

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



"My Lord and My God"

No. 35

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th September

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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

Mon/Tues 7.00am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
Public Holiday 9.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday evenings 5.00-5.20pm

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick during

Mass

Thursday 15th Sept @ 10.30am

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Blessings and congratulations on your First Holy Communion....

This weekend our parish family celebrates First Holy Communion. First Communion is an important occasion for the children and their families. When someone in the family is preparing to receive Eucharist for the first time, it is a significant family event. More than anything else, it indicates to them that they really belong to the Christian community. It is also an important occasion for every member of the parish community.

Eucharist is the heart of Christian life and therefore the heart of the Christian family. I would like to extend my congratulations to all the children who are making their First Communion. Boys and girls, today Jesus comes to you in a very special way for the first time. Jesus gives Himself to you because He loves you. Jesus loves you very much just like your mothers and fathers. We pray that this day will be the beginning of a new and deeper friendship with Jesus. May God continue to bless you and your family and friends. By this sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus, may you continue to be a blessing for your family, and remain a best friend with God.

I would like to offer a special word of thanks to our sacramental team and all those who helped prepare the children for this special day. Thank you again to all the parishioners who are a loving example and contribute to the growth and understanding of our children since beginning their Sacramental journey.

Last weekend we began a process which will open up a 5 - year planning process. A strategic plan emerges as a clear response to these questions: Where are we going? Where do we plan to be at the end of the year? What is the ultimate place we want to be in this ministry?

This weekend we ask you to imagine what our Parish Childrens & Families Ministry could do.

- o How can we better engage children and their parents in our parish?
- o What activities would you like to see for this demographic in our parish?
- o How can we grow and develop our sacramental preparation?

Do you have a dream for Children and Families ministry? If yes, we want to hear from you! There is a QR code in the parish newsletter to a quick 2-minute survey.

Along the journey, you'll have a chance to register for our Parish Summit on 15th Oct which will be a culmination of the dreaming journey and will provide us with an opportunity to share with one another what our dream for the parish is as we move forward whilst also having an opportunity to take time for prayer and personal encounter with God. I encourage all of you to get involved in some way in this planning process as we work towards creating a 5-year strategic plan with ministries across the parish.

Blessings,

Fr Dantus Thottathil

We at St Thomas' Parish acknowledge the Yuggera people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather. We pay our respects to elders - past, present and emerging,

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, Carmel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, June Colch, Judith Angela, Jayne and Devan, Eileen MacDermott, Kui Liu, Lorraine O'Leary, Moyra Walls, Shirley Mead., Don Cattanach.,

Recently deceased John Canty.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Catherine Mary McGrath, Bessie Ann King, Eva Shannon, Rosina Agius, Jean Beryl Deshon Smith, Margaret Clair Fahy, Norman Richards Waller, Samuel Sedgwick, Michele Greenway, Clarice Kathleen Swan, Lara Jane Neihl, Phelomena McDonald, Helen Bemrose, Jed Minogue, Fay Gee, Lara Anne Mylne, Michael Williams, Maude Veronica Rupesinghe, Lurlene Kent, Annie Buckley, John Ashwell, Mervyn Hinds, Gerald Simentio, Nicholas Dolan.



Please join

St Thomas Care and Concern

for our

Spring Healing Mass

Thursday 15th September 2022

10.30am Mass at

St Thomas Church
Camp Hill

followed by Morning Tea.

For catering purposes
please ring or text Veronica
if you are coming 0438 826 524.

The Week Ahead	
Sun - September 4th	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 8.30am evening Mass 5.30pm First Holy Communion
Mon - September 5th	Mass @ 7am
Tue - September 6th	Mass @ 7am
Wed - September 7th	Mass 8.45 St Thomas Feast day and Foundation Mass
Thu - September 8th	Mass @ 9am <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Fri - September 9th	Mass @ 9.30
Sat - September 10th	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - September 11th	24rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass at 8.30am evening Mass 5.30pm

Happy Father's Day

Prayers and blessings on this special day

PARISH SUMMIT
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

This weekend we continue in the process our parish is undertaking towards the creation of a strategic plan by dreaming for the various ministry areas we hope to build up in the coming months in our parish.

