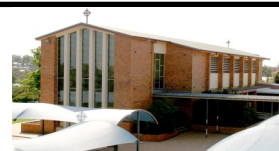


St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

23 August 2020

Names are powerful. If you've read the Harry Potter books - or seen the movies - you would know that names are so important that no one dares even utter the villain's name. Everyone is so afraid that saying it out loud will give him power so they call him "You-Know-Who" or "He Who Should Not Be Named" just to be safe. Names that you give to people mean **a lot** because they represent who that person is to you. For example: Mum, Dad, Grandma, Poppy, best friend and team-mate.

Jesus knew this too. That's why it was so important to Jesus to know what names the disciples would give him, as that would tell Jesus just **who** He was to them. Would they just call Him teacher? Friend? Leader? Or something greater? Turns out they named Jesus something much, **much** greater. They named Him "Messiah, the Son of the living God". Now **that** is a name!

Have you ever considered what's in a name? Greg Sunter shares that, on many occasions in the Bible, a character is given, or takes on, a new name when they take on a new role or move to a new level in their faith and relationship with God. Abram became Abraham; Sarai became Sarah; Jacob became Israel; and Saul became Paul. This tradition has continued right to this day when our children may choose to take on a patron saint name during the Sacrament of Confirmation to act as a protector and guide.

Over this next week we see our Year 3 students from in our Parish Community make their first Sacrament of Initiation, the Sacrament of Confirmation. We welcome Bishop Finnigan to celebrate this very important occasion with Fr Christopher, and would like to thank Sr Annalisa and the confirmation families for all of their hard work and dedication to such an important milestone in their faith journey. We would like to share some responses from the children when asked **"Why it is important to them to make your confirmation"**:

My journey in faith will become stronger and, when I make my Sacrament of Confirmation, I will grow stronger in my community and will learn about the Holy Spirit. Luke

I will grow in my faith and be a better Christian, the Holy Spirit will make me more patient, and it will guide my path to being a better person. James

I want to say my promises to God and be with the Holy Spirit. Georgia

I want to open my heart to the Holy Spirit and put myself into God's hands. Matilda

I want to confirm my faith as a Christian. I want to grow in my faith and my relationship with God and Jesus. Clementine

It is my hope that we all as adults and people of all ages are refreshed and reminded of our relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit by reading these amazing thoughts of Year 3 students. This week let us consider who we say Jesus is in our lives. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we **live our lives** in such a way that we act on that belief?

Caroline Sarra, PPC Chair

Congratulations to the children in our community celebrating their Confirmation during the week. We wish them every blessing as they welcome the Holy Spirit into their hearts and lives.

A prayer for our candidates:

May Jesus come to bless you
on your Confirmation Day.

May you feel His loving presence
in a very special way.

And as you strive to follow in His footsteps,
may He bless your life with many graces
and lasting happiness.

Amen

Parish News & Notices



Care & Concern Date Claimer

St Thomas' Care & Concern are hosting a Spring Healing Mass on **Thursday 10th September**. Invitations will be sent next week. If you would like to be included on our invitation list for this and future events, or know someone who might like to join us;

Please contact the Parish Office:

stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3398 1154.



LITURGY BRISBANE

POSITION VACANT: Education Officer

The Education Officer is responsible for supporting delivery of education programs for Liturgy Brisbane including: organising, developing and promoting seminars at diocesan level and making resources available for Australia and NZ. Based in the CBD, the role reports to Director of Liturgy Brisbane.

You will deliver a range of services including:

- Organise and conduct education opportunities in liturgy and sacraments at diocesan level
- Prepare online resources for education in liturgy
- Respond to requests for seminars on liturgy (directed at priests, pastoral associates, liturgy committees, musicians, teachers, chaplains, APREs, youth ministers, etc.)
- Liaise with other diocesan bodies to provide adult faith education

For the Position Description and to apply, go to:

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/81749/archdiocese-of-brisbane/185812/education-officer>

or contact James Herd, HR Consultant at herdj@bne.catholic.net.au

Applications close 4 September 2020



Celebrate the Season of Creation •
Parish Reflection Day

- ♥ Sat 29 August (9:30am-3:30am)
- ♥ Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston
- ♥ \$30 (incl box lunch & morning tea)
- ♥ Hosts Rob Cosgrove & Lisa McKerr
- ♥ **RSVP:** Friday August 21 to ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au 3324 3440.

In the beautiful environment overlooking Moreton Bay, this is an opportunity to reflect on God's creation and nurture the soul. There will be brief input sessions followed by periods of personal reflection and prayer. Maximum participants: 20. (Covid safe protocols)

WHAT YOU ARE IS
GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.
WHAT YOU BECOME IS
YOUR GIFT TO GOD.

~ Hans Urs von Balthasar ~



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www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/planned-giving.html.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **no**
9am Mass on
Thursday 27th August &
no 5.30pm Mass on
Sunday 30th August.

BRISBANE 1620AM CHANGE YOUR RADIO FROM 1053AM NOW

Vision Christian Radio has moved frequency to 1620AM. The old frequency (1053AM) will end on 31 August. For more info or to download their app, go to vision.org.au

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 *I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36 *From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 *You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*



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, Joe Sherlock

Recently deceased: 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