, for 'every child deserves a fair go'! This has been the hallmark of our Parish and School as it is our 'modus vivendi'.

God Bless, *Fr Christopher*

Congratulations to the children who are celebrating First Holy Communion this weekend.

May you always feel as close to Jesus  
as you do today,  
May you always count on Him  
to gently guide your way,  
May you always trust in God  
to answer every prayer,  
May you always feel  
Him blessing you  
with His loving care.



## Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9** *I gave my body to those who struck me.*

**2nd Reading: James 2:14-18** *Faith without good works is dead.*

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-35** *You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

## Parish News & Notices



Spring has sprung and was celebrated once again by our Care & Concern Group and senior parishioners at their annual Spring Healing Mass and Morning Tea.

Following Mass guests enjoyed a delicious, hand baked, individually packaged morning tea out in the fresh air! Thanks as always to our wonderful Care & Concern team who do such a great job of organising these events. And thank to our parishioners who come along to share a cuppa and a chat after Mass.

It is always lovely to see you 😊❤️

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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

Contact the Parish Office

### Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

### Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 9th Sept 2021 @ 10.30am

### PARISH TEAM:

**Parish Priest** - Fr Christopher Obi  
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## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

[www.catholicreligious.org.au/resources](http://www.catholicreligious.org.au/resources) | [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

*The Parish of St Thomas the Apostle Camp Hill and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.*

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Policy can be found on the back of the newsletter this week.*

**You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:**

[www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)



**Brisbane East Deanery (BED) Meeting**

St Thomas' are hosting the next BED Meeting on **Thurs 16th September** at 7pm in our Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Find out more about what's happening in our Deanery and farewell former Dean, Fr John Garrahy, who has retired.

All parishioners welcome. RSVP to the Parish Office.

### The Week Ahead

Sun - Sep 12th	Mass @ 8.30am First Holy Communion Safeguarding Sunday Baptisms @ 10am
Mon - Sep 13th	Mass @ 6.30am Playgroup - 9am
Tue - Sep 14th	Mass @ 6.30am
Wed - Sep 15th	
Thur - Sep 16th	Mass @ 9am BED Meeting -7pm @ Parish Hall
Fri - Sep 17th	Mass @ 9am Mahjong - 9.30am
Sat - Sep 18th	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - Sep 19th	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm Baptisms @ 10am

### We remember in our prayers



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

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Catherine McGrath, Bessie King, Eva Shannon, Rosina Agius, Jean Deshon Smith, Margaret Fahy, Norman Waller, Samuel Sedgwick, Michele Greenway, Clarice Swan, Lara Jane Neiht, Phelomena McDonald, Helen Bemrose, Jed Minogue, Fay Gee, Lara Mylne, Michael Williams, Maude Rupesinghe, Lurlene Kent, Annie Buckley, John Ashwell, Mervyn Hinds, Thomas Phelan, Gerald Simento, Nicholas Dolan, Thomas Phelan, Richard & Monica Cassidy, Julie Buesel and Owen McCane

### Micah Projects - St Thomas' School

Following the great success of the 'Baby Give Back' appeal last term, St Thomas' Social Justice Student Ministry have chosen to support Micah Projects as their next charity.

MICAH PROJECTS 

Micah Projects is a not-for-profit organisation committed to providing services and opportunities in the community to create justice and respond to injustice. They ensure the immediate needs of individuals and families are met in a supportive and respectful manner. Micah believes that every child and adult has the right to a home, an income, healthcare, education, safety, dignity and connection with their community.

St Thomas' School community are asking for donations of the following items **by Tuesday 14th September**:

- *Toothpaste & toothbrushes*
- *Hair brushes*
- *Travel size & Family size shampoo, conditioner, body wash and body lotion*
- *Men's roll on deodorant & women's roll on deodorant*

**All items must be new.** There will be a box near the exit door in the church to leave donations this weekend, or you are welcome to drop them to the office on Monday or Tuesday morning next week.

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause. More about Micah Projects can be found at: <https://micahprojects.org.au/>

### Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday 25th September  
At the Cathedral of St Stephen  
Celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
Mass will also be available via live-stream

Tickets:  
[goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au](https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au)

### Be blessed and bless others with your gift



**Thank you** for your generous support of the **Annual Catholic Campaign!** Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from impoverished families can access Catholic education, and reaches out to our most vulnerable neighbours.



**Your generosity - great and small - is a blessing to those who need it most.**

The annual Multicultural Mass will be held on **Sunday 26th September** in observance of World Day of Migrant & Refugees (26 Sept). This year's theme is "Towards an ever wider 'we'". It will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and coffee in the cathedral grounds will follow. Members of cultural communities are encouraged to wear their traditional cultural attire if appropriate.

**Time:** 2:30pm - 3:30pm Mass; 3:30pm - 4:30pm dancing and coffee

**Date:** Sunday 26th September 2021

**Location:** St Stephen's Cathedral (Elizabeth St, Brisbane City)

**Register:** <https://annualmulticulturalmass.eventbrite.com.au>

*In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

~ James 2: 17 ~





# ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

## SAFEGUARDING POLICY

“The Church loves all her children like a loving mother, but cares for all and protects with a special affection those who are smallest and defenceless. This is the duty that Christ himself entrusted to the entire Christian community.”

(Apostolic Letter Issued 'motu proprio' by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, 4 June 2016)

### Purpose

To promote a culture of safeguarding within the Archdiocese and reduce the risks of abuse and harm.

### Scope

This policy applies to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Brisbane and to Associations of Christ's Faithful or Public Juridic Persons which freely opt in to its application and which enter into an agreement with the Archdiocese accordingly. The policy applies to all Archdiocesan workers (including clergy, religious, employees and volunteers).

### Policy

#### National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

The Archdiocese adopts and adheres to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The Standards apply to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop.

#### Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

#### Safeguarding Principles

- Safeguarding is a shared responsibility.
- Treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- Prioritise the protection and best interests of children and adults-at-risk.
- Provide safe physical and online environments.
- Actively identify and manage safeguarding and abuse risks.
- Monitor compliance with safeguarding standards, policies, and procedures.
- Respond promptly and effectively to abuse concerns, suspicions, disclosures, complaints, reports, and incidents.
- Comply with all legal obligations to report suspected abuse and harm.

#### Compliance

Non-compliance with this policy which seriously jeopardises the safety and wellbeing of others may be grounds for disciplinary action up to dismissal or termination of employment, and reporting to authorities.