This weekend we listen to Chantale Wilson (Associate Director of Children and Families at Evangelisation Brisbane) dream about what a Children and Families ministry could look like in a parish.

Do you have a dream for Children and Families ministry? If yes, we want to hear from you! Follow the QR code here to complete a quick 2-minute survey. Thank you!



Beautiful and relevant communications make a big difference in growing the Church - and we want to grow at St Thomas the Apostle! But we need some people with the right skillset to help make this happen. If you have a deep love for graphic design, social media, or digital marketing communications, we want to hear from you! To place an expression of interest please email the parish office at stthom-as@bne.catholic.net.au



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

The Archdiocese of Brisbane respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians who, for thousands of years, have walked upon and cared for the land upon which the Archdiocese lies.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
4 - 10 September 2022

EVERY CHILD IN EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A FAIR GO

Parish Pilgrimage to Marian Valley
Saturday 1st October



Venue: Marian Valley, Canungra
Transport: Bus departs St Thomas 9am
leaves Canungra: 2.30pm
RSVP - 15th September
Neisha 0414511125
Jo (parish office) 3398 1154
Bring your own picnic food and drink!



Golden Wedding
Anniversary Mass
to be celebrated by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more
are invited to attend, together with family and friends
Saturday 24th September 2022
11:30am
RSVP: Wednesday 21st September
email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
The Cathedral car park will be available.



The 'Spirit of Hope' Prayer Meeting
St Stephen's Chapel
(In the grounds of the Cathedral in Brisbane City Centre)
(We Meet every 1st Wednesday of the Month)
Next Meeting Wednesday 7th September 2022
10.45am – 12.15pm
(after 10am Mass)
Praise and Worship in the C.B.D..... Our Guest Speaker is
Jan Heath
Personal Prayer Ministry will be Available
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Contact: Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

The Season of Creation runs from the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation - September 1 - to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 4. It is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home.

The theme for the Season of Creation in 2022 is *Listen to the Voice of Creation.*

There are many resources available to support you in your efforts to celebrate the Season of Creation. A key resource is the [Season of Creation web site](#). Here you will find: A celebration guide which provides a prayer service template from which you can choose material to use in your context

Social media and newsletter graphics and wording

A message from Pope Francis and more.

The site also has a wealth of other resources which you may find useful for preparing a special Mass, a prayer service or other activities during the Season.

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

- ✓ Visit our website - www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au
- ✓ LIKE our Parish Facebook page -
- ✓ [facebook.comStThomasCatholicParishCampHill](https://www.facebook.com/StThomasCatholicParishCampHill).

Quote of the week

**“God who created us without
our help will not save us
without our consent”.**

Saint Augustine



MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

If you would like to request a Mass intention, please print details clearly on the Mass Intention envelopes, if the person to be prayed for is living or deceased (RIP), an anniversary, ill or a thanksgiving for a special occasion and put it, in offertory box during Mass or given to the Priest at the end of Mass. The envelopes are available in our church near the parish newsletter box or from the parish office.



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First Reading: Special readings for First Holy Communion

Act 4:32-37

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common: they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

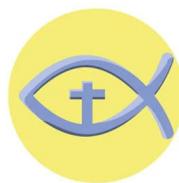
A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.
 Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my Body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
 whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
 Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
 Jesus said:
 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'
 Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat? they said. Jesus replied:
 'I tell you most solemnly,
 if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
 and drink his blood,
 you will not have life in you.
 Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
 has eternal life,
 and I shall raise them up on the last day.
 For my flesh is real food
 and my blood is real drink.
 Those who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
 lives in me

For the Children...
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Give it everything you've got
 If we are really determined to do something, even though it might be difficult, then we can succeed. Jesus tells us that it is never easy to follow him, but we can succeed if we decide we really want to.

LET US PRAY
 Lord, help us to follow you always, and give us the strength to carry on when we are struggling
 Help us to make the effort to do things God's way, so we will be able to share in your glory at the end of time.

Readings for Next Sunday
 11th September
 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14
 Moses intercedes for Israel and diverts the wrath of God.
Second Reading:
1 Tm 1:12-17
 The mercy Paul has received is a sign for all.
Gospel:
 Lk 15:1-32
 Parable of the prodigal son.